

New Certification Program Means More Credibility for Texas Evidence Photographers

The Professional Photographic Certification Commission is partnering with the Texas Municipal Police Association to promote the Certified Evidence Photographer program.

ATLANTA, September 15, 2010—Due to a new partnership between the Texas Municipal Police Association (TMPA) and the Professional Photographic Certification Commission, evidence photographers in Texas will soon have another training avenue available: the Certified Evidence Photographer (CEP) program, coming to San Antonio January 13-18, 2011.

CEP, a six-day course on evidence photography, was designed to set the guidelines and raise the standards in the ever-changing industry of crime scene investigation. This unique certification program is a two-tiered program that combines classroom instruction and exams with online image submissions.

When looking at associations in Texas to collaborate with, the Professional Photographic Certification Commission was drawn to TMPA because of their longstanding commitment to provide progressive training and valuable education within the state. Also factored in was TMPA's close affiliation with the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education (TCLEOSE). TMPA maintains a training agreement with TCLEOSE and is one of the largest independent training providers in the state.

Through the partnership, TMPA and the Professional Photographic Certification Commission hope to broaden these training opportunities for peace officers and evidence photographers in Texas. Their goal is to provide not only the January certification course in San Antonio, but also an annual Texas-based certification course.

“Many feel that certification will be required in the future,” says Scott De Broux, a member of the CEP Committee who also investigates for the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing, Division of Enforcement. “Getting your CEP designation now will keep you ahead of the industry, continuing on a path of self-development and professionalism that promotes continual self-improvement.”

The Professional Photographic Certification Commission, the leading certifying agency for professional photographers, developed the Certified Evidence Photographer (CEP) program with hand-picked leaders in evidence and forensic photography. The first course was in January 2009. For more information regarding the CEP program and to register, please visit www.certifiedphotographer.com.

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