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Personal Summary

Darren is an ABMDI accredited medicolegal death investigator and an ACFEI certified criminal investigator working with the Crawford County Missouri Coroner's Office, an author, conference speaker, trainer, and podcast-media producer. He has a tri-balanced background in law enforcement investigations, corporate leadership, and Christian ministry.

Darren is a certified teaching instructor and criminal investigator with over 30 years experience in the field of law enforcement and death investigations. He holds certification as an instructor for the American College of Forensic Examiners, Missouri Department of Public Safety, the Missouri Sheriff's Association, and the Law Enforcement Training Institute - (Missouri University Columbia). Darren is also the lead instructor and facilitator for the Death Investigation Training Academy™, and hosts its online podcast-media program for death investigators.

Darren has been married for 30 years and together they have raised three children and are now enjoying four grandchildren.

Education and Certifications

- Class A – Missouri Law Enforcement Certification
- East Central College – Union, Mo. Criminal Justice
- Accredited D-ABMDI - American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators
- Certified Criminal Investigator - American College of Forensic Examiners
- Principles of Fire Investigation – University of Missouri
- Certified CVSA examiner
- Advance Interview and Interrogations training – and instructor
- Certified Jail Procedures and Administration through MSA
- Certified by Missouri S.T.A.T in Child Death Investigations
- Certified in Child Sexual Assault Investigations
- Crime Scene Investigator
- Advanced Investigation School
- Certified in under water search & rescue and scene preservation
- Missouri Department of Public Safety P.O.S.T Certified Instructor
- Missouri Sheriff's Association Instructor
- Missouri LETI Instructor
- Past President Missouri Medical Examiner Coroner Association.
- Hundreds of hours training in Patrol and Criminal Procedures.
- Has personally investigated and consulted in thousands of death investigations

Specialized Skills

Criminal Investigations
Teaching and Conference Speaking
Team Building and Organization
Scene Management
Interviews and Interrogations
Investigation Procedures and Management
Organizational Management
Podcast-Media Production
Audio / Video Production

Employment History

1986-1990 US Army Military Police

Served four years in US Army and ended my service as a Corporal-promotable. I served as a garrison MP at Ft. Belvoir, VA. Then added the corrections training and served another 2 years at Ft. Leavenworth, KS.

1991-1993 Franklin County Missouri Sheriff's Office

Served Franklin County Sheriff's office from March, 1991 through August 1993. I worked as a jail officer while obtaining my Missouri LE Certification and continued to work in the jail until leaving for another department.

1993 – 2013 Crawford County Missouri Sheriff's Office

Began my career with Crawford County, Missouri in August 1993. I was assigned as a patrol officer but soon promoted to detective and the rank of sergeant. Within a year I was again promoted, this time to the rank of Lieutenant and was assigned the command role over the detective division and jail operations. In June 1998 I voluntarily step out of the command role and assumed the rank of sergeant. I worked dual roles as investigators for the Coroner's Office and patrol sergeant for the Sheriff's office. I took a retirement in 2013 but continue to hold a commission with the department.

1998- Present: Crawford County Missouri Coroner's Office

Because of my interest in death investigation I took the position of investigator for the Coroner's Office and helped to establish joint investigation protocols between all local agencies. Although the position has grown and modified over the past twenty-plus years, I still serve as lead investigator and trainer for this agency.

1998 - *Corporate Leadership*

After stepping down from the command position with Crawford County I pursued a business interest in the Subway Franchise. I still work and consult within that company.

2013 – Present: *Cuba Missouri Police Department*

After taking a retirement position with Crawford County Sheriff's Office, I accepted a part time position with the Cuba Missouri Police Department. I serve as a Patrol Officer as needed and for special events.

Publications

Autoerotic Fatalities - an investigator's guide to scene interpretation.

Published in March 2015. This work is comprised of real information investigators can use to interpret a scene of a suspected autoerotic death. Infused with careful descriptions to help determine what these deaths are — and what they are not. With this book investigators will be equipped with the necessary skills to properly investigate these types of death.

Investigating Suicide and Self Harm Death

Published September 2015. This book is designed to be used in conjunction with the Investigating Suicide and Self Harm Death course through the Death Investigation Training Academy. This publication can be used as a stand alone reference, however this is not an all inclusive work on this topic. This course is an advanced course in the investigation of suicide and self harm

death. The course is specifically designed for patrol officers and investigators who have the duties of responding to and/ or investigating death. The course assumes the students basic understanding of a crime scene and basic evidence collection methods. It goes beyond the preliminary death scene and targets what suicide deaths are and what they are not. It also gives insight into the mental aspect of suicide and self harm behaviors.

Interview and Interrogations-Getting information you want

Published March 2016. A successful interrogation must be well planned, and investigator attitudes must be right from the start. Suspects will shut down and lawyer up fast when they are disrespected or frightened. This book will systematically walk the student through the process of gathering vital information from anyone who may have knowledge. Areas specifically covered are; the unique approach to take with family, interviewing children, conducting an area canvass, gaining vital medical information, and talking with victims of sexual assaults. The suspect interrogation portion will teach students how to get confessions. What approach to use and how to plan your interrogation. A portion of this book will focus directly on gaining confessions from sexual abuse and molestation offenders. The information and techniques taught in this book are not theories but actual steps successfully being used by hundreds of investigators across the country; and has been successfully used by the author for over 20 years.

Professional Affiliations

Missouri Sheriff's Association MSA
Missouri Coroner and Medical Examiner Association (MCMEA)
International Association of Coroners and Medical Examiner
American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators (ABMDI)
American College of Forensic Examiners Institute (ACFEI)
Church of God, TN – Credentialed

Achievements

- Implemented the first investigation division for Crawford County
- Past President Missouri Medical Examiner Coroner Association.
- Designed Coroner Talk™ “a peer to peer training environment”
- Married 30 years to High School Sweet Heart.

Recommendation Statements

“in developing a criminal investigation division for our department, there was no question you were the one to lead it. You have accomplished this task in an efficient an exemplary manner” Major Jim Squires Retired

“Darren is a dynamic and charismatic instructor, he holds the classrooms attention, encourages and draws in participation from attendees successfully. I would personally recommend Darren as an instructor/ speaker to any organization”

Sgt. Jessie Venable, Retired Franklin County Missouri – Conference Coordinator MDSA

“I personally give my recommendation to Darren Dake. Darren is highly skilled in the area of organization, management, team building, and facilitating staff needs and training. Darren possess’ a quality of leadership needed today. His teaching style is relevant to today’s issues , keeping participants alert and able to benefit for the topic being taught.” Roger Taber –

“Darren is a valuable presence and gives an invaluable contribution to any conference or group gathering. He is a wonderful and knowledgable speaker” The Colorado Coroners Association