

# **Latent Fingerprint Comparison: Advanced Level**

Part of our Friction Ridge Evidence Series

presented by

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Hosted by: Galveston County Sheriff's Office

**October 7 - 11, 2024**



**Location:** 601 - 54th Street Galveston, Texas

**Time:** 8AM - 5PM

## *ABOUT THE COURSE*

This course provides an extensive practical application of Friction Ridge Comparisons using both fingerprints and palm prints. Instruction also encompasses the scientific methodologies of examinations on friction ridge impressions as well as the scientific basis for friction ridge identification (individualization). Students will be trained in the presentation of expert testimony as well as courtroom demeanor. The class will then participate in an introduction to moot court presentations.

**PREREQUISITES:** Student must have completed both a Basic (40 hrs.) and Intermediate (40 hrs.) Fingerprint Identification program, or have the instructor's approval.

## *YOU WILL LEARN*

- ACE-V Methodology for Latent Print Comparison & Identification
- Palm Print Identification
- Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 Detail in Latent Print Comparisons
- Palm Print Orientation & Palm Print Search Clues in Latent Print Comparisons
- Fingerprint Individualization & Comparison
- Analysis of Distorted & Complex Latent Prints
- Comparison of Latent Fingerprint Impressions
- Courtroom Testimony & Demeanor
- Daubert and Post-Brandon Mayfield Issues

## *ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR*

Walter Henson retired as the Manager of the Fingerprint Processing Bureau after over 27 years with the Texas Department of Public Safety. His previous positions included; Automated Fingerprint Identification (A.F.I.S.) Project Assistant, LiveScan Coordinator for the State of Texas, and Forensic Scientist in the Latent Print Section at the DPS Crime Laboratory in Austin, Texas. Walter holds an instructor certification from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement and has taught classes throughout the State on the Development and Comparison of Latent Prints. Walter has conducted advanced training classes at the Texas DPS Academy and made presentations for the Texas Division of the International Association for Identification and the Texas Rangers. Walter has traveled extensively across the state conducting training classes on AFIS and LiveScan. He has been accepted as an expert witness on fingerprint identification and comparison in State and Federal Court. Walter is the past-president of the Texas Division of the International Association for Identification and has chaired several committees for the TDIAL. He is also a member of the AFIS-Internet Organization. Water continues to teach and consult across Texas and other states.



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*THIS COURSE IS APPROVED FOR 40 HOURS CREDIT BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT THROUGH THE HOST AGENCY.*

## REGISTRATION

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**Fee \$595**

\*\*\*\* \$695 after September 21st, 2024 \*\*\*\*

No Refund on Early Registration. (substitutions are allowed)

**TO REGISTER FOR THIS CLASS, FOLLOW THE 3 EASY STEPS LISTED BELOW.**

**STEP 1** - Identify Payment Method:    Check    Credit Card    Cash    PO#: \_\_\_\_\_

**STEP 2** - Fill out the student registration information (one student per form please):

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Texas PID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Invoice Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Invoice Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Invoice Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**STEP 3:** Mail or Email this form to the address or number listed below.

**EMAIL:** register@txfact.com

**MAIL:** TxFACT, LLC

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Palestine, TX 75801

**Make Checks Payable to:**

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## PAYMENT

We gladly accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, Department Purchase Orders, Checks and Cash. If paying by credit card, please check the above "Credit Card" box. We will email you an invoice with a secure link for payment. **DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR CREDIT CARD NUMBER ON THE REGISTRATION FORM.**

## REQUIRED EQUIPMENT & DRESS CODE

Each student will need to provide at least one fingerprint magnifier.

Ridge counters (two) are recommended.

**Standard handheld magnifying glasses are not suitable for this class.**

Clothing appropriate for a law enforcement agency. No flip-flops, shorts, open-toe shoes or tanks tops.

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