



BASIC TRAFFIC HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION COURSE (FDLE-098)

FPSI

Course Information

To attend this training the participant must be a Florida law enforcement officer or assistant state attorney. Their duties must include the investigation of traffic crashes or the support of crash investigators.

The student should have an aptitude towards mathematics.

This class is 80 hours and is a salary incentive course. Training Authorization forms must be signed by agency representative authorizing incentive pay.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

All materials will be provided by FPSI.

WHAT ARE THE EXPENSES TO ATTEND?

Tuition for FDOT grant funded classes is covered fully by the grant. Housing and meals are covered ONLY for classes held at the Florida Public Safety Institute where the student is traveling over 50 miles to attend.

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION:

To view classes available, go to the Tallahassee State College website. To enroll for this course, click the link below:

Course Registration

For questions about registration or services we offer, contact the current program coordinator at:

Coordinator: Gerry Barrett
Email: traffsafe@tsc.fl.edu
Phone: (850)-201-7739
Florida Public Safety Institute

Class Dates and Location:

Course Dates: March 17-26, 2026

Course Time: 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM (Tues-Fri & Mon-Thurs)

Location: North Port Police Department
19955 Preto Blvd.

Venice, Florida 34293

Instructor: Steve Gassen & Frank Ruggiero

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The student will be refreshed on their duties and responsibilities at the scene of a crash. The student will learn how to identify evidence found on the roadway and from the vehicle.

An introduction to some of the important mathematical calculations and physical laws will be given. Also, the student will learn how to measure and diagram, and how to use photography and video to document the scene.

The student will also participate in practical exercises involving measuring and diagramming.

COURSE TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Physical evidence from the roadway
- Physical evidence from the vehicle
- Frictional forces and acceleration
- Determining speeds from skid mark evidence
- Crash scene photography
- Methods of measuring crash scenes
- Diagramming scenes and use of traffic templates
- Case preparation