



PENNSYLVANIA HOMICIDE  
*INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION*  
2020 SPRING TRAINING CONFERENCE



The Pennsylvania Homicide Investigators Association is hosting a training conference for law enforcement officers and their affiliates. This year we are featuring the one-week **ADVANCED PRACTICAL HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION® SEMINAR** presented by Lt. Commander (Retired) Vernon J. Geberth, President of P.H.I. Investigative Consultants along with three additional speakers; Dr. Wendy Lavezzi, Forensic Pathologist, **Deputy Chief** Tracy Harpster, Moraine, Ohio PD and Ms. Andrea Zaferes, Forensic Aquatic-Death Investigator. Topics covered by our four featured speakers include Advanced Investigative Tactics, Procedures and Techniques, Sex Related Homicides, Lust Murders, Suicide and Equivocal Death, Deviate Sexuality, Crime Scene Investigation, Pathology and Autopsy Section, Analysis of 9-1-1 calls, and Homicidal Drowning Investigation. For additional information about this curriculum please visit ([www.practicalhomicide.com](http://www.practicalhomicide.com)) or ([www.pahia.us](http://www.pahia.us))

- Date:** March 30 through April 03, 2020. (Monday – Friday)  
Registration: Monday (03/30/20) from 7:30AM to 8:00AM  
Instruction Period: 8:00AM to 5:00 PM
- Location:** Ramada Inn and Conference Center ([www.ramadasc.com](http://www.ramadasc.com))  
1450 South Atherton Street  
State College, PA 16801 (814) 238-3001
- Accommodations:** A block of rooms has been reserved for those attending the PHIA conference. **Individuals are responsible for making your own reservations.** Our rate is \$75.00+tax per night. Deadline for this rate is Wednesday, 03/25/20.
- Conference Fee:** Cost for the five-day conference is \$635.00 per person. This includes five days of top notch instruction as well as applicable hand out materials. PHIA membership fee is included in the seminar package cost. **Early applications are encouraged due to space limitations (100 attendees).**
- Registration:** Please send the registration form and the checks to the training coordinator. Deadline for registration is March 25, 2020. Checks should be made payable to P.H.I.A.
- Training Coordinator:** Thomas N. Jordan (PHIA Treasurer)  
District Court 49-3-04  
2795 Earlstown Road  
Centre Hall, PA 16828
- Meals:** Continental breakfast and mid-morning and afternoon refreshments are included with seminar costs.  
Lunch and dinner not included.



**P.H.I.A. REGISTRATION FORM**  
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**\$ 635.00 Per Person -Includes P.H.I.A. Dues for 2020 and Lt. Cmdr. Geberth’s Sex-Related Homicide and Death Investigation Text Book**

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**MAIL APPLICATIONS TO:** Thomas N. Jordan, PHIA  
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Phone: (814) 364-1492  
E-mail (tomjordan129@yahoo.com)

**CHECKS OR PURCHASE ORDERS ONLY PAYABLE TO P.H.I.A.**

***This is the only time the Advanced Practical Homicide Investigation® will be held in the northeast in 2020.***

Tuition includes membership into Pennsylvania Homicide Investigator’s Association and Lieutenant Commander Geberth’s book **SEX-RELATED HOMICIDE AND DEATH INVESTIGATION: PRACTICAL AND CLINICAL PERSPECTIVES, SECOND EDITION.**

**Vernon J. Geberth, M.S, M.P.S., B.B.A.**  
**Lieutenant Commander (Ret.) NYPD**  
**Practical Homicide Investigation®**  
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Commander Vernon Geberth is retired Lieutenant-Commander of the New York City Police Department with over 40 years of law enforcement experience. He has an undergraduate degree in Business Administration and holds dual Master's degrees in Forensic Psychology and Criminal Justice. Commander Geberth is a graduate of the FBI national Academy and is also a Fellow in the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS).

Lieutenant Commander Geberth, is the author of *Practical Homicide Investigation: Tactics, Procedures, and Forensic Techniques*, now in its **Fourth Edition** and is recognized in the law enforcement field as "The Bible of Homicide Investigation" and the *Practical Homicide Investigation Checklist and Field Guide*, which is considered by professionals as an essential prerequisite in conducting proficient death inquiries. Commander Geberth is also the author of *Sex-Related Homicide and Death Investigation: Practical and Clinical Perspectives Second Edition*, which is considered the framework textbook on sex-related murder.

Commander Geberth is a nationally renowned lecturer, author, educator, consultant and expert witness on the subject of death investigation. He has appeared in numerous local, national and international television programs answering questions on the subject of murder, and providing insight, analysis and commentary with respect to all aspects of homicide and death investigations. Geberth has been referenced as a media consultant on a myriad of national major cases across the United States and Canada. Over 60,000 members from over 7,500 law enforcement agencies have attended Geberth's Practical Homicide Investigation seminars.

In his seminars Geberth focuses on Advanced Tactics, Procedures and Forensic Techniques and presents Equivocal Death, Suicide and Missed Investigations as well Serial Murder Investigation and the application of abnormal psychology to the investigative process.

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**DR. WENDY LAVEZZI, M.D. FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST**  
**Forensic Pathologist**  
**Chief Medical Examiner, District 5, State of Florida**



"Dr. Wendy Lavezzi is Deputy Medical Examiner for District 5, which covers five counties in the State of Florida. Prior to her present assignment a Deputy Medical Examiner at the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office in Chicago, IL. She is board certified in Anatomic Pathology, Clinical Pathology, and Forensic Pathology. She completed her medical school and residency training in Albany, NY, and then finished her training with a fellowship in Forensic Pathology in Chicago. Before attending medical school, Dr. Lavezzi had a 15-year career as a registered nurse, with a specialty in critical care. She has given lectures and seminars in Forensic Pathology at the United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology, the American Society of Clinical Pathologists, the Chicago Bar Association, and various medical residency programs. She also provides clinical teaching to medical students, resident physicians, and paramedic students, and police trainees."



**ANDREA ZAFERES**  
**Forensic Aquatic-Death Investigator & Expert Witness**  
**Medicolegal Investigator**  
**Homicidal Drowning Investigation**  
**Team Lifeguard Systems, Inc.**



Andrea Zaferes serves as a medicolegal investigator for Dutchess County in New York State. She is also Vice President of Lifeguard Systems Inc. and RIPTIDE Inc. Ms. Zaferes serves as a course director and instructor trainer and is a well published author and noted public speaker and award winner, As a program designer, Andrea Zeferes is one of the leading trainers in the international water rescue and recovery industries today.

Andrea graduated from University of Michigan with a BA in Psychology and has completed numerous courses in basic death investigation and is a graduate of the Master's Conference in Death Investigation, St Louis University. Andrea has been certified in numerous states and has been presenting forensic training since 1999 throughout the United States and Canada. She has also taught in Puerto Rico, Asia, The Caribbean and Costa Rica.

Andrea Zaferes has investigated and worked on more than 30 scuba accident and fatality lawsuits and has consulted on more than 150 water related death cases. She is an Expert Legal Witness for diving and other water-related incidents and assists law enforcement in homicidal drowning investigations.

Andrea Zaferes has published extensively in both journal articles and textbooks and has over 100 publications based on her research and experience.

**Tracy Harpster, M.S, B.S., FBINA**  
**Lieutenant Moraine, Ohio Police Department**

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Lieutenant Tracy Harpster is a thirty-year veteran of the Moraine, Ohio Police Department and a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He has served as a patrolman, Sergeant, Detective Sergeant and Lieutenant in various assignments including supervising the Tactical Crime Suppression Narcotics Unit, The FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force and the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission.

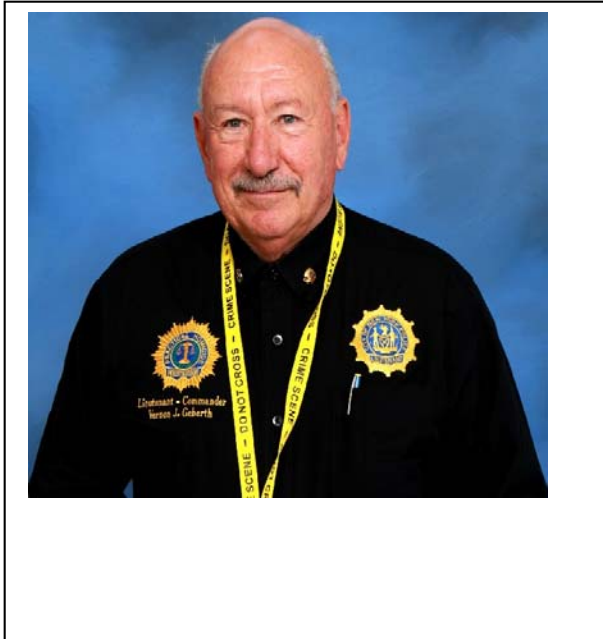
Lt. Harpster has a Master's of Science in Criminal Justice from the University of Cincinnati and Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Bowling Green State University and is a 2004 Graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

Lt. Harpster is a nationally renowned authority and has published extensively on the analysis of 9-1-1 Calls. Lt. Harpster and Dr. Adams have co-authored an article entitled , "911 Homicide Call and Statement Analysis: Is the Caller the Killer?" in multiple publications. In 2013, Lt. Harpster was accepted as a member of the Vidocq Society, a crime-solving organization that meets monthly at the Union League of Philadelphia

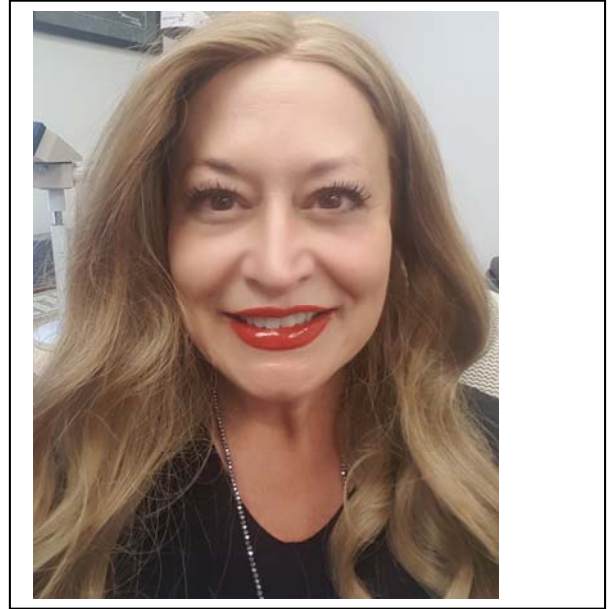
In 2006, Lieutenant Harpster achieved a Graduate Degree from the University of Cincinnati where his Master's Thesis examined the indicators of innocence and guilt of 911 homicide callers reporting the offense. The study defined and analyzed the indicators in order to assist homicide detectives gain insight into the offense, suggest offender probability, and explore pertinent issues during the interview and interrogation phases of the investigation.

Lieutenant Harpster has directly assisted on over 500 homicides and has analyzed over nine hundred 911 homicide calls, using the research to help solve the murders. Lt. Harpster has shared his research at homicide conferences across the country including the National Homicide Conference (2006, 2008, 2012, and 2014) and the International Homicide Conference (2010).

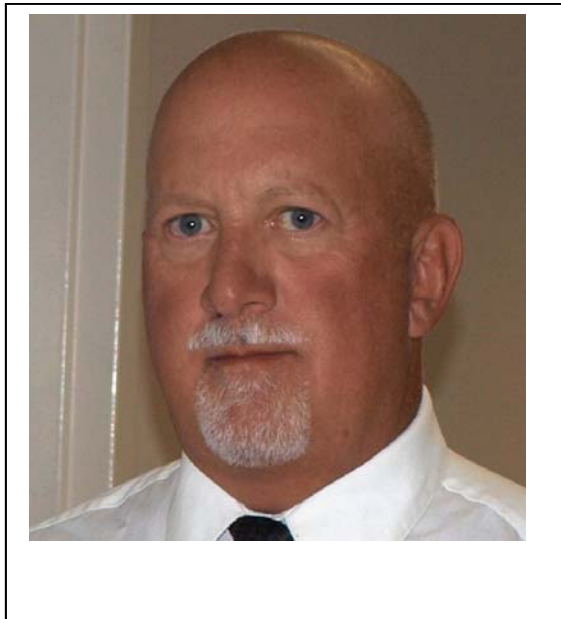
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