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***“Bones, Bugs, Fire & Flies”[®]. An Introduction to Forensic Odontology
3.0CE***

Synopsis: Participants of this course will gain an introductory knowledge of the science of forensic odontology and how the law dictates a forensic human identification. A brief review of the history, evolution and scope of forensic odontology will be presented as well as an introduction of the nomenclature commonly used in this field and death investigation systems will be explained. A step-by-step exploration of a comprehensive dental autopsy will be presented, including physical examination, photography, radiography and forensic evidence management needs of varying postmortem states including skeletonized, fragmented, decomposed and burned. Modern missing person investigation methods and multiple fatality incident management systems will be overviewed.

Learning Objectives:

- Improve appreciation for the forensic value of accurate dental records.
- Recognize how to cooperate with the legal system.
- Understand the role of a forensic dental team in scientific human identification and in multiple fatality incidents.