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PROGRAM

AUGUST 12-14TH 2026 - DAYTONA BEACH, FL



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Info & Credits

Course Description:

The Florida Association of Medical Examiners (FAME) 2026 Educational Conference is designed to provide medical examiners, forensic pathologists, investigators, and multidisciplinary partners with high-quality continuing medical education focused on leadership, operations, and complex medicolegal death investigation. The program features expert-led sessions spanning specialized and unusual deaths, injury mechanisms, courtroom testimony, aviation and motorsports fatalities, emerging environments such as spaceflight, public health reporting, tissue donation, forensic anthropology, and workforce development to strengthen practice, collaboration, and public trust.

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education through the joint providership of the Medical Educational Council of Pensacola (MECOP) and the Florida Association of Medical Examiners (FAME).

MECOP is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The Medical Educational Council of Pensacola designates this live activity for a maximum of **18.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits**



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Wednesday, August 12th

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM | FAME Business Meeting (members only, non-CME)

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM | Break (non-CME)

9:15 AM – 9:30 AM | Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM | **Session 1: Leadership, Operations & Professional Development**

- 1.1 So You Want to Be a Chief – Jon Thogmartin, MD; Bill Pellan
- 1.2 Tissue Banking: From Referral to Transplant – Heather Hensley, LWVI
- 1.3 DOH – Violent Death Reporting System (VDRS) – Mary Prim, Florida DOH/Alexis DiBland

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM | Lunch (non-CME)

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM | **Session 2: Specialized & Unusual Death Investigations**

- 2.1 Forensic Veterinary Medicine – Adam Stern, DVM, University of Florida
- 2.2 Introduction to Forensic Anthropology – Heather Walsh Haney, PhD (1.5 hours with lab)

2:30 PM – 2:45 PM | Break (non-CME)

2:45 PM – 4:15 PM | **Session 3: Injury Mechanisms & Expert testimony**

- 3.1 Electrical Injuries: Investigation to Autopsy – James W. Fulcher, MD

VS. Autism Brainnet- Neuropathy and brain donation for autism research

- 3.2 Mechanics of an Officer-Involved Shooting – Danny Warren, FDLE
- 3.2 Andrew Urbanak, ASA- Expert testimony and high-quality trial preparationaph text

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Thursday, August 13th

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM | Session 4: Aviation Fatalities

- 4.1 How ME Reports Cracked Plane Crash Investigations – Dan Boggs, NTSB

9:30 AM – 9:45 AM | Break (non-CME)

9:45 AM – 11:15 AM | Session 5: Motorsports & Mass Gathering Safety

- 5.1 Crash Safety at the Speedway: How Cars Are Built – John Patalak, VP Safety Engineering
- 5.2 Safety at the Speedway and Role of the ME – Troy Willrick, Paul Mucciolo, MD

11:15 AM – 12:00 PM | Session 6: Aerospace & Emerging Environments

- 6.1 Death Investigation in Space / NASA – Chad Foster DVD

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM | Lunch (non-CME)

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM | Session 7: Mental Health

- 7.1 Lessons Learned from Tragedy Responses – Amanda Nixon
- 7.2 How Certain Crashes Have Impacted Air Travel Safety – Anthony Brickhouse

2:30 PM – 2:45 PM | Break (non-CME)

2:45 PM – 4:00 PM | Session 8: GBI's Intergrated Anthropology

- 8.1 Britteny Walker- Practical applications of forensic anthropology to MEs / maximizing
- 8.2 Tammie Quest- Communication Skills and Breaking Bad News

5:30-7:30 PM- Forensic Pathology Trivia: Board-Style Questions and Evidence-Based Practice- Deanna Oleske MD and Nick Washburn

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Friday, August 14th

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM | Session 9: Ancient remains and Historic Cemeteries

- 9.1 Buried History: The Role of Archaeology in Modern Death Investigation- Kathryn Miyar PhD and Patrish Meyers

9:30 AM – 9:45 AM | Break (non-CME)

9:45 AM – 12:15 PM | Session 10: Traffics, Training & Career Development

- 10.1 Fellowship Roundtable – Mary Ripple, MD and Rachel Geller, MD (GBI)
- 10.2 Motor Vehicle Fatalities: Patterns, Mechanisms, and Medicolegal Implications – Jay Radke, MD

12:15-12:30 PM- Final questions and Closing Remarks

thank you!

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