

# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As President of the International Homicide Investigators Association (IHIA), I am honored to reflect on a year of meaningful progress and dedication to our mission. In 2025, our members continued to demonstrate exceptional commitment to advancing the field of homicide and death investigation through leadership, rigorous training, and the shared exchange of knowledge.



Together, we strengthened our global network of professionals, elevated investigative standards, and reaffirmed IHIA's role as the preeminent organization supporting those who serve in this demanding but vital discipline. I extend my deepest gratitude to our members, partners, and volunteers for your steadfast engagement and look forward to continued collaboration in the year ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Frank Losat".

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Chief Deputy Frank Losat

President

International Homicide Investigators Association

*The mission of the International Homicide Investigators Association is to provide its members with support in homicide and death investigations through the provision of professional leadership, training, networking, resources, and expertise necessary to solve cases.*



# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

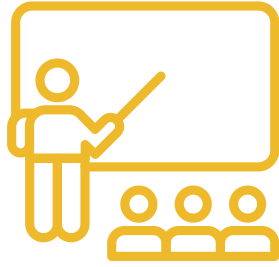
In 2025, the International Homicide Investigators Association (IHIA) continued to advance its mission of supporting homicide investigators worldwide. This year, we celebrated several milestones:

- **31ST ANNUAL TRAINING SYMPOSIUM:** Held in Louisville, Kentucky for the first time. This event brought together leading experts, provided cutting-edge training, and facilitated invaluable networking opportunities.
- **MEMBERSHIP:** Like 2024, our membership continues to expand across the world, creating more opportunities for collaboration.
- **TRAINING PROGRAMS:** With the addition of a 2<sup>nd</sup> Training Director, our programs increased from 2024 to provide additional training opportunities.
- **SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH:** Significantly increased awareness on our quarterly newsletters and social media platforms to highlight IHIA's continued efforts.

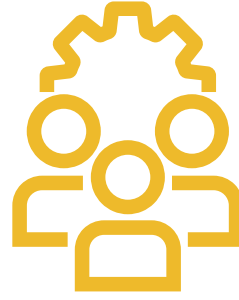
As we look forward to 2026, we remain committed to our mission of advancing homicide investigations and bringing justice to victims and their families. **Thank you for your continued support and dedication.**



# YEAR IN NUMBERS



26 Training Courses Delivered



2,154 Investigators Trained



23 Countries Represented



47 U.S. States Represented



144 Scholarships Awarded



\$72,000 in Training Scholarships



3,493 Total Members Worldwide



# MEMBERSHIP & GROWTH

In 2025, IHIA observed an increase in membership from 2024. We ended 2025 with the following membership statistics:

- 3,266 Active Professional Members (3% increase)
- 227 Active Associate Members (9% increase)

# TRAINING & EDUCATION PROGRAMS

In 2025, the International Homicide Investigators Association (IHIA) continued its mission to elevate investigative standards, strengthen professional development, and support law enforcement professionals through high-level, experience-driven training programs at an affordable cost.

From foundational homicide investigations to advanced cold case strategies and officer-involved critical incident investigations, IHIA delivered comprehensive programming across the United States, Canada, and U.S. territories.

# GEOGRAPHIC REACH

IHIA courses were hosted in:

- |                        |                    |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Arizona                | Kentucky           |
| Florida (6 locations)  | Ohio (2 locations) |
| Hawaii                 | Oklahoma           |
| Kansas                 | South Carolina     |
| Massachusetts          | Texas              |
| Michigan (2 locations) | Utah               |
| Montana                | Washington         |
| Nebraska (2 locations) | Ontario, Canada    |
|                        | Guam (2 courses)   |



## 2025 BY THE NUMBERS

**26 Training Courses Delivered**

*(30% increase from 2024)*

**2,154 Investigators Trained**

*(11% increase from 2024)*

**47 U.S. States – 23 Countries Represented**

# 2025 TRAINING

## **ADVANCED HOMICIDE & VIOLENT CRIMES INVESTIGATIONS (4)**

Tampa, FL | Boston, MA | Hilo, HI | Guam

## **COLD CASE & ADVANCED CASE DEVELOPMENT**

**COLD CASE / NO-BODY HOMICIDE** | GRAND PRAIRIE, TX

**COLD CASE STRATEGIES & NEW TECHNOLOGIES** | SALT LAKE CITY, UT

**COLD CASE BREAKTHROUGH SUMMIT** | NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO

**UNRAVELING MYSTERIES: ADVANCED COLD CASE** | COLUMBUS, OH

## **DNA SUMMIT**

Pompano Beach, FL

## **SCIENCE-BASED INTERVIEWING**

Omaha, NE

## **IRONCLAD COURTROOM TESTIMONY**

Kalamazoo, MI

## **CHILD & INFANT DEATH INVESTIGATIONS**

Greenville, SC

## **MASS CASUALTY & ACTIVE SHOOTER INVESTIGATIONS**

Columbus, OH

## **OFFICER INVOLVED CRITICAL INCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS (OICII) (6)**

Omaha, NE | Tucson, AZ | Stuart, FL | Grand Rapids, MI | Dunedin, FL | West Palm Beach, FL

## **FOUNDATIONAL HOMICIDE INVESTIGATIONS (6)**

Guam | Olathe, KS | Spokane, WA | Missoula, MT | Coral Springs, FL | Lawton, OK

# IHIA 31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL TRAINING SYMPOSIUM

The International Homicide Investigators Association proudly hosted its 31st Annual Training Symposium in Louisville, Kentucky, bringing together investigators, prosecutors, forensic professionals, federal partners, exhibitors, and subject matter experts from across the country.

Held at the Hyatt Regency Louisville from August 3-8, 2025, the Symposium served as IHIA's premier training event of the year.

## SYMPOSIUM NUMBERS

**375 Total Attendees** (Speakers excluded from attendance totals)

## PROGRAM IMPACT

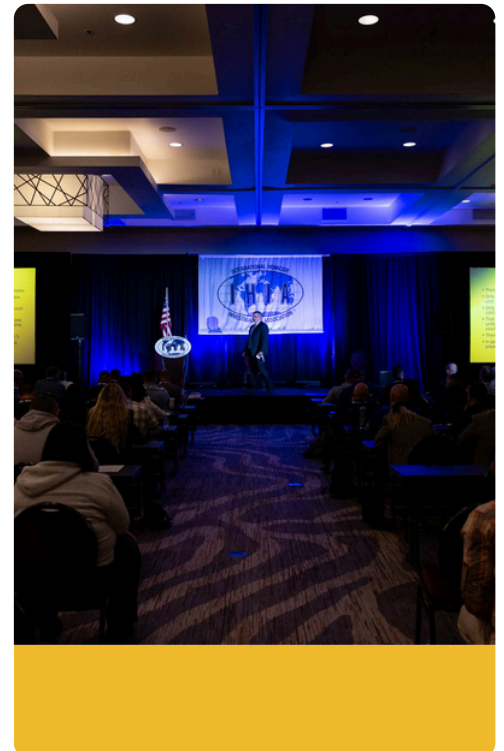
IHIA training in 2025 demonstrated:

- Strong attendance across foundational and advanced programming
- Significant growth in Cold Case and Advanced Homicide offerings
- Continued demand for Officer Involved Critical Incident Investigations
- Expansion into international and territorial markets
- High participation from both IHIA members and non-member law enforcement professional

Many programs reached or exceeded registration limits, reinforcing IHIA's reputation as a premier provider of homicide and violent crime investigative training.

The impact of 2,154 investigators trained in 2025 extends far beyond the classroom: strengthening agencies, supporting victims' families, and improving investigative outcomes nationwide and abroad.

Additionally, the IHIA provided 144 scholarships (approximately \$72,000) to law enforcement personnel, who otherwise would not have received training.



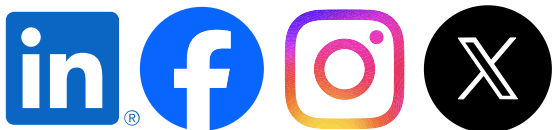
# PUBLICATIONS & SOCIAL MEDIA

## PUBLICATIONS

- The **Investigative Quarterly (IQ) Newsletters** were read **6,831** times by our membership and others. A *23% increase from 2024*.
- The IHIA's Director of Training Operations, David Eddy continues the interview series titled, "Flint to Flame", available on the [IHIA YouTube Channel](#).

## SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH

- 5,300 followers on LinkedIn
  - A 32% increase
- Nearly 4,000 followers on Facebook and Instagram



The Investigative Quarterly connects IHIA members with the latest training opportunities, investigative techniques, and updates from across the homicide investigation community.



# PARTNERSHIPS & COLLABORATIONS

The IHIA continues to collaborate and partner with other associations and non-profits, whose mission mirrors the IHIA:

- [Federal Bureau of Investigation](#)
- [Attorney General of Texas](#)
- [Sherry Black Foundation](#)
- [Season of Justice](#)
- [Project Cold Case](#)
- [Solve the Case, Inc.](#)
- [Kelsey Smith Foundation, Inc.](#)
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- [International Association of Crime Analysts](#)
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- [Washington Homicide Investigators Association](#)
- [National Center for Missing & Exploited Children](#)
- [Louisville Metro Police Foundation](#)
- [Ontario Homicide Investigators Association](#)



The IHIA is supported by many for-profit organizations, as they sponsor many of our events. Their support is a huge part of our success, and we cannot put these events on without them. They include:

- A.D. Valor Technical Cleaning
- American Bio Recovery Association
- Amped Software
- Bode Technology
- CaseCracker
- Cyber Genetics
- DNA Labs International
- Faro Technologies
- Forensic Pathology Services
- M-Vac Systems, Inc.
- Othram
- Peace River K9 Search & Rescue
- Precision Survey Supply
- QIAGEN
- Resolve Forensics
- Seiler Public Safety
- Signature Science
- SRN Systems, Inc.
- Thermo-Fisher Scientific
- Trimble Forensics
- UNT Center for Human Identification
- Veritone
- Wicklander-Zulawski & Associates
- WSI Technologies
- Xanalys

## FUTURE OUTLOOK

The IHIA has plans to facilitate the following training programs for 2026:

- 4-6 Foundational Homicide Investigations Courses
- 2-3 Advanced Homicide & Violent Crimes Investigations Courses
- 2-3 Cold Case/No-Body Homicide Investigations & Prosecution Courses
- 1-2 Mass Casualty & Active Shooter Investigations Courses
- 1-2 Child & Infant Death Investigations Courses
- 6-8 Officer Involved Critical Incident Investigations Courses
- 1-2 Unraveling Mysteries: Advanced Cold Case Course
- Science Based Interviewing
- Technology Summit
- Cold Case Conference
- 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Training Symposium
- International Training

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Lastly, a special thank you for the countless number of volunteer presenters. Their passion to help support the IHIA mission is unwavering.

IHIA's training courses are made possible by experienced investigators, prosecutors, forensic specialists, and subject matter experts who volunteer their time to share knowledge with the next generation of investigators.

In 2025, IHIA instructors collectively delivered hundreds of hours of training, supporting investigators from agencies around the world.

And, to the IHIA volunteer Board of Directors, your leadership, commitment, and passion are instrumental to the organization's success, and IHIA would not be where it is today without your direction and support.



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