



American Board of Forensic Odontology Bitemark Workshop

Date: Saturday, February 17, 2018, Seattle WA

Time: 8:00AM – 5:00PM (Room TBA)

Fees: Full Participants US\$700
Observers US\$350

Workshop Objectives:

1. To provide hands-on training and experience in forensic bitemark recognition and analysis techniques for Participants and Observers.
2. To provide credit for two (2) of the bitemark cases required for ABFO board exam eligibility if this workshop is successfully completed by a Participant.

All workshop attendees will have the opportunity to participate in on-line presentations that will focus on recognition of bitemark characteristics, evidence collection from both victim(s) and suspected biter(s), and comparison techniques. These on-line lectures will take place in form of webinars 60–90 days prior to the February 17, 2018 workshop. Among subjects covered will be pertinent topics such as threshold of evidentiary quality, photographic protocols useful in evidence documentation, guidelines for evidence collection from victim(s) and suspected biter(s), use of Adobe Photoshop®, report writing, and more.

Workshop Participants and Observers will be presented the steps and procedures involved in bitemark identification and modern analysis as described above. Full Participants will further receive a bitemark case that is to be fully and completely worked-up independently (i.e. without any assistance from others) in preparation for the February 17, 2018 workshop. At the workshop, Participants will present their casework and conclusions for this case to ABFO workshop proctors for scoring. Constructive evaluation by ABFO proctors will be shared during a question-and-answer session following presentation of each Participant's case. Workshop Observers, as well as ABFO members, may attend these case presentations.

Participants whose analytical methods, reports, and opinions successfully meet the current evaluation standards will be given credit for two (2) of the bitemark cases required for ABFO board exam eligibility. Evaluation criteria will be provided to Participants prior to the Workshop. **Please note that a basic knowledge of the Photoshop® software including creating, editing, and saving files such as JPEGs and TIFs; importing and resizing images; changing canvas and image sizes and resolution; and basic image and file management will be essential to satisfactorily complete this workshop.**

Deadline for registration as a Workshop Participant is June 30, 2017. Registration is on a first-come first-served basis. Observers may register at any time including at the door. For more information, please contact Workshop Co-chairs Greg Golden, DDS, D-ABFO at medich@aol.com or Roger Metcalf DDS, JD, D-ABFO at metcalfdds@gmail.com.