

CODE OF ETHICS

FORENSIC VIDEO ANALYSIS



Forensic video analysis is an important science that can have a significant impact on the investigation process. It often provides the ability to discover and determine the truth, to implicate the guilty and exonerate the innocent. In recognition of the significance of forensic video analysis in the law enforcement and scientific community and in further recognition of the need to uphold the integrity of forensic video analysis and the ideals of LEVA, a LEVA Certified Forensic Video Analyst or Technician (herein referred to as an “Analyst”) must agree to abide by this Code of Ethics.

1. An Analyst must consistently maintain a high level of professional competence. This includes the need to undertake appropriate ongoing training, related studies and literature review in order to remain current in the field of forensic video analysis.
2. An Analyst must consistently strive to produce the highest quality analysis and related reports consistent with the nature of the evidence submitted.
3. Where feasible, an Analyst should encourage peers involved in the field of forensic video analysis in their professional development and support them in following this Code of Ethics.
4. An Analyst must avoid actual or apparent conflicts of interest and where such actual or apparent conflicts of interest arise, an Analyst must disclose such conflicts to the affected parties as soon as possible.
5. In recognition of the need for ongoing professional development, an Analyst should seek and provide peer review, offer and accept constructive criticism of the work reviewed and, where appropriate, acknowledge and correct legitimate errors, and properly credit the contributions of others.
6. An Analyst should strive to promote the understanding and value of forensic video analysis technology.
7. An Analyst should strive to be fair and ethical in all aspects of his/her professional life.
8. In recognition of the desire to discover the truth in the evidence, an Analyst shall always be objective and impartial when conducting forensic video analysis and in the preparation of all reports.

9. An Analyst shall maintain the confidentiality of evidence received and work undertaken in accordance with any such request by the submitting agency.
10. An Analyst shall ensure the safe retention of evidence submitted for analysis.
11. Where billing is appropriate and permitted, any such billing for services shall be fair and ethical.
12. Should an Analyst seek to advertise his/her services, any such advertising shall be professional, tasteful and in accordance with the high standards expected of a LEVA Certified Analyst.
13. An Analyst shall report misconduct on the part of another Analyst upon its discovery to appropriate authorities including the LEVA President.