

Graduates of the “Level 1 Forensic Video Analysis & the Law” course can apply to enter the LEVA Certification program.

Here is a current list of LEVA Certified Forensic Video Analysts:

RENEE ARLT is with the Crime Lab/Video Forensics Unit at the Lakeland Police Department, Florida. Certification expires June 2013.

ED BAKER recently ended his law enforcement career as a Detective in the Tacoma, WA PD. He is now employed by Ocean Systems as their trainer. Certification expires October 2012.

GEOFF BIGGS is with the Queensland Electronic Recording Forensic Unit in Australia. Certification expires October 2014.

LARRY COMPTON is Operations Manager and analyst for Forensic Video Solutions in Spokane, Washington. At the time he entered the certification program Larry was employed with the Broome County Government Security Division in New York as senior forensic video analyst and telecommunications manager. Certification expires November 2012.

CHRIS CORPORA is a forensic video analyst with the Santa Clara County Crime Lab in California. Certification expires November 2012.

SHELLI FRIESEN is a Criminalist with the Boulder PD in Colorado. Certification expires October 2012.

GRANT FREDERICKS is a former Constable with the Vancouver Police Department in British Columbia with over 25 years experience processing video evidence. Grant is on the Adjunct Faculty at the University of Indianapolis where he is the principal LEVA instructor for forensic video analysis and DME processing. Certification expires November 2013.

JOAQUIN GARCIA – TUNON is with the Miami-Dade police department. Certification expires November 2013.

RUDY GRUENKE has been with the Cincinnati Police Department since 1981. Certification expires October 2013.

MICHAEL KLEIN is with the Parma Police Department in Ohio. Mike has over 100 hours in Image/Video training and 120 hours in computer data recovery. Certification expires October 2014.

SCOTT KUNTZ is a Deputy Sheriff with the Dane County Sheriff’s Office in Wisconsin. Certification expires October 2013.

GERRY LANNA is a Special Constable with the Ontario Provincial Police where he’s been a Forensic Computer Audio/Video Analyst since 2001. Certification expires October 2013.

VICKI LONG is a forensic video analyst with the Alameda County DA’s office. Certification expires October 2012.

DAVID LUKNOWSKY is an Imaging Specialist with the RCMP in Ottawa. Certification expires October 2012.

ANN MALLOT is with the Kansas City Police Department in Missouri. Certification expires November 2013.

KATHY McCAW is a forensic video analyst for the Calgary Police Service in Alberta. Certification expires November 2012.

KIM MELINE is a forensic video analyst with the FBI at Quantico, VA. Certification expires November 2012.

DAN MURPHY is with the Ontario Provincial Police in Orilla, Ontario. Certification expires June 30, 2014.

LORRAINE NAGY is with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Kelowna, British Columbia. Certification expires October 2014.

SCOTT OLAR is a forensic video analyst with York Regional Police in Ontario. Certification expires November 2012.

MICHAEL ORNELAS, formerly with the Fort Worth Police Department in Texas, he is currently with Deloitte Financial Advisory Services in Los Angeles. Certification expires October 2014.

TRACY PELOQUIN is a Special Constable with the Ontario Provincial Police. Certification expires October 2013.

MICHAEL PLAXTON is with the Durham Regional Police Services in Oshawa, Ontario. Certification expires October 2014.

MARK PORTER is with the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office in Fort Worth, Texas. Certification expires November 2013.

STACEY POTTHIER is with the Minneapolis Police Department in Minnesota. Certification expires November 2013.

JEAN ROCH is a forensic video analyst with the Winnipeg Police in Manitoba. Certification expires October 2014.

ALAN SALMON is a forensic video analyst with the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation. Certification expires October 2013.

RON SCHISTAD performs forensic video analysis with the London Police Service in Ontario. Certification expires October 2013.

SCOTT SULLIVAN is a Detective with the Addison PD, Illinois. Certification expires April 2014.

RALPH UNGER is a Forensic Video Analyst with the Cincinnati Police Department in Ohio. Certification expires June 2014.

ERNIE VAN DER LEEST is with the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office in Fort Worth, Texas. Certification expires November 2013.

AMY WHEELER performs forensic video analysis with the Calgary Police Service in Ontario. Certification expires October 2012.

JIM YOUNG is with the Michigan State Police. Certification expires November 2012.

LEVA has provided forensic video analysis training since 2000. It is widely recognized as the global standard for this specialized instruction.

In 2002, the core instruction team of LEVA's "*Forensic Video Analysis and the Law*" course established the groundwork for the first of its type certification program.

"Most agencies limit their video technicians to simple enhancement tasks," cites Grant Fredericks, a pioneer in forensic video analysis and LEVA's principal instructor. He adds, "...and they rarely go further than crude attempts at image clarification." He concludes that, "Such a narrow approach to the science of forensic video analysis severely limits their potential impact on important investigations."

Fredericks says, "LEVA's Certification Program establishes an important foundation for minimum standards and provides analysts with the tools and experience to ensure agencies they are getting the most value out of their video evidence."

Digital forensic video analysis and multimedia evidence processing are still relatively new when compared to the nearly century old tradition that still photography has enjoyed in the courts. LEVA legal instructor and attorney Jonathan Hak said, "As with all 'new' sciences, the courts must be satisfied that the science is technically sound and that the witness using the science is properly qualified." He adds, "LEVA's Certification Program assists in further establishing the legitimacy of forensic video analysis and will help to ensure a positive reception of the analyst's evidence in court." Hak asserts, "Certification is an important objective standard by which to judge the competence of analysts."

That competence will indeed be earned. There are formidable educational hurdles. Once all requirements are met, the candidate meets the LEVA Certification Committee which poses questions to the candidate regarding a case submission. Once passed, the person is certified by LEVA as a Forensic Video Analyst. The certification must be renewed every three years. There's also an annual review of the analyst's curriculum vitae (CV). A key component is the Code of Ethics designed especially for this program. Applicants must affirm they will adhere to that Code when in the certification process and while certified as an analyst.

Details about the LEVA Forensic Video Analyst Certification program can be found on the LEVA website, www.leva.org, and click the Certification tab at the top of the Home page.

With any questions regarding the Certification program, contact Mr. Jan Garvin, LEVA Training VP, training@leva.org.
