

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

CHRIS ANDREACOLA is with the Tucson Police Department, Arizona. Certification expires October 31, 2024.

RENEÉ ARLT is with the Crime Lab/Video Forensics Unit at the Lakeland Police Department, Florida. Certification expires June 30, 2022.

STACEY BAILEY is with the Orange County District Attorney's Office in California. Certification expires November 30, 2022.

EDWARD BAKER is with Video Consultants NW LLC in Milton, Washington. A former Major Crimes Detective with the Tacoma Police Department in Washington state. Certification expires October 31, 2024.

BRAD BARKHURST is with the Ohio State Fire Marshal's Office. Certification expires October 31, 2023.

GEOFF BIGGS is with the Australian Federal Police. Certification expires November 30, 2023.

JAKE BLYHE is with the Northamptonshire Police HQ, United Kingdom. Certification expires December 31, 2022.

M.T. BROWN is with the Lawrence Police Department, Kansas. Certification expires November 30, 2023.

KRIS CAESAR is with the York Regional Police in Ontario, Canada. Certification expires October 31, 2021.

ROGER CAIN is with the Rocky Mountain Information Network in Phoenix, Arizona. Certification expires November 30, 2021.

ALLEN COMBS is with Combs Forensic Services in Lake Stevens, Washington. Certification expires November 30, 2023.

CHRIS CORPORA is a forensic video analyst with the Santa Clara County Crime Lab in California. Certification expires November 30, 2021.

BARRY DESJARDINS is with Atlantic Forensic Video Analysis in Massachusetts. Certification expires November 30, 2021.

ROY DUNKELBARGER is with the Rocky Mountain Information Network in Phoenix, Arizona. Certification expires November 30, 2024.

RHIANNON DEMINGS is with OCCAM Video Solutions in Eugene, Oregon. Certification expires October 31, 2022.

CLINT EASTOP is with the Ottawa Police in Ontario, Canada. Certification expires October 31, 2021.

BRANDON EPSTEIN is with the Middlesex County District Attorney's Office in New Jersey. Certification expires October 31, 2023.

ANDREW FREDERICKS is with OCCAM Video Solutions in Spokane, Washington. Certification expires October 31, 2022.

GRANT FREDERICKS is with Forensic Video Solutions in Spokane, Washington. A former Constable with the Vancouver Police Department in British Columbia, he has over 30-years experience processing video evidence. Certification expires October 31, 2022.

MICHAEL GREEN is with the Calgary Police Service in Alberta, Canada. Certification expires October 31, 2022.

ERIK GRIFFIN is with the Durham Regional Police Service in Alberta, Canada. Certification expires November 30, 2021.

AMYLYNN HAK is a Forensic Officer with the International Criminal Court. The Hague, The Netherlands. Certification expires October 31, 2024.

JORDAN HUSLIG is with the Grand Junction Police Department in Colorado. Certification expires October 31, 2023.

SCOTT KUNTZ is a Deputy Sheriff with the Dane County Sheriff's Office in Wisconsin. Certification expires October 31, 2022.

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 31, 2022.

JASON LATHAM is owner of DME Solutions, Golden, CO. Certification expires October 31, 2023.

ERIK LAURIDSEN is with the York Regional Police in Ontario, Canada. Certification expires October 31, 2023.

SPENCER LEDESMA is with the Houston Forensic Science Center, Texas. Certification expires October 31, 2024.

VICKI LONG is a forensic video analyst with the Alameda County DA's Office, California. Certification expires October 31, 2021.

DAVID LUKNOWSKY is an Imaging Specialist with the RCMP in Ottawa, Ontario. Certification expires October 31, 2021.

ANN MALLOT is with the Kansas City Police Department in Missouri. Certification expires November 30, 2022.

KATHY McCRAW is with the Calgary Police Service in Calgary, Alberta. Certification expires November 30, 2021.

KIM MELINE is a forensic video analyst with the FBI in Minnesota. Certification expires November 30, 2021.

DAN MURPHY is with the Ontario Provincial Police in Orilla, Ontario. Certification expires October 31, 2023.

ALI MURRAY is with the Minneapolis Police Department in Minnesota. Certification expires October 31, 2022.

CHRISTI NOEBEL is with the Dallas County District Attorney's Office in Texas. Certification expires December 31, 2022.

SCOTT OLAR is a forensic video analyst with York Regional Police in Ontario. Certification expires November 30, 2024.

TRACY PELOQUIN is a Special Constable with the Ontario Provincial Police. Certification expires October 31, 2022.

STEPHANIE PETERSEN is with the Calgary Police Service in Alberta. Certification expires November 30, 2023.

DENIS PIERCE is with the Essex County District Attorney's Office, Massachusetts. Certification expires October 31, 2022.

MICHAEL PLAXTON is with the Hamilton Police Services in Ontario. Certification expires October 31, 2021.

MARK PORTER is with the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office in Fort Worth, Texas. Certification expires November 30, 2022.

GEORGE REIS of Imaging Forensics in California. Certification expires October 31, 2023.

MICHAEL ROSS is with the Ottawa Police Service in Ontario, Canada. Certification expires November 30, 2023.

JUAN J. RUANO is with the Pembroke Pines Police Department, Florida. Certification expires October 31, 2024.

NICOLE RUGGIERO is with the Ocean City Police Department, Maryland. Certification expires October 31, 2023.

ALAN SALMON is a forensic video analyst with the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation. Certification expires October 31, 2022.

BLAKE SAWYER is a Digital Media Specialist with the Plano Police Department, Texas. Certification expires May 31, 2023.

RON SCHISTAD performs forensic video analysis with the Ontario Provincial Police. Certification expires October 31, 2022.

MARTIN SCHOUTEN is with the RCMP in British Columbia. Certification expires October 31, 2022.

JIMMY SCHROERING is with DME Forensics in Golden, Colorado. Certification expires October 31, 2021.

DAVID SPREADBOROUGH is with forensicvideo.training in England. Certification expires October 31, 2021.

CHRIS STODDARD is with the Vancouver Police Department in British Columbia. Certification expires December 31, 2022.

KEITH SWANSON is with Kivu Consulting. Certification expires November 30, 2021.

RHETT THOMPSON is with the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office in California. Certification expires October 31, 2022

DEREK WILLIAMS is with the Durham Regional Police Service in Ontario, Canada. Certification expires November 30, 2022.

KATHRYN WOOLLEY is with the Vancouver Police Department, British Columbia. Certification expires October 31, 2022.

JIM YOUNG is with the Michigan State Police. Certification expires November 30, 2021.

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

In 2002, the core instruction team of LEVA's "*Forensic Video Analysis and the Law*" course established the framework 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 principal architect of LEVA's instruction program. 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. A LEVA certification must be renewed every three years. 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.

Details about the LEVA Forensic Video Analyst and Technician Certification programs 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. J.J. Ruano, LEVA Certification Program Manager, certification@leva.org.
