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South Dakota Law Enforcement Training has partnered with Death Investigation Training Academy to provide several training modules for the state Coroners and Law Enforcement professionals.

All primary coroners must complete 16 hours of initial training within 12 months of taking the position. Incumbent training requires 8 hours and must be reported every 2 years to the respective county for the coroner receiving the training. **You can register for either training module or both training modules at no cost to the primary coroner or their county.**

These are self-paced virtual training classrooms. They will remain open for registration and completion until January 31, 2027, at which time the training will expire. You will have access to your own training hours through the portal and can use this for your records.

Below are two links to separate training blocks, each with a description. Again, this is free training for Primary Coroners only, and Law Enforcement Training will cover the registration fees at the end of the year. Any other participants in the training will be billed directly and are responsible for the cost.

Please review the courses, and if you have taken any of these classes before through Death Investigation Academy, you will need to create a new student account before enrolling in the course bundles. You can use your name but must have a different email address from an existing account with Death Investigation Academy. If you do not use a new email, you will not get updated certificates for those classes. The certificates will have prior years' approval numbers and dates.

Click here for the 8-hour training block.

https://ditacademy.org/sd-coned-8

This is 8 credit hours covering:

- Suicide Investigation – A Scenario-Based Approach
- Effective Field Notes for Investigators

Registration is free for Primary Coroners and $115 for all other registrants.

Click here for the 16-hour training block.

https://ditacademy.org/sd-coned-16

This is 16 credit hours covering the classes listed above, plus:

- Suicide Investigation – A Scenario-Based Approach
- Investigating Intent: Autoerotic vs. Suicide
- Effective Field Note for Investigators
- Asphyxia Death – Classification and Cause
- Environmental Asphyxiation – Entrapment Deaths
- Foundations of Environmental Death Investigations
- Professional Ethics and Investigative Bias
- Practical Report Writing

Registration is free for Primary Coroners and $310 for all other registrants.

Please contact john.mcquillen@state.sd.us if you have any questions about this training or registration problems.