

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 are required to achieve 16 hours of initial training within 12 months of taking the position. 8 hours of incumbent training is required and 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 and available to register and complete until January 31, 2026 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 you will find two links to two separate training blocks with the description of that training included. Again, this is free training for Primary Coroners only and the registration fees will be covered by Law Enforcement Training at the end of the year. Any other participants in the training will be billed directly and are responsible to cover the cost of training.

Please look at the courses, and if you have taken any these classes before from 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/SD2025_8hours

This is 8 credit hours covering:

- Professional Death Notification

Registration is free for Primary Coroners and \$80.00 for any other individual that registers for the class.

Click here for the 16 hour training block.

https://ditacademy.org/SD2025_16hours

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

- Professional Death Notification
- The how and why of statement analysis
- Introduction to blood pattern analysis

- Collecting and documenting evidence from the body
- Recognizing injury pattern

Registration is free for Primary Coroners and \$255.00 for any other individual that registers for the class.

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