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## **RSA International Firearms Examiner Training Academy**

*This academy is an accelerated firearms training program, and it is incumbent on each student to make sure that the assigned readings are completed before arriving at the academy. The students will also be responsible for keeping up with the fast-paced learning environment which may include late night study sessions and/or research. There will be written exams given weekly or by topic and comparison practicals throughout the academy.*

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Week 1 - August 4-8, 2025</b> - Theory of Identification and Range of conclusions. <b>Omar Felix</b></li><li>• <b>Week 2 - August 11-15, 2025</b> - Toolmark examinations, Comparisons and Identifications #1. <b>Mike Neel</b></li><li>• <b>Week 3 - August 18-22, 2025</b> - Toolmark examinations, Comparisons and Identifications #2. (Scope work week) <b>Mike Neel</b></li><li>• <b>Week 4 - August 25-29, 2025</b> - Modern Firearms and Ammunition Development and Current Trends. <b>Paul Murphy</b></li><li>• <b>Week 5 - September 1-5, 2025</b> - Operating Systems and Armor's Courses. <b>Jimmy Palma</b></li><li>• <b>Week 6 - September 8-12, 2025</b> - Firearms Examination, Documentation, and Test Firing. <b>Jeff Goudeau</b></li><li>• <b>Week 7 - September 15-19, 2025</b> - Machining and Manufacturing Modern Firearms. <b>Alex Luby</b></li><li>• <b>Week 8 - September 22-26, 2025</b> - Manufacture and Evolution of Modern Ammunition. <b>Paul Murphy</b></li><li>• <b>Week 9 - September 29 – October 3, 2025</b> - Cartridge, Cartridge Case and Shotgun Examination #1. <b>Stefanie Happ</b></li><li>• <b>Week 10 - October 6-10, 2025</b> - Cartridge, Cartridge case and Shotgun examination #2 (all Scope work week) <b>Paul Murphy</b></li><li>• <b>Week 11 - October 13-17, 2025</b> - Bullet Examination and Comparisons #1. <b>Andy Smith</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Week 12 - October 20-24, 2025</b> - Bullet Examination and Comparisons #2 (all Scope work week). <b>Jeff Goudeau</b></li><li>• <b>Week 13 - October 27-31, 2025</b> - Manufacture Tours: Ammunition and Firearms. <b>Deion Christophe</b></li><li>• <b>Week 14 - November 3-7, 2025</b> - Firearm Comparison Work (all Scope Work week) <b>Toniann Rebick</b></li><li>• <b>Week 15 - November 10-14, 2025</b> - Gun Shot Residue/Distance Determinations, Shooting Scene Reconstruction. <b>Toniann Rebick</b></li><li>• <b>Week 16 - November 17-21, 2025</b> - Quality Assurance and Serial Number Restoration/Obliterated Markings. <b>Laura Molyneux</b></li><li>• <b>BREAK - November 24-28, 2025, THANKSGIVING BREAK</b></li><li>• <b>Week 17 - December 1-5, 2025</b>- Courtroom Testimony Training / Daubert Prep – assignment of mock case. <b>Andy Smith</b></li><li>• <b>Week 18 - December 8-12, 2025</b> - Firearm Comparison Work (all Scope Work week). <b>Justin Bechaver &amp; Jen Gelston</b></li><li>• <b>Week 19 - December 15-19, 2025</b> - Expert Witness Testimony / Mock Trials. <b>Glenn Davis</b></li><li>• <b>BREAK - December 22-January 2, 2025 - CHRISTMAS/NEW YEARS BREAK</b></li><li>• <b>Week 20 - January 5-9, 2025</b> - Finals Week / Oral Boards / Research Project Presentations / Graduation. <b>TBA</b></li></ul>
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