

# *Shooting Incident Reconstruction Course*

## *Forensic Science Consultants*



### **Instructor:**

**Michael G. Haag**  
Forensic Science Consultants

**Class Location:**  
Great Falls Montana

### **Where:**

**Great Falls Police Department**  
**112 1<sup>st</sup> St South**  
**Great Falls Montana 59403**

### **When:**

**May 13-17, 2024**  
5 Days (40 hrs)



### **More info at:**

[www.forensicfirearms.com](http://www.forensicfirearms.com)  
[Facebook: Forensic Science Consultants](#)

***This class is designed for:***

**Crime Scene Investigators**  
**Criminalists**  
**Firearm Examiners**  
**Field Evidence Techs**  
**Crime Scene/Homicide Detectives**  
**Medical Examiners**



- This course contains frequent **LIVE-FIRE** components! You will [see](#) how the evidence at shooting scenes is generated
- Practical, hands-on trajectory measurement techniques, and a comparison of known impact angles to measured angles in walls, cars, other objects and materials
- Training in correct usage of trajectory analysis equipment (rods, lasers, protractors, 3D laser scanners, and more)
- A thorough review of small arms ammunition and projectile design characteristics critical to shooting reconstruction
- Examination of shooting reconstruction as a well-founded aspect of forensic science
- Review of common questions and issues in shooting incidents (case illustrations)



- Instruction in shooting incident investigation and reconstruction procedures, as well as basic crime scene procedures
- Case investigation approach and philosophy
- Cover the properties of specific terminal ballistic events (shot sequence, direction of fire, etc.)
- Examination of projectile penetration, perforation, and deflection characteristics of: sheet metal, glass, wall materials, wood, tires, and more!



- A complete review of fundamental exterior and terminal ballistic properties of projectiles
- Laboratory examination aspects of recovered bullets from a reconstructive standpoint - the Locardian Principle and trace evidence considerations
- Chemical tests to determine whether a suspected impact site is, or is not bullet/pellet created
- Cartridge case ejection patterns
- Shotgun ballistics and pellet pattern analysis
- Introduction to 3D Laser Scanning for crime scene documentation and trajectory analysis



- Written and practical test final...
- Test your knowledge, **prove what have you learned...**

## Certificate of Completion

(if you pass!)

### Students Should Bring:

Appropriate Clothing  
Water  
Cameras  
Note Taking Equipment  
Eye and Ear Protection  
Computers (if you wish)




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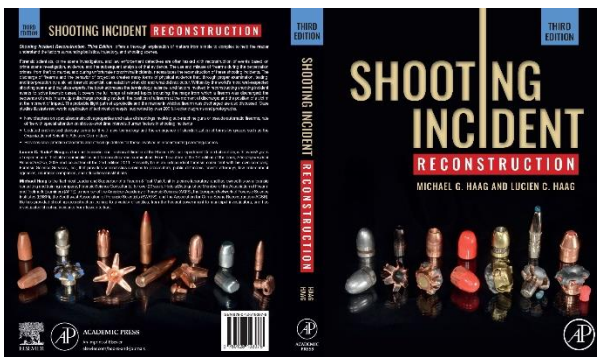
*COSTs:*        \$1590 / student  
*TEXT:*        \$95

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## Michael G. Haag, BS Chemistry Forensic Science Consultants

*Forensic Scientist*  
*Firearm Examiner*  
*Crime Scene Investigator*  
*Shooting Reconstructionist*



Mike Haag grew up learning about the field of forensic firearms from his dad, Luke. Even in grade school he helped conduct research projects in many areas of firearms identification and shooting reconstruction, as well as assisted in forensic casework. He has published numerous papers and presented research at AFTE conferences, in England, South Afrika, Canada, and Germany. Mike interned with the German Bundeskriminalamt (BKA) in Wiesbaden. He is a Distinguished Member of the Association of Firearm and Tool Mark Examiners, a member of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, and many other forensic associations. Mike is currently employed by the Albuquerque Police Department Crime Lab, where he is Supervisor of the Firearm and Tool Mark Unit, Controlled Substances Unit, Blood / Breath Alcohol unit, a member of the Major Crime Scene Team, and a New Mexico State Certified Law Enforcement Firearms Instructor. He has now taught numerous consecutive sessions of trajectory analysis and shooting reconstruction at the BATF's National Firearm Examiner's Academy, as well as Shooting Reconstruction classes in Florida, Arizona, California, Texas, Oregon, Colorado, New Mexico, South Dakota, Georgia, Kansas, Indiana, Washington DC, Maryland, Canada, the UK, and Switzerland. Some of his most notable cases have come from as far away as Taiwan and Iraq, and was featured on NOVA's Cold Case JFK, a reexamination of the fateful assassination 50 years later using the most modern techniques available. He has worked on hundreds of homicide cases, and many other types of cases covering the spectrum of civil, criminal, prosecution, plaintiff, and defense. Mike is also one of the few Forensic Scientists Certified by AFTE in all three areas offered: Firearm Evidence Examination and Identification, Gunshot Residue Analysis and Distance Determinations, and Tool Mark Evidence Examination and Identification. He also obtained certification by IAI in Crime Scene Reconstruction. Mike has appeared on the Discovery Channel, NOVA, NPR, and has been interviewed by FOX News on firearm related issues numerous times. He and Luke are authors of the authoritative text on the subject:

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