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The need for highly trained Latent Print Examiners is at an all time high. The mass retirement of the "Baby Boomer" examiners has left gaping holes in the staffing of numerous forensic laboratories.

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Ron Smith and Associates, Inc. has been the nationally recognized leader in forensic identification training for the last decade and is willing to invest in the implementation of a national training academy for agencies who are in need of fully trained latent print examiners. We have trained literally hundreds upon hundreds of latent print examiners over the years and we know how to do so in the most time and cost efficient manner.

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In most agencies, it takes eighteen months to two years in order to fully train a

new latent print examiner. This is due to the fact that most internal trainers are also your bench analysts and they cannot commit 100% of their time to training. As a result, the length of the training program must be extended and the overall costs are significantly increased. Numerous agencies have advised that this method of training, including the salaries of the student(s) and the trainer(s), can actually cost their agency well over \$100,000.

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RS&A has developed an intense 20 week training program for latent print examiner trainees which will result in graduates who are competent to perform supervised casework upon return to your agency. Prior to their academy graduation, they will have successfully completed testing regimens which are more difficult than the actual IAI Certified Latent Print Examiner Test. As soon as they have fulfilled the experience requirements, they will be ready to apply for certification through the International Association for Identification.

To be accepted into the academy, all applicants will have to meet stringent educational and ethical standards, along with passing a background investigation, and complete a visual acuity examination that is specifically designed to determine if they possess the natural skills to become a latent print examiner. Why? Because we don't want to waste anyone's time or money! Through our past experiences, we have determined that it really does not matter how hard a person is willing to work at becoming a latent print examiner, if they cannot discern what they observe, they cannot do the job.

The academy will be held at the Southern Regional Public Safety Institute, which is located on the grounds of Camp Shelby, a state owned and operated Joint Forces Training Facility for military personnel and law enforcement. Camp Shelby is a few miles south of Hattiesburg, MS and is just one hour north of the beautiful Mississippi Gulf Coast.

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Students will be housed on base in one person hotel rooms with access to internet, cable TV, housekeeping services, gym and pool facilities, laundry facilities, tennis, jogging trails, fishing, etc., along with three hot meals per day. Best of all, room & board are included in the student's academy tuition. Personal transportation for each student is the responsibility of the student or sponsoring agency.

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The per student cost for the National Latent Print Examiner Training Academy, including all instruction, room & board and meals is \$27,500. This is far less than

what it would cost your agency to complete a training program utilizing your own case working analysts. Not only would their training be completed in a fraction of the time, but they will gain access to a team of instructors who are highly skilled and fully committed to the success of your employee.

Feel free to contact us if you have any specific budget requirements or need a cost breakdown of training tuition, room and board, or meals.

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If you are interested in either placing an employee in this training academy or hiring one of our individually supported graduates, please contact Jon Byrd, our RS&A Laboratory Services Director, at 1-866-832-6772 or at jon@ronsmithandassociates.com.

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