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## IPTM Training is now ONLINE!

IPTM is proud to announce the launch of **O.T.I.S.**, our **Online Training and Instructional Services System**. Now you can take one of IPTM's professional training courses on a schedule that is convenient to you and from any place that has a high speed internet connection.

We designed our online training courses to be more than just "page turners." Each course is interactive, instructor led, and divided into weekly modules. You can complete that week's materials at any time prior to the week's end — there are no required times to be online. It combines the advantages of a self-paced environment along with the structure of instructor led training — giving you the best of both worlds to fit your busy lifestyle.



topic assignments, discussion forums, and competencies such as quizzes and projects. It's all designed to keep you engaged and motivated for a quality and worthwhile training experience.

But just because the courses are online doesn't mean that you won't have the benefit of IPTM's professional training staff. Our expert instructors will be your guides and will be online to assist you at every step along the way. You can reach them via e-mail, through discussion forums, and by phone. Some may also have scheduled office hours when they will be available via chat rooms.

To learn more about the technical requirements, student expectations, and more, visit **O.T.I.S.** at [otis.iptm.org](http://otis.iptm.org).



*Technical requirements, student expectations and more about IPTM's online training can be found on the O.T.I.S. home page.*

Currently, our online courses are from two to ten weeks in length depending upon the subject. You should plan to spend 5 – 8 hours of time each week doing assigned coursework. And each module includes

### Upcoming IPTM online courses:

**At-Scene Traffic Crash/  
Traffic Homicide Investigation**  
August 30 - November 7, 2010  
February 21 - May 1, 2011  
August 29 - November 6, 2011  
*(conducted over 10 consecutive weeks)*

**Basic Skills for New Supervisors**  
September 13 - October 24, 2010  
March 7 - April 17, 2011  
September 12 - October 23, 2011  
*(conducted over 6 consecutive weeks)*

**In-Car Video  
User Training in DUI Enforcement**  
March 14 - 27, 2011  
September 19 - October 2, 2011  
*(conducted over 2 consecutive weeks)*

**Report Writing for Law Enforcement**  
May 16 - June 26, 2011  
*(conducted over 6 consecutive weeks)*

**Responding to Crashes  
Involving Alternately Fueled Vehicles**  
August 9 - 22, 2010  
June 6 - 19, 2011  
*(conducted over 2 consecutive weeks)*



## Technology Focus: Handheld Thermal Imaging

We have come to rely on it as a standard piece of equipment in police aviation units: a thermal imaging camera that can almost look through objects to help us track suspects and find people on the ground. But now, you don't need a helicopter to have access to this useful technology.

A handheld thermal imaging device is coming to market that gives the same capabilities to officers on the ground. Dubbed the *Thug FindIR™*, the unit is about the size and weight of a cordless drill and comes with a long life rechargeable battery. The thermal imager can detect a heat source at nearly 1,500 feet and the full outline of a person at nearly 800 feet from the user, making open area searches both easier and safer.



*The Thug FindIR™ unit is about the size and weight of a cordless drill.*

And building searches may never be the same. The unique design allows you to look around corners and into attic spaces without having to expose your head. It's also armed with infrared lighting as well as two powerful

LED spotlights that can strobe to confuse and disorient the bad guys.

The BETA version is outfitted with the following features:

- High resolution thermal imaging camera
- High resolution color camera
- Infrared lighting for night camera
- Dual LED spotlights, with over 1,400 lumens, with strobe capability
- 6+ hour rechargeable battery
- Weather resistant coating

According to the manufacturer, additional features and a more rugged enclosure are being developed for the final version.

Whether you are searching for a suspect on the run or a child lost in the woods, the *Thug FindIR™* can help you get the job done, quickly and safely.

For more information, visit [ITS Sales](#).



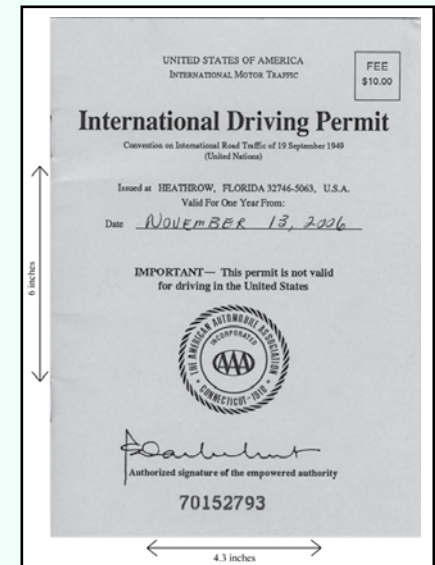
*The Thug FindIR™ was featured on the CBS Atlanta News.*

## Foreign Drivers: Understanding the Licensing Requirements

There is no such thing as an international driver's license and the selling of an IDL is illegal in the United States. But there is such a thing as an international driver's permit. So what is it and what's the difference?

Find out in a report issued by the Regional Organized Crime Information Center entitled "The International Driver's Permit and the Myth of the International Driver's License." The report gives you information about the international driver's license scam and the marketing efforts behind it. It also gives you information on the foreign driver's licenses that are valid in the United States along with a variety of photos and diagrams to show you the proper format of an international driving permit.

This report can help clear-up much of the confusion when encountering a driver from another country. [Click here](#) to download your copy.



*Among its other requirements, the actual size of an IDP booklet measures 4.3" x 6", has a gray cover and is never laminated.*

# Motorcycle Officer Training: A Hard Road to Skills Development

It just might be the hardest class you will ever take. At least that's what many past students have said. But whether it is or not, IPTM's *Police Motorcycle Instructor* course will certainly challenge your motor officer skills like they've never been challenged before.

The intense two-week training program is filled with riding exercises, shooting scenarios, and tactical situations that are meant to make you one of the best and safest motor officers on the street. And once you learn how to recognize problems and improve your own performance, then you will be ready to teach others to do the same.

In addition to obstacle courses and other riding skills exercises, the course includes night training using only motorcycle and emergency lights on both paved and off-road surfaces. You will also take part in various tactical and live shooting scenarios from positions on, off, and around your motorcycle. It is all meant to prepare you for a variety of real world situations.



*During the course, you will take part in various tactical and live shooting scenarios from positions on, off, and around your motorcycle.*

During the 30 years of presenting this class, one component that has never changed is the focus on the

student. This course has the highest instructor to student ratio of any IPTM class. There is no such thing as "keep doing it until you get it right." Our instructors teach and coach continuously

to progress you through all phases of the course, personally troubleshoot your problems, and improve your riding skills.

But isn't all about doing, it's also about teaching. Your preparation as an instructor begins on the first day of the class as you learn how to set-up a course and teach others how to operate a police motorcycle safely and proficiently. You will be given a number of useful ideas and materials that you can use in training classes at your agency.

And there's fun stuff too. A day-long group ride through central Florida includes a class photo during practice at the Daytona International Speedway and visits to the Astronaut Hall of Fame, Kennedy Space Center (schedule permitting), and the Florida Law Enforcement Memorial and Museum.

If you want to improve your motorcycle officer skills but don't

necessarily want to teach it, then try IPTM's *Advanced Motorcycle Officer Skills* course. This training program has many of the skills

enhancement exercises without the focus on instructor preparation. The one-week class includes two full days of live fire training along with various tactical scenarios for engaging hostile threats from a motorcycle.

With either course, you will get more than just skills and instruction. You will also gain friendships that will last your career. That is why many people have called it not only the most challenging course that they've taken, but the most rewarding too!

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*Various riding exercises will challenge your motor officer skills.*



*The day-long group ride through central Florida includes a class photo at the Daytona International Speedway.*

## Unsolved Murder Part of IPTM Training

The unsolved case of Roberta Johnson — a mother beaten to death in her ninth month of pregnancy and buried in a sandy Ocala, Florida grave more than a decade ago — got a fresh look recently in Jacksonville, where the investigation is now focused.

Detective Donald Buie of the Marion County Sheriff's Office said Johnson was beaten on the back of the head before she was buried in a 4-foot-deep grave that was covered with the hood from an old Chevrolet. The only person of interest that was identified in the case now lives in the Jacksonville area.



*IPTM instructors and students were interviewed for the article featured in Jacksonville's online news.*

In late June, Buie brought the case to a week-long class on cold case techniques at IPTM.

*Advanced Techniques for Unresolved Death Investigations* gives homicide detectives and supervisors information on setting-up cold case units and using improvements in technology and information databases to rekindle stalled investigations. Afternoon

sessions are dedicated to unsolved cases that the attending officers bring for dissection.

As part of the course, the other detectives in the classroom and the course instructors questioned Buie, offered suggestions, and relayed techniques that had worked for them. It allowed for new perspectives in the examination of the decade-old case.

The Roberta Johnson murder is just one of dozens of cases analyzed through this course each year. The class uses the case studies to teach students how to re-examine cold cases from various angles including criminal profiling, crime scene and injury

reconstruction, criminalistics, medicolegal autopsy, and interrogation/statement analysis.

After presenting the evidence and participating in a class analysis, Detective Buie and his supervisor, Capt. Robert Sandlin, had two pages of notes listing ideas and follow-up measures that could help bring Roberta Johnson's killer to justice.

*For complete information about IPTM's Advanced Techniques for Unresolved Death Investigations course, please [click here](#).*

## IACP Distributes Guidebooks for Supporting Returning Combat Veterans

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), in partnership with the Bureau of Justice Assistance, recently announced the release of two guidebooks in support of military veterans who serve in law enforcement. Developed through the knowledge and experience of veterans serving in law enforcement, these guides address the challenges that veterans face as they deploy and reintegrate into their departments.



The Leader's Guide is designed to provide tools and strategies to define or refine a transition/reintegration strategy that optimizes a successful transition and enhanced support for veteran officers. The Veteran's Guide contains tips, checklists, and resources to assist law enforcement officers returning from combat deployments,

while offering some useful suggestions for those veterans seeking a productive and sustainable career in law enforcement.

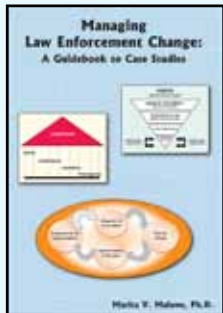


Law enforcement leaders are encouraged to provide the veterans guide to all veterans in their agency. Both guidebooks are available for download or hard copy request by visiting the [IACP website](#).

# IPTM Rolls Out Two New Publications

## **Managing Law Enforcement Change A Guidebook to Case Studies**

by Marita V. Malone, Ph.D.



Unfortunately, many leaders deny the need for organizational changes until a major catastrophe - such as 9/11 or the Waco, Texas conflagration - throws their agency into an upheaval. IPTM's latest publication, *Managing Law Enforcement Change: A Guidebook to Case Studies*, will help you manage both small

and large-scale changes to your organization. It specifically focuses on today's law enforcement environment and is full of useful change theories and courses of action.

The author, Dr. Marita Malone, discusses the change process in detail. She begins by giving you compelling reasons for change and explores the styles of thinking that help and hinder the process. She then presents you with ways to devise a workable solution between the current dissatisfying state and the future ideal state. And since all change involves the human element, Dr. Malone discusses ways to overcome and reduce the resistance to the change process.

Specifications: 372 pages; 7"x10"; perfect bound

Cost: \$45.00 per book, plus shipping

[Click here to order your copy or for more information.](#)

## **Training and Reference Manual for Traffic Crash Investigation**

(3rd edition)

by R.W. Rivers

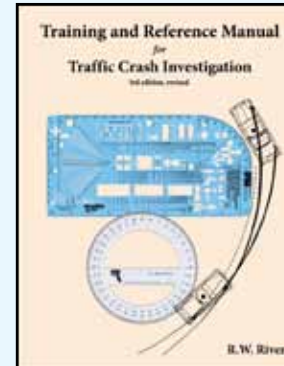
Filled with the basic information that all successful traffic homicide investigators should possess, IPTM's *Training and Reference Manual for Traffic Crash Investigation - 3rd edition*, has been updated and expanded to give you the very latest methods for handling the most frequent types of crash situations.

The author, R.W. Rivers, leads you step-by-step through the investigation process. Topics such as securing the scene, inspecting the vehicles, estimating the speed of the vehicles involved and interviewing witnesses or victims are discussed in detail. He also devotes time to the environmental factors and human elements that may contribute to a crash. Greatly expanded is the chapter on crash photography, with particular emphasis on the use of digital cameras and video recorders.

Specifications: 505 pages; 8½"x11"; hardcover

Cost: \$60.00 per manual, plus shipping

[Click here to order your copy or for more information.](#)



Hot off the presses, IPTM has published two new manuals this summer. For more information on these publications, [click here to visit our online store.](#)

## **Training Schedule for 2011 Announced**

IPTM has just posted the preliminary 2011 schedule on our website. Click the button below to view the schedule and remember, we are constantly adding courses during the year, so be sure to check back often.

[View IPTM Schedule](#)

## **Upcoming Conferences**

We will be vendors at the following conferences during 2010 and invite you to stop by the IPTM booth.

**Governors Highway  
Safety Association**  
September 25 - 28, 2010  
Kansas City, Missouri  
Booth #35

**IACP Conference**  
October 23 - 27, 2010  
Orlando, Florida  
Booth #2800

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