



# SPEAKERS BUREAU



## Presentation Information

Presentation Category	Miscellaneous
Presentation Title	DNA: A Powerful Law Enforcement Tool
Presentation Length	60 Minutes minimum, time can be adjusted for needs
Presentation Objective	Instruct law enforcement personnel on the importance of crime scene investigations involving DNA evidence and technology
Presentation Description	<p>DNA evidence exonerates the innocent, links crime scenes, provides investigative leads, and identifies suspect(s).</p> <p>Subject matter will consist of the latest technologies used and best practices in the recognition, documentation, and collection of DNA evidence at crime scenes. Superior officers will gain a working knowledge of how a crime scene is processed and learn the advances in forensic technology to reduce crime and aid investigations. Topics will include, "Cold Case Homicide Investigations - A Forensic Perspective," "The Value of DNA Evidence and Property Crimes," and "Crime Scene Investigations". DNA evidence plays a pivotal role in crime scene investigations and is used to reduce overall crime. In return lives will be saved and fewer individuals will be victimized. DNA is truly a Powerful Law Enforcement Tool, together today for a better tomorrow.</p>
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## Speaker's Biography

Joseph Blozis is a retired New York City Police Detective Sergeant who served the city of New York for 28 years. 22 years within the Forensic Investigations Division including 13 years as the senior sergeant within the Crime Scene Unit. His duties included the supervision for the search, collection, preservation, and documentation of physical and trace evidence at crime scenes. Detective Sergeant Blozis conducted forensic investigations in excess of 2,500 crime scenes including more than 1,000 homicide investigations including both terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center.

Retired Detective Sergeant Blozis is presently a consultant providing services for federal agencies and global DNA companies. He is an instructor, lecturer, and subject matter expert who has developed training curriculum for the United States Department of State's Antiterrorism Assistance Program for Terror Related Crime Scene Investigations. In June 2009 he presented the Terror Related Crime Scene Investigations Pilot Course to seven Eastern Caribbean countries that is now implemented worldwide. He is also an instructor for the Bode Technology Group's Crime Scene Collection and Advanced DNA Techniques Workshop that provides domestic and international training for law enforcement and laboratory personnel. He has been selected as the training coordinator and lead instructor for the International Association of Chiefs of Police Comprehensive Crime Scene Course.

Detective Sergeant Joseph Blozis was employed by the New York Police Department (NYPD) from 1979 to 2008. As Senior Sergeant in the Crime Scene Unit and designated Supervisor of Detective Squad, he responded to scenes of serious crimes and incidents within New York City for 13 years. His responsibilities included the supervision of the search, collection, preservation and documentation of all types of physical and trace evidence. He performed crime scene

reconstructions and conferred with the numerous District Attorneys throughout New York City. Detective Sergeant Blozis conducted forensic investigations of major crime scenes, including those in which law enforcement officers were injured or killed, and managed in excess of 2,500 crime scenes, including more than 1,000 homicide investigations.

In 1993 and 2001 he oversaw both crime scene investigations involving the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. On September 11, 2001, he was on the scene as both towers collapsed and was immediately assigned to what is known as "Ground Zero" until its completion in May 2002. He was assigned Acting Commanding Officer of the Crime Scene Unit for 3 months following the events of September 11, 2001. He is presently a docent for the 9/11 Tribute Center, a project of the September 11th Families Association providing tours of Ground Zero and a presenter at the 9/11 Memorial Museum.

For five years, prior to his assignment to the Crime Scene Unit, he supervised the criminalistics, narcotics, questioned documents, serology, and polygraph units for NYPD's Police Crime Laboratory. In 2005, he was reassigned to the Police Crime Laboratory as Coordinator of the Biotracks DNA Program. Detective Sergeant Blozis' career began as a Patrol Sergeant, Squad Detective, and a patrol and plainclothes Police Officer.

As Coordinator for the NYPD's Biotracks DNA program, Detective Sergeant Blozis utilized his crime scene expertise to train field personnel in the recognition, detection, documentation, and recovery of DNA evidence at crime scenes. Through Federal and State grants, funds were obtained to apply DNA technology to solve property crimes. The Biotracks program was comprised of the teamwork of crime scene DNA recovery, laboratory DNA analysis, and stringent follow-up procedures to ensure that identified

offenders are arrested and aggressive prosecution implemented in order to ensure that offenders will be incarcerated for maximum prison sentences. To date, in excess of 600 offenders have been identified through the efforts of the Biotracks program.

#### Global Lectures and Training

Detective Sergeant Blozis is certified in New York State for Method of Instruction and has conducted and participated in numerous worldwide lectures and training sessions which include:

Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Death Investigation Course in Quantico, Virginia

Department of Justice's International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program, Almaty, Kazakhstan

United States Department of State's Diplomatic Security's Anti-Terrorism Assistance Program, Barbados

Association of Chief Police Officers, London, England

XX All India Forensic Science Conference hosted in Jaipur, India

2010 International and National Forensic DNA Symposium, Shanghai and Xian City, China

2011 Bureau of Scientific Police in San Paulo, Brazil

2011 Fourth General Conference of Japan's DNA Testing Association in Tokyo, Japan

2012 Singapore's Applications of Forensic DNA Conference

2012 Forensic DNA Network of Thailand's Conference hosted in Bangkok, Thailand

2013 China Fujian International Forensic Symposium in Fuzhou, China

2013 First National Forensic Services Conference in Pretoria, South Africa,

2013 Life Technologies' Human Identification Conferences hosted in Buenos Aires, Argentina; Brasilia, Brazil; Johannesburg, South Africa; Doha Qatar; and for the New York State Prosecutor's Training Institute

2014 & 2015 National Forensic Services Conference in Pretoria, South Africa

Detective Sergeant Blozis received a State grant to train various New York State law enforcement agencies on the detection, documentation and collection of DNA evidence. Additionally, he has conducted seminars for the Regional Information Sharing Systems Program, the Middle Atlantic-Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network, the Western States Information Network, and the Toronto Police Department, and has lectured law enforcement agencies in as many as twenty-one U.S. States and Washington DC to date. He instructed several NYPD Academy courses, including Advanced Leadership, Homicide Investigators Course, Detective Bureau Orientation, and the Criminal Investigations Course.

Achievement Awards, Media Recognition and Publications

Throughout his career, Detective Sergeant Blozis has received numerous commendations and achievement awards which include:

5 Meritorious Police Duty awards

15 Excellent Police Duty awards

Cop of the Year Award 1984

Unit Citation 1996

Chief of Detectives Achievement Award 1996

Pulaski Association's Career Achievement Award 2004

Retired Detectives of New York "ARDY" Award, September 2012

Detective Sergeant Blozis has also been recognized for his achievements by the media and in publications such as:

"Faces of Ground Zero", Time Life Magazine 2001

"Larger than Life", Fortune Magazine 2002

"Dead Center" and "Never Forget", World Trade Center books

CNN's Anderson Cooper 360, 2007 interview

DNA and Property Crime Investigations, Fox News

"911 Crime Scene Investigators", Testimonial Films Discovery Channel 2010

Jenny Chrys-Williams South African radio 702 show, 2012

"TEARS" South African DNA Panel Discussion, 2014

Member of the Screen Actors Guild since 2004

He has also published forensic articles for Forensic Magazine, August 15, 2001; Forensic Science Review, July 2010; Kentucky Law Enforcement Magazine, winter 2011; and contributor/author for Forensic DNA Analysis, hardcopy book CRC Press 2014

#### Professional Organizations

Detective Sergeant Blozis is involved in numerous law enforcement professional organizations, such as the FBI National Academy Associates, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the American Academy for Professional Law Enforcement, the Fraternal Order of Police, the International Homicide Investigators' Association, International Association of Cold Case Investigators, and the International Association of Identification where he is certified as a Senior Crime Scene Analyst.

#### Formal Education

Retired Detective Sergeant Blozis is a graduate of St. John's University achieving a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice, and a 1994 graduate of the FBI National Academy, Quantico, Virginia. Moreover, he has been formally educated in the fields of crime scene investigations, criminal investigations, homicide investigations, hazardous materials, and weapons of mass destruction, among others.

#### Consultant and Adviser

	<p>Retired Detective Sergeant Blozis is presently a contracted consultant providing services for Federal agencies and global DNA companies. He is an instructor, lecturer, and subject matter expert who has developed training curriculum for the United States Department of State's Antiterrorism Assistance Program for Terror Related Crime Scene Investigations. In June 2009 he presented the Terror Related Crime Scene Investigations Pilot Course to seven Eastern Caribbean countries that is now implemented worldwide. He is also an instructor for the Bode Technology Group's Crime Scene Collection and Advanced DNA Techniques Workshop that provides domestic and international training for law enforcement and laboratory personnel. He has been selected as the Training Coordinator and Lead Instructor for the International Association of Chiefs of Police Comprehensive Crime Scene Course.</p>
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