

2026 Iowa IAI Educational Conference
Monday, November 2nd, 2026

Day 1 Registration from 0700-0800 hours at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny, Iowa.

TIME	ROOM 1
0800-0900	- Greeting from Iowa IAI President Adi Johnson - Pledge of Allegiance, led by Sgt. at Arms Daniel Boesen - Keynote by Attorney General Brenna Bird - Vendor Introductions
0900-1000	Lessons From Cold Cases: Preserving Today's Evidence for Tomorrow's Investigations Chad Lovig & Steven Ponsetto, Iowa Cold Case Unit
1000-1020	Iowa Cold Case Unit: Unidentified Human Remains Project James McMillan, Iowa Cold Case Unit
1030-1100	Refreshment Break Exhibit Hall Scavenger Hunt (Day 1)
1100-1200	Best Practices for Shooting Scene Defect Documentation Cassie Salter, CBPD
1200-1300	Lunch (on your own)
1300-1400	Basic Testimony Preparation Techniques for Crime Scene Investigators and Officers Meggan Guns, Polk County Attorney's Office
1400-1500	Blunt and Sharp Force Trauma Dr. Allison Hade, IOSME
1500-1515	Refreshment Break
1515-1700	Preparing Cases for Federal Prosecution Special Agents Joe Christiansen and Matt Jenkins, ATF

TIME	ROOM 2
0900-1000	Building a Sustainable & Forensically Sound 3D Laser Scanning Program (Workshop) <i>Standards, Competence, and Admissibility in 3D Forensic Mapping-All types of scanner-users welcome!</i> Jamie Selves, CCFS
1005-1200	Capturing the Details: Documentation & Processing Techniques for Evidence on Reflective Surfaces (Workshop) Hadley Kava, PCSO
1310-1350	Free Professional Headshots <i>(Must sign up ahead of time)</i>
1415-1545	Expert Witness Testimony: Preparation for the Certified Examiner (Workshop) Meggan Gunn, Polk County Attorney's Office
1600-1700	Free Professional Headshots <i>(Must sign up ahead of time)</i>

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Tuesday, November 3rd, 2026

Day 2 Registration from 0730-0800 at the FFA Enrichment Center, Ankeny, Iowa

TIME	ROOM 1	
0800-1000	Case Study: Pulse Nightclub Terror Attack, Orlando, FL Undersheriff Ron Hopper, Orlando PD	
1000-1010	<i>Refreshment Break</i>	
1010-1110	Advanced DNA Sequencing Methods & Genetic Genealogy Updates Andy Blauser & Andy Singer, Othram Labs	
1110-1130	Footwear & Tire Track Impression Comparisons-Updates Steve Tvrdik, DCI Crime Laboratory	
1130-1200	Iowa IAI Photography Contest Voting Exhibit Hall Scavenger Hunt (Day 2) Free Professional Headshots <i>(sign up ahead of time)</i>	
1200-1300	<i>Iowa IAI Business Meeting</i> <i>For Active Members</i> <i>(Lunch Provided)</i>	<i>Lunch</i> <i>(on your own)</i>
1300-1500	Aquatic Death Investigations Dr. Sarah Mormino, Forensic Diver LLC	
1500-1515	<i>Refreshment Break</i>	
1500-1700	Aquatic Death Investigations, Cont. Dr. Sarah Mormino, Forensic Diver LLC	

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Wednesday, November 4th, 2026

Day 3 Registration from 0730-0800 at the FFA Enrichment Center, Ankeny, Iowa

TIME	ROOM 1
0800-1000	<u>The Staged Suicide of Danielle Dolan</u> <i>CSI Jasmine Gray-Mclean, Sioux City P.D.</i> <i>Person's Detective Jordan Burns, Sioux City P.D.</i> <i>Person's Detective Mike Sitzman, Sioux City P.D.</i> <i>Forensic Anthropologist Dr. Heather Garvin, Des Moines University</i>
1000-1015	<i>Refreshment Break</i> <i>Raffle Winner Announcements</i> <i>Silent Auction Closing Bids</i> <i>Photo Contest Winner Announcements</i>
1015-1215	<u>The Asante Walker Investigation: Catching a Serial Rapist in Eastern Iowa</u> <i>Sgt. Daniel Boesen, Iowa City P.D.</i> <i>Detective Jenny Claraham, Iowa City P.D.</i> <i>Detective Mike Smithey, Iowa City P.D.</i> <i>FMR Detective Brooke Helgeson, Cedar Falls P.D.</i>
1215-1230	Closing Ceremonies

Don't forget to stop by the Silent Auction Table to see if you've won the bid!