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Forensic Engineering Investigation is a compendium of the investigative methodologies used by engineers and scientific investigators to evaluate some of the more common types of failures and catastrophic events. In essence, the book provides analyses and methods for determining how an entity was damaged and when that damage may have legal consequences. The material covers 21 common types of failures, catastrophic events, and losses that forensic engineers routinely assess. The range of topics include wind and blasting damage to structures, vehicular accidents, fires, explosions, hail damage to roofs and exteriors, lighting damage, and industrial guarding accidents. Additionally, the book offers an extensive discussion of the scientific method as it applies to forensic science and provides tips on organizing and writing an investigative report. The book also supplies the applicable codes and standards that regulate the profession, discusses the role of the forensic engineer in court proceedings, and addresses the role management plays in industrial safety. Each chapter is self-contained, highly specific, and succinct. Even more important, the analysis in each chapter is tailored to the answering of questions usually posed in the particular circumstances under discussion. The author does not skimp on the mathematical and scientific underpinnings of the subject matter. In that sense, Forensic Engineering Investigation contains the "good stuff" that is typically omitted in less challenging texts. The evidence discovered at underwater crime scenes must be handled with the same attention to proper chain of custody procedures as with any other type of investigation. Improper handling of these scenes can lead to evidence being lost, unrecognizable, destroyed, contaminated, or rendered inadmissible at the time of trial. Updated and expanded, Und

Clandestine lab operators are not the mad scientists whose genius keeps them pent up in the laboratory contemplating elaborate formulas and mixing exotic chemicals. In fact, their equipment is usually simple, their chemicals household products, and their education basic. Most of the time the elements at the scene are perfectly legal to sell and own. It is only in the combination of all these elements that the lab becomes the scene of a criminal operation. Forensic Investigation of Clandestine Laboratories guides you, step-by-step, through the process of recognizing these illegal manufacturing operations. Then it shows you how to prove it in the courtroom. In non-technical language this book details: How to recognize a clandestine lab How to process the site of a clandestine lab How to analyze evidence in the examination laboratory What to derive from the physical evidence How to present the evidence in court The identification and investigation of a clandestine lab, and the successful prosecution of the perpetrators, is a team effort. A collaboration of law enforcement, forensic experts, scientists, and criminal prosecutors is required to present a case that definitively demonstrates how a group of items with legitimate uses are being used to manufacture an illegal controlled substance. Providing an understanding of how the pieces of the clandestine lab puzzle fit together, this book outlines the steps needed to identify and shut down these operations, as well as successfully prosecute the perpetrators. Explains the role of forensic science in solving crimes.

Presents an alphabetical encyclopedia of the forensic science principles used in investigating crime scenes and suspects.

The Daubert trilogy of U.S. Supreme Court cases has established that scientific expert testimony must be based on science grounded in empirical research. As such, greater scrutiny is being placed on questioned document examination generally, and handwriting comparison in particular. Bridging the gap between theory and practice, The Neuroscience of Handwriting: Applications in Forensic Document Examination

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examines the essential neuroscientific principles underlying normal and pathological hand motor control and handwriting. Topics discussed include: Fundamental principles in the neuroanatomy and neurochemistry of hand motor control and their application to research in handwriting The epidemiology, pathophysiology, and motor characteristics of neurodegenerative diseases such as Parkinson's, Huntington's, Alzheimer's, multiple sclerosis, essential tremor, and motor neuron disease and their effects on handwriting Psychotropic medications prescribed for depression, bipolar disorder, and psychosis; their mechanisms of action; and their effect on motor behavior and handwriting The impact of substance abuse on handwriting An overview of the aging process and its effects on motor control and handwriting The kinematic approach and new findings on the kinematic analyses of genuine, disguised, and forged signatures The authors' laboratory research on authentic and forged signatures An essential resource for professionals and researchers in the forensic documentation examination and legal communities, this volume provides a window on the scientific process of signature and handwriting authentication, integrating the extensive research on neural processes and exploring how disease, medication, and advanced age alter these processes. FORENSIC SCIENCE: ADVANCED INVESTIGATIONS, COPYRIGHT UPDATE, 1E is part of a comprehensive course offering as a second-level high school course in forensic science, a course area in which students have the opportunity to expand their knowledge of chemistry, biology, physics, earth science, math, and psychology, as well as associate this knowledge with real-life applications. This text builds on concepts introduced in FORENSIC SCIENCE: FUNDAMENTALS & INVESTIGATIONS, as well as introduces additional topics, such as arson and explosions. Following the same solid instructional design as the FUNDAMENTALS & INVESTIGATIONS text, the book balances extensive scientific concepts with hands-on classroom and lab activities, readings, intriguing case studies, and chapter-opening scenarios. The book's exclusive Gale Forensic Science eCollection™ database provides instant access to hundreds of articles and Internet resources that spark student interest and extend learning beyond the book. Comprehensive, time-saving teacher support and lab activities deliver exactly what you need to ensure that students receive a solid, complete science education that keeps readers at all learning levels enthused about science. This two-book series provides a solution that is engaging, contemporary, and specifically designed for high school students. Instructors can be confident that the program has been written by high school forensic science instructors with their unique needs in mind, including content tied to the national and state science standards they are accountable to teaching. The update has a new chapter on Digital Responsibility and Social Networking. FORENSIC SCIENCE: ADVANCED INVESTIGATIONS, COPYRIGHT UPDATE, 1E sets the standard in high school forensic science . . . case closed. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

The two-volume World of Forensic Science is a convenient, comprehensive guide to the scientific processes and the legal, social and ethical issues involved in the forensic sciences. Approximately 600 entries cover the individuals, techniques and principles of biology, chemistry, law, medicine, physics, computer science, geology and psychology involved in the multidisciplinary approach of examining crime scenes and evidence to be used in legal proceedings. Topics range from types of evidence (fingerprints, hair, weapons) to specific techniques and methods of analysis (ballistics, DNA identification), organizations (Federal Crime Lab), individuals (Alphonse Bertillon) and famous trials (O.J. Simpson case).

Introduction to Forensic Sciences, Second Edition is the current edition of this bestselling introductory textbook. Dr. William Eckert, one of the world's foremost authorities in the area of forensic medicine, presents each of the distinct fields that collectively comprise the forensic sciences in a logical, relatively non-technical fashion. Each chapter is written by a well-known expert in his/her respective field, and each

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specialty area is thoroughly treated. When appropriate, the various methods of applying these sciences in different countries are covered. Heavily illustrated, the Second Edition has been updated to include current procedures and techniques that were not available or usefully developed when the first edition was published. Features include:

Mumbai 26/11 saw a mix of commando-style attacks typical of the special forces of an army and indiscriminate killing of civilians typical of the Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT), the Pakistani jihadi organization. The meticulous planning, the thorough training of the 10 LeT terrorists, who carried it out, and the close co-ordination of the attacks from the command and control of the LeT had the stamp of Al Qaeda and Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence, both of which the LeT has a close relationship with. The LeT terrorists attacked a mix of targets—innocent Indian civilians in public places, Jewish people in a religious-cum-cultural centre and members of the Indian and foreign social and business elite in two five-star hotels. The attacks on the Jewish centre and the hotels lasted over 60 hours and were continuously telecast live by the TV channels. The success of the terrorist attacks, mounted from the sea, highlighted once again the serious deficiencies in India's national security apparatus and the role of Pakistan in the spread of terrorism across the world. Have we drawn the right lessons in respect of both? Can the Indian people now expect at least a more robust counter-terrorism policy to prevent another 26/11?

Forensic Science: The Basics explains every aspects of crime scene investigation, moving from basic areas of criminalistics and beyond to pathology, anthropology, and engineering. It also explores new and emerging areas such as forensic entomology. With no previous knowledge of either science or law required, information is self-contained and conveyed at the lowest possible non-scientific level, making this text suitable for both lower level academic adoptions as well as for a general audience. It also offers a complete package of ancillary material for instructors. Comprehensive and Up-to-Date • Covers DNA, drugs, firearms, fingerprints, and trace evidence • Includes cutting-edge material on spectroscopy, chromatography, microscopy, odontology, and entomology • Demonstrates the practical application of modern chemistry, biology, and other laboratory sciences Each chapter: • Opens with learning objectives, a chapter outline, and an introduction • Closes with a summary and review questions for self-testing • Contains real-life examples, many from the author's own experience Build an exceptional classroom experience with this dynamic resource! • More than 200 full color nongraphic illustrations • Countless figures, tables, and charts • A wealth of supporting material including lecture slides and test questions available on www.classwire.com • Real case studies to demonstrate forensic concepts in action • Suggested student projects to reinforce learning Appropriate for High School and University Students • Written in the lucid and concise style of a master teacher • Fully explains the scientific basics required • Omits potentially traumatic photographs and subject matter About the Author Eminently qualified to create this work, Jay Siegel is both a practicing forensic expert and a master instructor. He has worked for the Virginia Bureau of Forensic Sciences and published extensively in the field. He continues to be called upon as an expert witness, having testified over 200 times in state, federal, and military courts across the country. With nearly thirty years of teaching experience, he is highly active in curriculum development for forensic science classes taught at all levels, from junior high through graduate school. He is currently director of the Forensic and Investigative Sciences Program at Purdue University in Indiana. In February of 2009, Mr. Siegel received the "Distinguished Fellow" award from the American Academy of Forensic Sciences at its annual meeting. This is the highest honor that the Academy bestows upon a fellow. In addition, George Washington University has selected Mr. Siegel for the 2008-2009 "Distinguished Alumni Scholar." This award, the highest that the University bestows upon its alumni, is designated for those who have made truly outstanding contributions to the knowledge base of their disciplines. For Instructors Only: Develop and Customize Your Curriculum Draw from hundreds of PowerPoint® slides and illustrations to supplement

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your lectures Organize your class with Dr. Siegel's helpful outlines and learning objectives Review answers to end-of-chapter questions Build exams for different levels from a giant test bank of problems This book also works in conjunction with Forensic Science Laboratory Manual and Workbook, Revised Edition. All ancillary material will be available in convenient website format at www.classwire.com. Upon request, photographs, lecture slides, and a test bank are also available to instructors on CD.

Forensic science includes all aspects of investigating a crime, including: chemistry, biology and physics, and also incorporates countless other specialties. Today, the service offered under the guise of "forensic science" includes specialties from virtually all aspects of modern science, medicine, engineering, mathematics and technology. The Encyclopedia of Forensic Sciences, Second Edition is a reference source that will inform both the crime scene worker and the laboratory worker of each other's protocols, procedures and limitations. Written by leading scientists in each area, every article is peer reviewed to establish clarity, accuracy, and comprehensiveness. As reflected in the specialties of its Editorial Board, the contents covers the core theories, methods and techniques employed by forensic scientists – and applications of these that are used in forensic analysis. This 4-volume set represents a 30% growth in articles from the first edition, with a particular increase in coverage of DNA and digital forensics Includes an international collection of contributors The second edition features a new 21-member editorial board, half of which are internationally based Includes over 300 articles, approximately 10pp on average Each article features a) suggested readings which point readers to additional sources for more information, b) a list of related Web sites, c) a 5-10 word glossary and definition paragraph, and d) cross-references to related articles in the encyclopedia Available online via SciVerse ScienceDirect. Please visit www.info.sciencedirect.com for more information This new edition continues the reputation of the first edition, which was awarded an Honorable Mention in the prestigious Dartmouth Medal competition for 2001. This award honors the creation of reference works of outstanding quality and significance, and is sponsored by the RUSA Committee of the American Library Association The range of species that fall within the realm of wildlife crimes is extensive, ranging from ferns and orchids to bald eagles and great whales. Solving these crimes is rarely dependent on the testimony of witnesses or victims. An ever-increasing number of research groups are applying scientific tests to animal and plant studies alike. However, until now, whatever progress is available in this area has remained scattered through the literature. Forensic Science in Wildlife Investigations focuses on the developing test methods that can be applied to wildlife crimes. In large part, the tests described are drawn from human-based research. Edited by Adrian Linacre, a noted forensic researcher and one of the principal pioneers active in wildlife forensics, this volume collects the work of others working across the world with both plant and animal investigations. While the book contains valuable approaches that lab investigators can employ, the scientific material is written at a level that requires no more than a fundamental knowledge of biology. Any required scientific information is provided in separate boxes. Offering practical guidance, it helps investigators and lab technicians decide on best methods, including a determination of when basic microscopy is sufficient, when DNA testing should occur, and what tests or combination of tests should be executed in a particular circumstance. The text illustrates how to identify the species and geographic region of origin of an unknown sample. Demonstrating the latest methods through real-world case studies, this volume provides the direction and practical advice needed by legal and police professionals seeking to gain the evidence needed to prosecute wildlife crimes.

Humanity's most appalling crimes are solved by experts presenting painstakingly gathered evidence to the court of law. Investigators rely on physical, chemical and digital clues gathered at the scene of an incident to reconstruct beyond all reasonable doubt the events that occurred in order to bring criminals to justice. Enter the forensic team, tasked with providing objective recognition and identification and evaluating

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physical evidence (the clues) to support known or suspected circumstances. Far from the super-sleuths of fiction, the real-life masters of deduction occupy a world of dogged detection, analysing fingerprints or gait, identifying traces of toxins, drugs or explosives, matching digital data, performing anatomical dissection, disease diagnosis, facial reconstruction and environmental profiling.

FORENSIC SCIENCE: ADVANCED INVESTIGATIONS is part of a comprehensive course offering as a second-level high school course in forensic science, a course area in which students have the opportunity to expand their knowledge of chemistry, biology, physics, earth science, math, and psychology, as well as associate this knowledge with real-life applications. This text builds on concepts introduced in FORENSIC SCIENCE: FUNDAMENTALS & INVESTIGATIONS, as well as introduces additional topics, such as arson and explosions. Following the same solid instructional design as the FUNDAMENTALS & INVESTIGATIONS text, the book balances extensive scientific concepts with hands-on classroom and lab activities, readings, intriguing case studies, and chapter-opening scenarios. The book's exclusive Gale Forensic Science eCollection database provides instant access to hundreds of articles and Internet resources that spark student interest and extend learning beyond the book. Comprehensive, time-saving teacher support and lab activities deliver exactly what you need to ensure that students receive a solid, complete science education that keeps readers at all learning levels enthused about science. This two-book series provides a solution that is engaging, contemporary, and specifically designed for high school students. Instructors can be confident that the program has been written by high school forensic science instructors with their unique needs in mind, including content tied to the national and state science standards they are accountable to teaching. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Nuclear forensics is the science of determining the history of a sample of radioactive material through the study of the material's characteristics. While nuclear forensic analysis has normally been associated with investigations and prosecutions in the context of trafficking of nuclear materials or nuclear terrorism, it has wider applications in various national security contexts, such as nuclear non-proliferation, disarmament, and arms control. The New Nuclear Forensics provides a survey and an analysis of the scientific discipline of nuclear forensic analysis, and the way it is applied to specific issues of international peace and security, from the 1940s to the present day. This book describes the various methods used in nuclear forensics, giving first a general introduction to the process followed by details of relevant measurement techniques and procedures. In each case, the advantages and limitations are outlined. It uses a language and methodology that opens the issue of nuclear forensics and its potential applications to a non-specialist readership.

The association of a suspect with the victim or crime scene through DNA evidence is one of the most powerful statements of complicity in a crime imaginable. No category of evidence has ever had the complete capacity to convict or exonerate an accused so absolutely in the eyes of the public. With the discriminatory powers of DNA and the variety of DNA markers now in regular use, the one thing keeping a third of all cases unsolved is the lack of human DNA evidence. However, the identification of polymorphic genetic loci in cats, dogs, plants, insects, bacteria, and viruses can provide the critical link between suspect and scene in the absence of human DNA. Non-Human DNA Typing: Theory and Casework Applications provides an introduction to the basic science underlying the emerging field of non-human DNA typing. It examines the use of non-human DNA evidence not just in homicide cases, but also in drug trafficking, poaching of endangered species, livestock fraud, and missing persons, as well as the identification of primary and secondary crime scenes. The book demonstrates the recognition, collection, and preservation of biological evidence at a crime scene, techniques of DNA fingerprinting, and DNA profiling. Using a wide variety of examples, applications, and case studies, the author describes the STR analysis of canine and feline samples, insects, and

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fungi, and their role as evidence in forensic science. Chapters consider the development of testing methods for animal evidence, soil DNA typing, and the use of DNA typing in wildlife investigations. A useful appendix includes an overview of the history of forensic serology and DNA. Combining science, case examples, legal decisions, and references, *Non-Human DNA Typing: Theory and Casework Applications* presents the forensic and legal applications of non-human DNA evidence for scientists, law enforcement, and attorneys.

Barry Fisher's *Techniques of Crime Scene Investigation* has long been considered the "bible" of the crime-solving profession, drawing from the author's 40-year career in forensic science, including his time spent as the crime laboratory director for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Now for the first time, commissioned authors working out of the United Kingdom and Denmark present Fisher's *Techniques of Crime Scene Investigation First International Edition*—the latest edition of a classic volume, now oriented specifically to an international audience. Maintaining the same format as the U.S. editions, the book focuses on international procedures, laws, and cases. The book's three-part structure highlights the importance of approaching the topic from three consecutive perspectives. The first is that crime scene investigation is a subdiscipline of forensic science, and thus the first section, entirely new to this edition, explores the forensic process and the basic principles and practices of crime scene investigation. The second perspective is that crime scene investigation is about identifying and recovering different forms of evidence, each with its own methods for identification, recovery, and analysis. To that end, the book discusses trace and impression evidence, establishing personal identity, forensic biology, and evidence associated with firearms, arson, and explosions. Lastly, crime scene investigation is ultimately about describing the location, modus operandi, time frame and sequence of events, identity of persons involved, and motive for different types of crime. Highlighting this focus, the final section presents chapters on the investigation of various crime scenarios, including those involving illicit drugs, sexual assault, burglary, motor vehicles, and homicide. The book closes with new appendices exploring the cutting-edge world of digital evidence. Enhanced with hundreds of diagrams and color photos of actual crime scenes, this volume combines time-tested procedures with an international scope to provide an essential resource for investigators in Europe, Australasia, and Canada charged with solving crimes and bringing offenders to justice. William Tilstone talks about the book on the CRC Press YouTube Channel.

Written by experts for the general audience, this A-Z presentation covers all aspects of forensic science from its beginning to its central place in modern law enforcement.

[Truncated abstract] The use of Improvised Explosive Devices (IED's) to cause terror, damage property or take life is a common occurrence as a result of their ease of procurement and proven effect. The complex forensic investigation process undertaken to determine the explosive(s) involved requires knowledge of the properties of explosive materials and the analytical methods available for their identification. The term explosive can be defined as a solid or liquid substance, alone or mixed with one another, which are in a metastable state and are capable, for this reason, of undergoing a rapid chemical reaction without the participation of external reactants such as atmospheric oxygen (1). Alternatively an explosive can be defined as a substance capable of producing the four requirements of an explosion; that is, capable of producing gas, capable of producing energy, with both occurring rapidly and all in a self sustaining reaction (2). For an explosive to be of practical value it must be stable under anticipated storage conditions, it must burn, explode or detonate only when required, be sufficiently sensitive to be initiated as requested and the initiation stimulus should be small compared to the output of the explosive (3). The explosive must also be capable of doing work on its environment, which in the case of military explosives, be capable of converting the products of its exothermic decomposition into kinetic energy of the air in a blast wave, a rocket, a bullet or a shell etc. (3)...

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This A to Z encyclopedia provides a comprehensive, definitive, and up-to-date reference of the main areas of specialist and expert knowledge and skills used by those involved in all aspects of the forensic process, including, but not limited to, forensic scientists, doctors, practicing and academic lawyers, paralegals, police, crime scene investigators, analytical chemists, behavioral scientists and toxicologists. This five-volume set covers all topics which, either as part of an established forensic discipline or as a potentially useful emerging discipline, are of interest to those involved in the forensic process. This includes both the scientific methodology and the admissibility of evidence. The encyclopedia also provides case studies of landmark cases in the definition and practice of forensic science. Wiley Encyclopedia of Forensic Science presents all material on a level and in a style that makes it accessible to a wide range of readers. In particular, lawyers needing to better understand the key aspects of the science, and scientists who require a deeper insight into legal issues will find the encyclopedia an important resource, as will physical, biological and behavioral scientists who require background information on the most important aspects of each other's areas of expertise.

Now in its second edition, Practical Bomb Scene Investigation explores the investigative process that improvised explosive device (IED) specialists undertake at the scene of an explosion. Providing easy-to-understand, step-by-step procedures for managing and processing a bomb scene, it enables investigators to find the evidence and then make sense of what is found. The book is not only a roadmap of knowledge on how to find and collect evidence, but also an instructional guide on how to safely and effectively assess the scene. New in this Edition: Information on detonation pressure and its effects on the body Instructions on how to collect additional information from the scene in order to provide an estimate of the explosives weight of the IED A glossary for a more in-depth understanding of the terms associated with explosives and the investigation processes A greatly expanded IED component identification chapter A chapter on how to expeditiously investigate a post-blast scene in a hostile environment Information on how to prepare an Investigative Report

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Statistical methods provide a logical, coherent framework in which data from experimental science can be analyzed. However, many researchers lack the statistical skills or resources that would allow them to explore their data to its full potential. Introduction to Data Analysis with R for Forensic Sciences minimizes theory and mathematics and focuses on the application and practice of statistics to provide researchers with the dexterity necessary to systematically analyze data discovered from the fruits of their research. Using traditional techniques and employing examples and tutorials with real data collected from experiments, this book presents the following critical information necessary for researchers: A refresher on basic statistics and an introduction to R Considerations and techniques for the visual display of data through graphics An overview of statistical hypothesis tests and the reasoning behind them A comprehensive guide to the use of the linear model, the foundation of most statistics encountered An introduction to extensions to the linear model for commonly encountered scenarios, including logistic and Poisson regression Instruction on how to plan and design experiments in a way that minimizes cost and maximizes the chances of finding differences that may exist Focusing on forensic examples but useful for anyone working in a laboratory, this volume enables researchers to get the most out of their experiments by allowing them to cogently analyze the data they have collected, saving valuable time and effort.

"Learn how to analyze soil, hair, and fibers; match glass and plastic specimens; develop latent fingerprints and reveal blood traces; conduct drug and toxicology tests; analyze gunshot and explosives residues; detect forgeries and fakes; analyze toolmark impressions and camera images; match pollen and diatom samples; extract, isolate, and visualize DNA samples"--P. [4] of cover.

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Covering a range of fundamental topics essential to modern forensic investigation, the fourth edition of the landmark text Forensic Science: An Introduction to Scientific and Investigative Techniques presents contributions from experts in the field who discuss case studies from their own personal files. This edition has been thoroughly updated to r

Now in its second edition, Forensic Investigation of Explosions draws on the editor's 30 years of explosives casework experience, including his work on task forces set up to investigate major explosives incidents. Dr. Alexander Beveridge provides a broad, multidisciplinary approach, assembling the contributions of internationally recognized experts who present the definitive reference work on the subject. Topics discussed include: The physics and chemistry of explosives and explosions The detection of hidden explosives The effect of explosions on structures and persons Aircraft sabotage investigations Explosion scene investigations Casework management The role of forensic scientists Analysis of explosives and their residues Forensic pathology as it relates to explosives Presentation of expert testimony With nearly 40 percent more material, this new edition contains revised chapters and several new topics, including: A profile of casework management in the UK Forensic Explosives Laboratory, one of the world's top labs, with a discussion of their management system, training procedures, and practical approaches to problem solving Properties and analysis of improvised explosives An examination of the Bali bombings and the use of mobile analytical techniques and mobile laboratories The collection, analysis, and presentation of evidence in vehicle-borne improvised explosive device cases, as evidenced in attacks on US overseas targets This volume offers valuable information to all members of prevention and post-blast teams. Each chapter was written by an expert or experts in a specific field and provides well-referenced information underlying best practices that can be used in the field, laboratory, conference room, classroom, or courtroom.

Now in its second edition, Nuclear Forensic Analysis provides a multidisciplinary reference for forensic scientists, analytical and nuclear chemists, and nuclear physicists in one convenient source. The authors focus particularly on the chemical, physical, and nuclear aspects associated with the production or interrogation of a radioactive sample. They consolidate fundamental principles of nuclear forensic analysis, all pertinent protocols and procedures, computer modeling development, interpretational insights, and attribution considerations. The principles and techniques detailed are then demonstrated and discussed in their applications to real-world investigations and casework conducted over the past several years. Highlights of the Second Edition include: A new section on sample analysis considerations and interpretation following a post-detonation nuclear forensic collection New case studies, including the most wide-ranging and multidisciplinary nuclear forensic investigation conducted by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory to date Expanded treatments of radiologic dispersal devices (RDDs) and statistical analysis methodologies The material is presented with minimal mathematical formality, using consistent terminology with limited jargon, making it a reliable, accessible reference. The broad-based coverage provides important insight into the multifaceted changes facing this recently developed science.

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This text has been shaped by the editor's experiences on task forces set up to investigate major explosives incidents and related civil and criminal proceedings. Chapters cover methods, applications, quality control, and significance of forensic chemistry, aircraft sabotage investigation, forensic pathology, and presentation of expert testimony. Contributors provide descriptions of the physics and chemistry of explosions and explosives, the detection of hidden explosives, and the procedures carried out at the scenes of gas explosions in buildings. Experienced professionals from industry, government, and the medical and legal professionals provide accounts of the developments and techniques in each of their subject areas.

This text provides training on the fundamental tools and methodologies used in active forensic laboratories for the complicated analysis of fire debris and explosives evidence. It is intended to serve as a gateway for students and transitioning forensic science or chemistry professionals. The book is divided between the two disciplines of fire debris and explosives, with a final pair of chapters devoted to the interplay between the two disciplines and with other disciplines, such as DNA and fingerprint analysis. It brings together a multi-national group of technical experts, ranging from academic researchers to active practitioners, including members of some of the premier forensic agencies of the world. Readers will gain knowledge of practical methods of analysis and will develop a strong foundation for laboratory work in forensic chemistry. End-of-chapter questions based on relevant topics and real-world data provide a realistic arena for learners to test newly-acquired techniques.

If you have only a vague concept of what forensic science is, this book will provide the answer.

While gun design has undergone only minimal change over the centuries, investigative tools surrounding firearm use have grown significantly in sophistication. Now in its third edition, *Firearms, the Law, and Forensic Ballistics* has been updated to reflect recently published research and new technology developed since the last volume. Beginning with

Criminalistics: Forensic Science, Crime and Terrorism, Second Edition introduces readers with no background in biology or chemistry, to the study of forensic science, crime analysis and application. Principle topics such as fingerprint identification, DNA, paint and glass analysis, drug toxicology, and forensic soil characterization are thoroughly explained in a reader-friendly manner. Unlike other texts available on this topic, this Second Edition is updated to include comprehensive coverage on important homeland security issues including explosives, weapons of mass destruction, and cybercrime. Key Features: * New case studies and updated sections on analysis of fingerprints and questioned documents offer recent developments and findings in this critical field. * Two new chapters on chemistry and biology equip readers with the foundation and tools necessary to understand more advanced topics. * Extensive updating of Chapter 11 "Drug Use and Abuse," provides the latest methods of drug testing and analysis by federal and state law enforcement agencies. Instructor Resources: * Answers to end of chapter questions * Lecture Outlines * Test Bank * PowerPoint Lecture Outlines Student Resources: * Companion Website (secure) featuring: - web links - interactive glossary - interactive flashcards - chapter spotlights - crossword puzzles * Access to the student companion website can be purchased here <http://www.jblearning.com/catalog/9780763789947/>. Bundles: * *Criminalistics with Brown Lab Manual* * *Criminalistics with Companion Website* * *Criminalistics with with Brown Lab Manual and Companion Website* * *Criminalistics with*

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