



Office of the Attorney General
Florida Crime Prevention Training Institute



Florida Elder Crime Practitioner Designation Application

History

In 1986, the Attorney General's Office, Florida Crime Prevention Training Institute (FCPTI) began training specifically on elder issues with a series of one-day workshops across the state on "Fraud Against the Elderly." This led to the design of a five-day "Crimes Against the Elderly" course that was eventually adopted by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) as an "Advanced" course. With a growing senior population, there was an increase in elderly criminal victimization such as financial exploitation, abuse and neglect. To meet the demand for further training and a designation, the Attorney General's Office expanded training for law enforcement and those professionals who interact with this population on a daily basis. These courses provide participants with detailed information on the role of the law enforcement officer in combating senior crime, in establishing prosecutorial cases, and a comprehensive look at abuse and neglect.

Initial Designation

To earn the **Florida Elder Crime Practitioner Designation**, a participant must successfully complete eighty-eight hours of instruction, offered through FCPTI, within a period of three consecutive years. The curriculum includes each of the following courses:

- **Crimes Against the Elderly** is a forty-hour course with training designed to increase understanding of the laws affecting the elderly; recognizes specific crimes and the impact of those crimes; and familiarizes the participant with criminal justice and social service resources (**It is recommended that this course be taken first**);
- **Aging Issues: A Comprehensive Approach** is a twenty-four hour course that provides instruction on how aging impacts the community; comprehensive and multi-disciplinary approaches; determines differences in personal judgment; capacity to consent; addresses common addictions among the elderly; and the Florida Victims' Compensation program; and
- **Law Enforcement's Role in Elder Crime** a twenty-four hour course with focused instruction on the role law enforcement plays in elder abuse prevention; understanding Florida's residential facility system; abuse, neglect and sexual abuse of elderly persons; Florida law; and practical investigative techniques.

Students must pass a written examination at the conclusion of each course. **For the participant to receive their designation certificate at the successful conclusion of the last class, FCPTI must receive the attached application two weeks prior to the date of the course.**

Maintaining the Designation

The initial **Florida Elder Crime Practitioner Designation** is valid for a period of three years from the date that appears on the **Florida Elder Crime Practitioner Designation** certificate. To maintain the designation, a **Florida Elder Crime Practitioner** must successfully complete the twenty-four hour **Florida Elder Crime Practitioner Designation Update** course offered by FCPTI. Upon successful completion of a **Florida Elder Crime Practitioner Designation Update** course, the designation will be renewed for a period of three years from the date of the Update course.

- **Florida Elder Crime Practitioner Designation Update** is a twenty-four hour course which informs the practitioner of changes and updates them on new and the most recent elder issues and amended resources. The general format of the course is prevention, intervention and response to elder issues.