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### STATE EDUCATORS RECEIVE CSI TRAINING

**Bell Buckle, TN** – Educators from across the state will receive training in crime scene investigations at the Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy (TFACA) on July 14, 2008.

Educators will take this experience back to high school students enrolled in Forensic Science, which is a high school elective. Health science teachers oversee instruction at high schools located across the state. Students enrolled in this specialized training receive instruction in an overview of how science is applied to solving crimes. Topics include history of forensic sciences, collecting of evidence, analyzing results and hands-on applications of many laboratory techniques used in solving crimes and identifying people.

“Forensic Science is the fastest growing course in the Health Science curriculum,” said Sheila Carlton, Health Science consultant with the Department of Education. “This training provides a hands-on approach to crime scene investigation from a medical perspective and allows for the students to gain skills in order to participate in a mock (staged) crime scene. Jobs these students can consider include forensic nursing, forensic odontologists, forensic pathologists, forensic psychiatrists, medical examiners/coroners, forensic technicians, criminalists, and toxicologists.”

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) is hosting this course and providing the instructors for training. An explosives demonstration will be included as part of the course. ATF will place emphasis on the safety issues surrounding chemicals and their explosive properties.

“Many agencies within state government utilize our facility because of its diversity and cost saving measures.” states TFACA Executive Director Roger Hawks. “We are pleased to include the Department of Education in our expanding list of customers.”

Located on 330 acres in northern Bedford County, the Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy offers a unique dual curriculum. The Academy provides nearly 500 courses to fire departments, codes professionals and other agencies throughout the state.

For more information about the Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy, visit [www.tennessee.gov/commerce](http://www.tennessee.gov/commerce) or call toll free 1-800-747-8868 or 931-294-4111.

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