

Cathy Johnson has worked in crime scene investigations for approximately 10 years. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry from The University of Warwick, after which she began working at the Forensic Science Service in London. After moving to the US, she completed a Master of Science in Criminalistics at California State University. During the master's program, she interned at the Verdugo Regional Crime Laboratory, where she was later hired as a Forensic Specialist. A year later, she was employed in the same role by one of the largest law enforcement agencies in the country. She spent the first seven years of this employment processing crime scenes, responding to more than 350 major crime scenes, including homicides, deputy/officer-involved shootings, assaults with deadly weapons, sexual assaults, and robberies. She co-led the Major Crime Scene training program for a year before taking on a new role at the same agency as a Criminalist. She is now training in major crime scenes with an emphasis on firearm-related evidence, including bullet hole and impact determination, chemical testing, trajectory determination, and complex bullet recovery.