

SCIENTIFIC WORKING GROUP FOR MEDICOLEGAL DEATH INVESTIGATION

SWGMDI Endorsement of External Publication

National Institute of Justice's Death Investigation: A Guide for the Scene Investigator

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The Scientific Working Group for Medicolegal Death Investigation (SWGMDI) has reviewed two publications of the National Institute of Justice which include "Death Investigation: A Guide for the Scene Investigator" (1999), and "Death Investigation: A Guide for the Scene Investigator: Technical Update" (2011).

After review, the SWGMDI endorses these publications as a useful tool for improving medicolegal death investigations in the United States, and recommends that the procedures and practices contained in the NIJ publications be utilized as **standards**.

Each of these publications is available on line at:

Death Investigation: A Guide for the Scene Investigator (1999) https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles/167568.pdf

Death Investigation: A Guide for the Scene Investigator: Technical Update (2011). https://ncirs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/234457.pdf The SWGMDI Board members at the time of this endorsement included:

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