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The Expert Witness Course (4 Days)

Since the inauguration of the Firearms Expert Witness course in 1999 a total of sixty nine firearms practitioners and examiners from thirty-three Police Forces have attended the joint Helston Forensics & Bond Solon training programme.

The majority of delegates are already involved in firearms examinations and the course was conceived primarily with them in mind; to enable them to receive first class training from registered forensic practitioners in this specialist field in a “safe” environment surrounded by their peers.

This “safe” environment is maintained by a corporate decision by Helston Forensics to limit this event to Police personnel and forensic practitioners ONLY, with the course limited to ten to ensure that each delegate experiences the maximum time in the witness box, unlike other “mass” training events.

Whilst aimed primarily at Firearms Examiners the course is ideal for continuing personal development of Crime Scene Managers, Senior Scene of Crime Officers and Forensic Practitioners who have contact with firearms and ammunition.

Due to the complexity of UK Firearms Law and the interaction of firearms with other forensic specialties a sound knowledge of this subject could only be of benefit to all involved in the forensic sphere.

The overall structure of the course is in line with the guidelines of the Council for the Registration of Forensic Practitioners by trainers who were CRFP registered, to ensure that should the delegate be called to produce evidence or attend court they will be familiar with the system that is adhered to by the majority of Police and Defence expert witnesses.

The course culminates in the Bond Solon Courtroom skills package where after training from a Bond Solon Trainer the delegate experiences Crown Court style cross examination on an item they have examined the previous day.

In addition to receiving a Certificate from Helston Forensics, Bond Solon also recognise the Courtroom skills element of the course for a credit towards the Cardiff University Law School Expert Witness Skills programme.