

# MERIT

# MISSOURI EMERGENCY RESPONSE IDENTIFICATION TEAM

## Annual Meeting – Saturday, March 22, 2025 – MDA Office

**Attention All Dental Team Members!** I am pleased to announce the 2025 Meeting of MERIT — The Missouri Emergency Response Identification Team — which is a statewide, forensic dental team that meets annually for CE and a business meeting. To reserve your place at the meeting, a registration form and registration fee of \$125 must be mailed, e-mailed or faxed to the MDA. — **Eric Wilson, DDS, DABFO**

<b>Location:</b>	MDA Executive Office, 3340 American Avenue, Jefferson City, Missouri
<b>Date:</b>	Saturday, March 22, 2025, from 9:00am to 4:30pm
<b>Schedule:</b>	8:30am Registration 9am: CE Begins <b>Cases that Never Die: A Journey in Forensic Pathology</b> by Deiter Duff, MD <b>Functions within a Medical Examiner's Office by a Forensic Autopsy Supervisor</b> by Holly Cass
<b>CE:</b>	7.5 hours
<b>Fee:</b>	\$125 per person; Continental breakfast and catered lunch included.
<b>Hotel Block:</b>	Hampton Inn, 4800 Country Club Dr., Jefferson City MO 65109

See reverse side for an overview of course and objectives. **For those who need a hotel**, a block of rooms has been reserved at Hampton Inn for Friday, March 21. Room rates are \$144/nt for Double Queen or \$149/nt for King Rooms; For reservations, please call 573-761-0400 by March 17, under the Missouri Dental Association.

### — 2025 MERIT Meeting Registration Form (\$125 per person) —

Name		ADA #	
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Phone		Email	
Credit Card # (MC, VISA, DISC)		Exp Date	CSV
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**Return to:** MDA, 3340 American Ave, Jefferson City, MO 65109

**Fax:** 573-635-0764 or **Email:** [mandy@modentalmail.org](mailto:mandy@modentalmail.org).

One form must be completed for each attendee. However, one payment may be used to pay for multiple registrations. Make checks payable to MERIT.

**Registration deadline March 18, 2025. No refunds or cancellations after this date.**



**Deiter Duff, MD** is a native Missourian and forensic pathologist with 10 years of experience who has performed more than 2,500 postmortem examinations. He is the Medical Examiner for Greene County in Springfield, Mo. and formerly was Assistant Professor at the University of Missouri and a Medical Examiner for Boone and Callaway Counties. His undergraduate degrees are from Ozark Christian College in Joplin, Mo. as well as the University of Missouri-Columbia, and he went on to complete medical school and a pathology residency at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Dr. Duff's forensic pathology fellowship was in St. Louis.

### ***Cases that Never Die: A Journey in Forensic Pathology***

This will be a primarily case-based exploration of the practice of forensic pathology. Topics will include determination of cause and manner of death, toxicology, case discussions based on real death investigations, interpretation of autopsy findings, and the partnership between forensic pathologists and other specialists including forensic odontologists.

### **Course Objectives**

1. Describe the role of forensic pathologists and how they work with forensic odontologists.
2. Define manners of death and explain how these manners are classified.
3. Discuss common causes of death.
4. Formulate questions and hypotheses during case discussions of death investigations.

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**Ms. Holly Cass** is the forensic autopsy supervisor for Jackson County Medical Examiner's Office (JCMEO). She attended Columbia College in Columbia, Mo. where she earned a BS in Forensic Science focusing on post-mortem forensic practices, with a concentration in biology, minor in chemistry and a certificate in CSI. She has been with the Jackson County Medical Examiner's office since July 2014, as a Forensic Technician for three years and the Forensic Autopsy Supervisor for last 7+ years.

### ***Functions within a Medical Examiner's Office by a Forensic Autopsy Supervisor***

This presentation will encompass several cases Holly has worked with throughout her 10 years with JCMEO. She will show many different aspects of her job, including her responsibilities inside and outside the medical examiner's office. Attendees will learn about the differences between the coroner's office and the medical examiner's office. She will also explain when she needs to call in a forensic odontologist to help with the identification of the remains. This, like most forensic presentations, will have photography that is graphic in nature.