

According to Trooper Jonathan Biven, Public Relations Officer with the Kentucky State Police, KSP Post 3 Detective Matthew Cardwell, graduated from the Kentucky Criminalistics Academy (KCA) in Richmond. KCA is made up of two five-week, 200-hour courses that instructors developed for full-time and newly appointed crime scene investigators and patrol officers who serve as Crime Scene Investigators for their agencies.

In addition to sworn officers, the KCA is open to civilians who work for law enforcement agencies. The Crime Scene Technician course certification is one of two five-week courses officers can complete in crime-scene investigation. Friday's graduates completed the second five-week course. Detective Cardwell completed the first phase of the training in 2012, and the advanced, second phase last Friday.