

2027 CBD-IAI Photography Contest

This photography contest is open to both nonmembers and members of the Chesapeake Bay Division-International Association for Identification (CBD-IAI) that will be in attendance at the 2027 CBD-IAI Annual Conference. Prizes will be awarded for first and second place in each category, along with a "People's Choice Award" voted on by conference attendees. Participants may submit only ONE photograph for each category (Forensic and Creative).

- **Photograph Entry Categories**

- **Forensic:** This category can include photographs from forensic crime scenes, evidentiary casework, research, training, etc.
 - Please do not include any victims, suspects, or other identifiable details related to ongoing investigations in the photograph. Identifiable professionals can only be included in the photograph WITH written consent.
- **Creative:** The theme for the Creative category this year will be *"Blast from the Past."*
 - Photographs can include any subject matter related to this category, including historical places, items, etc.

- **Rules and Guidelines:**

- Participants may submit up to two photographs in total but only ONE photograph per category (Forensic and Creative).
- All entries must be photographed by the participant.
- Entries from past conferences may NOT be submitted.
- Any imaging devices, to include but not limited to digital cameras and cellphones, may be utilized to capture the photographs used for submissions.
- Photographs may be in color or black and white, as well as in landscape or portrait orientation.
- Basic post-processing is permitted, but the judging will be based on photographic expertise and excellence. If any post-processing is applied, you MUST attach a copy of the original image and include an explanation of your adjustments on the provided Photograph Contest Entry Form (note: the original image does not have to be the same size nor mounted on the same material as the submitted entry but should be clearly visible and at least 5").
 - Examples of accepted post-processing techniques: [Best practices for Forensic Digital Image Processing](#)
- Participants must include the following information on the Photography Contest Entry Form (provided after application approval) along with their entries: *Camera Model, Lens Model, Focal Length, Filter(s), ISO, Aperture, Shutter Speed, Post-Processing Techniques (with a copy of the original image), etc.*
- Entries MUST be PRINTED and MOUNTED on a foam board with no borders, no frame, no matting; all sides MUST be at least 8" but no more than 24".
 - On the back of the photograph entry, please include the following information: *Name, Agency (if applicable), Category, and Title.*

- Participants MUST comply with all rules and guidelines to be eligible for judging.
- Individuals interested in entering photographs for the contest must submit their application online by January 13, 2027.
 - To submit your application, please fill out the following form: [2027 CBD-IAI Photography Contest Application](#)
 - After your application is submitted, you will receive an email from a CBD-IAI representative with application approval and a Photography Contest Entry Form. Please print and mount your entries as described above and bring them to the conference, along with your completed Photography Contest Entry Form.
- **Contest Details:**
 - Time of Contest
 - Participants must bring all photograph entries to the conference registration desk for set up by 12:00PM on Monday, February 1st, 2027.
 - All entries will be displayed on Monday, February 1st, 2027, until the banquet on Tuesday, February 2nd, 2027.
 - Awards will be presented during the banquet on Tuesday, February 2nd, 2027, at 6:30PM.
 - Participants must retrieve their printed entries after the banquet and no later than the end of the conference on Wednesday, February 3, 2027.
 - Judging
 - Submissions will be judged by at least three designees on Tuesday, February 2, 2027.
 - The “People’s Choice Award” will be determined by attendee votes, which will be collected on Tuesday, February 2, 2027.
 - Winning photographs will be selected based on:
 - Adherence to the theme and rules of the contest
 - Subject matter
 - Photography skills
 - Prizes
 - Forensic Category: \$100 cash prize for First Place, \$50 merchandise voucher for Second Place
 - Creative Category: \$100 cash prize for First Place, \$50 merchandise voucher for Second Place
 - People’s Choice Award: \$50 cash prize

If you have any questions or need further information about the Photography Contest, please contact: Emily Vocu at evocu9@gmail.com