

Course: Introduction to Crime Scene Response and Evidence Collection

Course Length: 8 hrs

Course Location: As requested

Abstract:

This course is intended to serve as a review of first responder actions at the crime scene and as an introduction to evidence preservation and collection procedures for the new officer.

Procedures will be general in nature following guidelines published by the National Institute of Justice and the West Virginia State Police Forensic Laboratory Field Manual. At the completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Recognize and secure the crime scene
- Define search patterns and types of sketches
- Demonstrate evidence recognition, collection, and packaging procedures with various types of physical evidence
- Documentation using sketches, notes, photographs, and reports
- Give examples of evidence standards and when their collection is necessary
- List various resources for best practices and guidelines related to evidence collection and submission
- Explain what information can be obtained from the evidence collected
- Apply basic processing skills to the recognition and recovery of evidence on scene
- Apply skills to process a mock crime scene from initial response until its release