

Processing the Crime Scene

- Determine Team Composition
 - The investigator(s) in charge shall assess the scene to determine team composition and specialized resources required.
- Ensure Contamination Control
 - The investigator(s) in charge shall require all personnel to follow procedures to ensure scene safety and evidence integrity.
- Where to start
- Prioritize Collection of Evidence
 - The investigator(s) in charge and team members shall determine the order in which evidence is collected.
- Crime Scene Search Methods
 - The investigator(s) in charge shall consider different search strategies for crime scenes depending upon locale and the number of officials available to aid in searching.
 - Lane or strip search
 - Grid search
 - Zone Search
 - Spiral search
- Collect, Preserve, Inventory, Package, Transport, and Submit Evidence
 - The team member(s) shall ensure the effective collection, preservation, packaging, and transport of evidence.
- Detailed Crime Scene Evidence Collection
 - First responders, investigators and specialized personnel who are properly trained, equipped and prepared shall collect any and all potential evidence.
- Crime scene reconstruction
 - The use of scientific methods, physical evidence, deductive reasoning and their interrelationships to gain explicit knowledge of the series of events that surround the commission of a crime.
 - Blood Stain Pattern Analysis (identity, positions, number of blows, etc.)
 - Firearms (trajectory, shooting distance, GSR, etc.)