

# Crime Scene Essentials

by the Business & Industry Center's Public Safety Institute

This training module is designed to address the importance of Crime Scene Investigation which is the process of gathering and collecting evidence and investigating crime scenes. It includes information obtained from the initial call, responding officers, detectives, supervisors, crime scene technicians, medical examiners and coroners. This module will focus on the areas of responsibility of those tasked with processing a crime scene. We will examine rules of evidence involving search and seizure and search warrant applications as part of the information gathering process.

Students will receive valuable information on how to process a crime scene, identify and collect evidence and how to properly document evidence. This training will focus on the following:

- What is evidence and how do you identify what is evidence
- Relationship between investigators and crime scene personnel
- Understanding your interpretation of a scene as compared to the interpretations of others
- Evidence collecting and packaging
- DNA, Trace, & Impression Evidence Recovery
- Crime scene sketching
- Bullet impact assessment
- Information vs. evidence
- Establishing the burden of proof

**When:** December 6, 2023 1 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (lunch noon-1 p.m.; responsibility of the attendee)

**Where:** Washburn Tech, 5724 SW Huntoon St., Topeka, Kan. 66604

**Cost:** \$75 (includes course materials and a flash drive)

**Format:** Lecture/Student Participant/Particle Application (class is limited to 20 participants)

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## **Presenters for this training session include:**

### **Matt Ford**

Matt served 10 years in the U.S. Army before he began his career with the Topeka Police Department in 1998. Matt retired with 25 years of service and assignments included patrol officer, street supervisor and 15 years as a member of the Crisis Negotiation Team. Matt's last four years were as a Crime Scene Investigator which included being a certified NIBIN technician.

### **Lance Feyh**

Lance retired as a Sergeant from the Topeka Police Department with 29 years of service. When Lance retired he was the supervisor of the Crime Scene Investigation Unit. Lance spent the last five years of his career supervising CSI Officers in the field as well as investigating crime scenes.

## **Competencies:**

- **Understand the importance of initial response and arrival on a crime scene**
- **Understand how to mitigate institutional crime scene bias**
- **Knowledge of the rules of evidence involving search and seizure**
- **Knowledge of on-scene documentation methods**
- **Basic understanding of investigating a crime scene from the beginning to the end**
- **Understand basic DNA, Trace and Impression evidence recovery**
- **Basic knowledge of crime scene sketching**
- **Basic blood stain pattern recognition**

