

CRIME S.C.E.N.E. **Excellence**

Navigating the Initial Response of a Violent Crime Scene:
The Essential First Steps to Build a Strong Investigative Foundation

Be a Champion • Be Excellent



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SAFETY

Safely Arrive on Scene

“Be quick, don’t hurry!”

Security

Seek out threats upon arrival to the area. Be “intentionally aware” of your surroundings.

WIN/WIN*

Be alert for ambushes.

Information Hunting

Arrive looking for victims, suspects, and witnesses associated with the event.

Tactics Before Medicine

Look for threats at the scene.

Provide Medical Attention

Install Overwatch Tactics

Professionalism and Demeanor

Respect is an officer safety issue.

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CASE OFFICER

Contact and Control

Communication

Request Backup Officers

WIN/WIN*

Incident Command

Establish yourself as the incident commander.

Authority

Know your legal authority with suspects/victims/witnesses.

Avoid Complacency

Be intentionally aware!

Emotional Intelligence

Self-awareness

Self-management
(Know your triggers.)

Use tactical breathing.

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EVIDENCE

Evidence Preservation

Avoid crime scene contamination.

Identify other resources needed at the scene for evidence preservation and collection.

WIN/WIN*

Establish a Perimeter

Establish inner/outer boundaries.

Establish a Crime Scene Log

Document the entry/exit of all personnel at the scene and control the flow.

Maintain Evidence Integrity

Maintain and protect the chain of custody.

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NOTIFICATION

Notify Chain of Command

Contact supervision, detectives, and crime scene technicians.

Note Taking

Take accurate and complete notes: who, what, where, when, how, names, dates of birth, addresses, phone numbers, descriptions, tattoos, marking, gait, date, time, vehicles, registrations, etc.

WIN/WIN*

Neighborhood Canvass

Be tactically sound.

Use interpersonal skills.

“Leave no stone unturned.”

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EXCELLENCE IN REPORT WRITING

Excellence in Report Writing

The final step in achieving excellence is the construction of a detailed report to support a successful prosecution.

Excellence in Community Response

Be a Professional

We Took an Oath to Uphold Our Duty

MINDSET IS KEY!

BE MENTALLY,
PHYSICALLY, AND
EMOTIONALLY
PREPARED