First Responder
Crime Scene Training
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Respond
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- Observations on way to scene
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- Mental Notes
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- Officer Safety
Evaluate
Evaluate

- Officer Safety - In Progress
  - Suspect(s), witness, victims
  - First Aid, Bio/Chemhaz, SWAT
  - Weapons
  - Fire, Gas, Electric
Evaluate
Evaluate

- **Type of Crime - Not In Progress**
  - Ask for assistance?
  - Uniform and/or BCI/Detectives?
  - Gloves and other PPE
- **TIME TO TAKE NOTES!**

Lincoln Police Department Forensic Identification Laboratory
Evaluation/Notes
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- Notepad Content
  - What have you seen?
  - What have you heard?
Evaluation/Notes

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  - What have you seen?
  - What have you heard?
- Culpable mental state?
Evaluation/Notes

- Culpable Mental State?
  - Intentional
  - Knowingly
  - Recklessly
  - Criminal Negligence
Evaluate
Evaluate

- Witness, Victims, Suspects
  - The “REAL” first responder?
  - Gather witness and obtain information
  - Neighbors, Bystanders,
  - Emergency personnel
Establish Perimeter
- Authorized personnel only
- Attendance Log
Protect

- Safeguard scene
  - Weather
  - Animals
  - Traffic
Observe
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Basic factors
- Time of call, arrival, narrative/description
- Basic sketch
- Weather/Temperature
- Doors open or locked
- Lights on or off
- Thermostat setting
Notifications
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- Document
Documentation

- Attendance Log
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- Attendance Log
- Narrative
Documentation

- Attendance Log
- Narrative
- Sketch
- Photographs with log
Documentation

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- Sketch
- Photographs with log
- Evidence log
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- Reports
STOP !!!!!

- Keep everyone out
- Pause and review your notes
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- Notification
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- Forensics
  - belonging to courts of justice

- Forensic Evidence
  - that which tends to prove or disprove any matter in question
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- Forensics
  - the ability through physical evidence and modern technology, to speak for someone who can not speak or will not speak
    - ie: victim is deceased
    - victim is frightened, withdrawn, intimidated
    - victim is a child
    - defendant invokes 5th amendment
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Functions of Forensic/Crime Scene Units
- prove that a particular crime was committed
- corroboration of victim/witness accounts
- corroboration of defendant’s confession
- support leads/theories through physical evidence
- show physical evidence in court - Set the Stage
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- Physical Evidence
  - laboratory evidence
  - latent evidence
  - “hold at station” evidence
Secure

◆ Establish Perimeter
  - Tape/rope
  - Large perimeter/rope
  - Outer/inner
  - Be aware
    - footprints
    - tire prints
    - suspect escape route
Secure

- Establish Attendance Log
  - Begin with yourself and anyone past/present
  - Maintain until scene release
  - Include in log
    - Names
    - Dates
    - Time entered
    - Time exited
    - Reason entered

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Secure
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- Establish Attendance Log
  - Second log for evidence
    - Bag/Tag/Secure/Log
    - Dedicated personnel for security/integrity
Secure
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- Limit essential personnel
  - Only qualified and assigned
  - No family, bosses, witnesses etc
  - Use polaroid/video in place of direct viewing
  - Escort all non-assigned
  - Control all news audio/visual and get copies
  - Crowd photograph, video
Protect

- Safeguard Evidence
  - Protect after collection
  - Mark bag and tag
  - Seal bag/initial/date
  - Biological evidence in paper bags
  - “One” sealed container per item
Protect
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- Safeguard items within scene
  - Bathrooms
  - Phone
  - ID’s, wallets, personal items
  - No movement of body
  - Transport to autopsy
Protect

- Safeguard items within scene
- No smoking, eating or drinking
- If you move anything by necessity, document it
- DO NOT reposition items for photographs
Evaluate
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- Evidence
  - Obvious is apparent
  - Gun
  - Knife
  - Blood pools
Evaluate
Evaluate

- Trace Evidence
  - Latents
  - Blood spatter
  - Hair, Fibers
  - Debris
  - Biostains
Evaluate
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- Limitations and Qualifications (Obvious)
  - Type of Crime
  - Your experience and training
  - The obvious
Evaluate
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- Limitations and Qualifications (Not Obvious)
  - Non-Obvious
  - Alternate light sources
  - Chemicals
  - Forensic vacuum
  - Specialized equipment
Observe
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- Vehicles
  - Odometer
  - Registration
  - Gas in tank
  - Trip meter
Observe

- Vehicles
  - Look under vehicle
  - Damage interior/exterior
  - Inventory
  - Stains interior/exterior
Observe
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- Domestic Violence Scene
- Overall condition of house
- Living conditions for children
- Condition of clothing
- Victim’s emotional status
- Physical injuries old/new
- Defensive/Offensive injuries
Observe
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Utilities
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- Utilities
- Temperature in house
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- Temperature in house
- Food in house
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- Temperature in house
- Food in house
- Infestation
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- Food in house
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- Pornographic materials
Observe
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- Inventory drugs, alcohol and medications
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- Garbage/cans and bottles
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- 911 calls by victims & suspects, tapes
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- 911 calls by victims & suspects, tapes
- All phones last # dialed
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- 911 calls by victims & suspects, tapes
- All phones last # dialed
- Answer machine tapes
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- Narrative should flow
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- Information should NOT backtrack
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- Designate a scribe
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- Designate a scribe
- Time check regularly