

Basic Training Module Specifications

<u>Functional Area:</u>	I. Investigation
<u>Subject Area:</u>	F. Crime Scene Process
<u>Module Title:</u>	1. CRIME SCENE SEARCH
<u>Hours:</u>	Not less than 6 hours

Notes to Instructor:

Review search warrant requirements.

Impress upon recruits the delicate nature of physical evidence and laboratory capabilities if evidence is located.

Discuss medical implications of contagious diseases for the crime scene investigator.

Module Objectives:

I.F.1.1. Plan Strategy for a Search.

- a. Defines the scope of the search by evaluating:
 - (1) the size, type, and difficulty of the area to be searched;
 - (2) the nature of the evidence to be searched for; and
 - (3) the seriousness of the crime.
- b. Evaluates the types of assistance and equipment available including:
 - (1) the number of personnel;
 - (2) the expertise of personnel (e.g., arson investigators, bomb technicians, narcotics investigators, canine team, etc.);
 - (3) the type of equipment (e.g., helicopters, four-wheel drive vehicles, metal detectors, etc.).
- c. Determines the appropriate search method based upon available personnel, equipment, and physical characteristics of the area to be searched, including:
 - (1) spiral;
 - (2) grid; or
 - (3) quadrant.
- d. Conducts a briefing describing:
 - (1) facts relating to the crime and crime scene; and
 - (2) officers' assignments for the search.

I.F.1.2. Search a Crime Scene for Physical Evidence.

- a. Searches crime scene systematically using proper technique for the type of evidence that may be present at the scene.
- b. Examines potential evidence and personal property from crime scene to determine its relationship to the crime and its evidentiary value.

Module History

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