

CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION 2010 TASK AND MATERIAL LIST

Purpose:

To evaluate a team of contestant's ability to conduct a crime scene investigation.

Clothing Requirements:

- White Shirt, Black pants, Black Shoes or boots (No high heels) and black tie.
- Nothing on clothing or anywhere identifying students school name or affiliation.
- Likewise, name tags and any other indicators are prohibited. Contestants will be given a number which will identify them during the competition. This number should be written on all report when handed into judges.

Eligibility:

Open to a team of three active SkillsUSA members enrolled in programs with law enforcement as the occupational objective. All team members must be from the same SkillsUSA - chapter and not entered in the Criminal Justice Skills Contest. A Team of 3 must compete and less then 3 will be penalized 10% of the total score.

Equipment and Materials:

Contestants must provide crime scene kit containing materials necessary to conduct crime scene investigation, ex. fingerprint cards, brushes, powder, crime scene tape, proper forms, packaging material, etc. Contestants must also have the following equipment:

- a. Small pocket notebook for field notes
- b. Belt and training holster
- c. Pens and pencils
- d. Handcuffs and handcuff case
- e. Flashlight
- f. Digital camera
- g. 1 page resume per student (failure to do so will decrease overall score by 5%)
- h. Contestants are encouraged to bring food and beverage with them to the contest as no one will be allowed to leave once we begin. Students may also wish to bring books, magazines, etc.

Book Used:

Criminal Investigation, by Wayne W. Bennett and Karen H. Hess

Scope of the Contest

1. Contestants will demonstrate their ability to conduct a crime scene investigation demonstrating the following competencies:
 - a. Explain and demonstrate knowledge and use of constitutional law governing search and seizure
 - b. Demonstrate communication skills
 - c. Demonstrate interpersonal skills
 - d. Demonstrate the ability to work together as a team to conduct a systematic crime scene investigation
 - e. Explain and complete crime scene photography
 - f. Properly search for, handle and collect physical evidence
 - g. Explain and complete crime scene sketch
 - h. Obtain clear fingerprints from crime scene

Pre-Contest Information:

1. Prior to the competition, contestants will be briefed on the upcoming events. This will allow contestants to ask questions. Contestants will not be allowed any communication with advisors, chaperons, or fellow contestants during the competition.
2. Contestants will draw a number and will be identified by that number
3. Contestants will have 30 minutes to process the scene and 30 minutes to write their report.
4. Contestant must work together as a team without assistance from instructors, other contestants, or observers. Contestant will be disqualified if in violation.
5. Contestants will be given 30 minutes to take a written test over the Criminal Investigations book.
6. Skills USA Knowledge Test Score will be used in case of a tie.

**2010 SkillsUSA Criminal Justice Team Competition
Crime Scene Investigation
Evaluator's Score Sheet**

Team # _____

Score _____

Skill Activity

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| 1. ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO CRIME SCENE SEARCH | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| A. Contestant obtains information from responding officer | | | | | |
| B. Scene security is established and maintained | | | | | |
| C. Consent to search or search warrant is obtained | | | | | |
| D. Contestant checks for vital signs | | | | | |
| E. Proper notification is made ie. Medical Examiner is requested | | | | | |
| 2. PHOTOGRAPHING OF CRIME SCENE PART I | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| A. Exterior photographs are taken from all angles | | | | | |
| B. Interior photographs are taken from all angles | | | | | |
| C. Items of evidence are not disturbed | | | | | |
| D. Film log is established | | | | | |
| E. Justice of the Peace or Medical Examiner is escorted to body | | | | | |
| 3. SEARCH AND FLAGGING OF EVIDENCE | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| A. Contestant puts on gloves | | | | | |
| B. Contestant used numbered cones | | | | | |
| C. Contestant explains his/her search approach | | | | | |
| D. Systematic approach is followed | | | | | |
| E. Evidence is not moved or disturbed during flagging | | | | | |
| 4. PHOTOGRAPHING CRIME SCENE PART II | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| A. Evidence is photographed before collecting | | | | | |
| B. Close-up photographs of all evidence are taken | | | | | |
| C. Contestant used a scale in all close-up photographs | | | | | |
| D. Medium range photographs showing the spatial relationship between two or more items of evidence are taken | | | | | |
| E. Film is marked for future identification | | | | | |
| 5. CRIME SCENE SKETCH | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| A. Contestant measures perimeter and places furniture in scene | | | | | |
| B. Contestant uses two fixed reference points when measuring evidence | | | | | |
| C. Contestant indicates magnetic north | | | | | |
| D. Contestant indicates all evidence found | | | | | |
| E. Legend is made and sketch is labeled with case information | | | | | |

6. LIFTING OF A LATENT FINGERPRINT 1 2 3 4 5
- A. Contestant explains the process for dusting latent fingerprints in the crime scene
 - B. Contestant properly develops latent fingerprints on a pre-selected piece of evidence
 - C. Print was properly lifted with lifting tape
 - D. Print was properly placed on white card
 - E. Contestant properly marked card with case information

7. COLLECTION OF EVIDENCE

- A. Contestant used gloves or tweezers when collecting evidence
- B. Contestant changed gloves when collecting DNA evidence
- C. Contestant placed evidence in the proper bag
- D. Contestant marked bag properly (case#, case information, and cone #)
- E. Evidence was properly added to the evidence invoice

Item # 1	1	2	3	4	5
Item # 2	1	2	3	4	5
Item # 3	1	2	3	4	5
Item # 4	1	2	3	4	5
Item # 5	1	2	3	4	5
Item # 6	1	2	3	4	5
Item # 7	1	2	3	4	5
Item # 8	1	2	3	4	5
Item # 9	1	2	3	4	5

8. RELEASE OF THE CRIME SCENE 1 2 3 4 5
- A. Contestant made inventory of all items removed from the crime scene
 - B. Contestant left a copy of inventory with the building owner
 - C. Body was properly released
 - D. All equipment and supplies were removed from the crime scene
 - E. Scene was verbally released

9. EVALUATION OF TEAM'S PROFESSIONALISM 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- A. Professional bearing and demeanor
 - B. Appearance
 - C. Contestant's proper use of equipment
 - D. Contestant's projection of authority

10. EVALUATION OF TEAM'S ORGANIZATION 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- A. Assigned one member to be in charge
 - B. Briefing conducted describing goals of the team
 - C. Team members given specific assignments
 - D. Assignments equal to aptitude of team member

TOTAL SCORE _____

