



Crime Scene Investigator

ELIGIBILITY (Team of three)

Open to a team of three active SkillsUSA members enrolled in programs with law enforcement, Protective Services, Homeland Security or Public Safety as an occupational objective.

CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS

Home school uniform or Official light blue SkillsUSA work shirt, navy pants and black or brown leather work shoes.

NOTE: At the district level if a student is not able to wear the official SkillsUSA attire he/she may wear an outfit that would be acceptable in their specific field of study. Please keep in mind that official SkillsUSA attire will be required at the state and national level.

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS SUPPLIED BY HOST

1. Crime Scene
2. Paper evidence collection bags
3. Crime scene tape
4. Evidence log

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS SUPPLIED BY CONTESTANT

1. All competitors must create a one-page, typewritten résumé
2. Crime scene diagram materials for drawing crime scene sketches.
3. Crime scene kit containing materials necessary to conduct a crime scene investigation, e.g., fingerprint cards, brushes, powder, crime scene tape, etc.
4. Small pocket notebook for field notes
5. Pens and pencils
6. Duty belt with handcuff case
7. Flashlight
8. Digital camera (any style — quality of photography will not be judged)-cell phone not acceptable
9. Tape measures/measuring wheel

SCOPE OF THE CONTEST - (DEFINED BY THE NATIONAL COMPETITION REGULATIONS)

Additional testing standards per the United States Constitution; current Case Law: Pennsylvania Crimes Code and Vehicle Law Handbook, 2020 Edition; Criminal Justice Today, 14 th Edition, by Frank Schmallegger; Criminal Investigation – Basic Perspectives, 13 th Edition, by Lushbaugh and Weston; Crime Scene Investigation and Reconstruction, 3 rd Edition, by Robert Ogle.

(District Competitions are meant to be a scaled down version of National Competition. It is important for the students to participate in a competition that will reflect a cross-section of the industry skills needed to prepare them for the state and national levels)



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KNOWLEDGE PERFORMANCE

The contest will include a skill-related written knowledge test assessing knowledge of crime scene procedures including: investigation and photography, collection and handling of physical evidence, crime scene sketches, fingerprinting and writing a report.

SKILLS PERFORMANCE

All skills demonstrated by contestants will show the ability to work as a team and safely handle a crime scene while identifying and collecting evidence, lifting latent fingerprints and completing a basic report and sketch.

Contest Guidelines

Team will be given a crime scene and will have to demonstrate the collection of one piece of dry evidence and one piece of wet evidence. The team will demonstrate the collection of latent fingerprints. Team will be required to diagram and photograph the crime scene and write an incident report. Each team will have a maximum of 45 minutes to complete the skills.



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Crime Scene Investigator Scoring Sheet

| Items evaluated | Description | Possible Points |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Written test | | 35 |
| Teamwork/Communication | | 20 |
| Crime Scene Investigation techniques | | 35 |
| Developing and Lifting latent prints | | 25 |
| Crime Scene Sketch | | 25 |
| Evidence log | | 10 |
| | Subtotal = 150 | |
| Clothing Penalty | Deduction -5 | |
| No resume | Deduction -10 | |
| Safety Penalty | Deduction -10 | |
| | TOTAL | |

Note: No cell phones or other electronic devices may be used at any time during a competition; this includes using a calculator function on a cell phone for competitions in which calculators are permitted.

Note: Scorecards should only be used as guidance. Changes may occur.