

# CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION NYS



## PURPOSE

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

## ELIGIBILITY (Team of 3)

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.

## CLOTHING REQUIREMENT

Official program uniform with school and personal identification removed/concealed or black trousers with white shirt, with plain black tie with no pattern or a SkillsUSA black tie. Black socks and black leather work shoes or boots. Shoes must be all leather (no canvas), completely enclosed (no open toe or open heel). Athletic style shoes that meet the aforementioned criteria are acceptable. Black belt. Skirts and high-heeled shoes are not permitted.

**Note:** Contestants must wear their contest clothing to the contest orientation meeting.

## EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

1. Supplied by the NY chair/committee:
  - a. Crime scene
2. Supplied by the contestants:
  - a. Crime scene kit containing materials necessary to conduct a crime scene investigation, e.g., fingerprint cards, brushes, powder, crime scene tape, etc.
  - b. Small pocket notebook for field notes
  - c. Pens and pencils
  - d. Handcuffs and handcuff case
  - e. Digital camera (any style — quality of photography will not be judged)
  - f. Flashlight

**Note:** Your contest may also require a hard copy of your résumé as part of the actual contest. Check the Contest Guidelines and/or the updates page on the NYS SkillsUSA Web site:

<http://www.nysskillsusa.org/>

## SCOPE OF THE CONTEST

The contest assesses the ability to perform skills related to the crime scene procedures as outlined in *Criminal Investigations* by Bennett and Hess, Seventh Edition, and guidelines as set forth by the NY SkillsUSA chair/committee.

### Knowledge Performance

The contest will include a skill-related written knowledge test assessing knowledge of crime scene photography, physical evidence, crime scene sketches, fingerprinting and releasing a crime scene.

### Skills Performance

The contest will include activities that simulate situations encountered by criminal investigation professionals.

### Contest Guidelines

1. Teams will draw numbers during the pre-contest orientation meeting to determine the order of performance and demonstration times.
2. Contestants must work together as a team without assistance from instructors, other contestants or observers.

## **Standards and Competencies**

### **CSI 1.0 — Demonstrate or explain activities prior to conducting a crime scene search**

- 1.1 Obtain information from the responding officer and secure the scene
- 1.2 Explain and demonstrate knowledge and use of constitutional law governing search and seizure
- 1.3 Demonstrate proper procedures for the checking vital signs of a victim and certifying death of victim.

### **CSI 2.0 — Explain and demonstrate the use of crime scene photography**

- 2.1 Demonstrate proper crime scene photography
- 2.2 Document photographs taken at the crime scene

### **CSI 3.0 — Properly search for, collect and remove physical evidence from a crime scene**

- 3.1 Explain and demonstrate appropriate search method to use
- 3.2 Properly flag all evidence
- 3.3 Explain methods for collecting DNA evidence
- 3.4 Explain and demonstrate proper bagging and marking of all evidence

### **CSI 4.0 — Draw a crime scene sketch using proper measurements, symbols and labels**

- 4.1 Demonstrate proper use of measurements
- 4.2 Demonstrate the proper use of symbols and labels

### **CSI 5.0 — Apply proper procedures for dusting a crime scene for collecting latent fingerprints**

- 5.1 Demonstrate the ability to properly lift and mount a latent fingerprint from a designated item of evidence
- 5.2 Demonstrate the proper procedure for marking a latent fingerprint card

### **CSI 6.0 — Release a crime scene properly and legally**

- 6.1 Demonstrate the ability to prepare an evidence inventory
- 6.2 Demonstrate the ability to remove all evidence and equipment from crime scene

### **CSI 7.0 — Work together as a professional team to conduct a crime scene investigation**

- 7.1 Demonstrate professional bearing and demeanor
- 7.2 Demonstrate the ability to assign team members' tasks equal to their aptitude