



# Crime Scene Investigation



<b>Date</b>	February 6, 2026	<b>Orientation Time</b>	08:30 A.M
<b>Location</b>	Mahoning County CTC 7300 North Palmyra Drive Canfield, Ohio 44406	<b>Contest Time</b>	Immediately following orientation (CLOSED contest)
<b>Scope of Contest</b>	<p>The competition will include activities that simulate situations encountered by criminal investigation professionals. See appendix below for examples.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Crime Scene Practicum - students will have 15 minutes in a mock crime scene. They will photograph, search, identify evidence, and collect information necessary to record the crime scene. They will not remove evidence. The focus is on the recording stage of crime scene processing.</li><li>2. Paperwork - students will then complete the crime scene sketch, photo log (with photos), property forms, and individual narratives (paperwork). Their photos will be collected from their media card for judging.</li><li>3. Skill Demonstration - the team will be given three (3) skills to demonstrate. The team will decide which member will demonstrate each skill. Each member of the team will demonstrate one skill. Each skill can only be demonstrated by one member of the team. Examples of skills to be demonstrated may include, but are not limited to, the following: collecting a type of evidence, processing a type of evidence, or a similar crime scene skill.</li><li>4. Evidence Interpretation - the team will work together to evaluate or analyze evidence.</li></ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Each competitor team must work independently without assistance from instructors, other teams or observers. Any violation of this may disqualify the competitor.</li><li>• Cell phones, iPads/tablets, smart watches, wearable technology or any other electronic communication device is prohibited in the competition area.</li><li>• Only competitors, judges and event staff are allowed in the competition area at any time. Observation is limited to the area designated by the judges or event staff. Outdoor competition area may only be accessed by judges, competitors and event staff. Any violation of this may disqualify the competitor.</li><li>• No one may contact judges in any way and at any time without the expressed permission of the competition coordinator.</li></ul>		
<b>Testing</b>	No		
<b>Eligibility</b>	1 team for every 50 members enrolled in program		
<b>Clothing</b>	Clothing Classification Guide: CLASS E		
<b>Provided by Contestant</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Professional Resume – Typed Hardcopy</li><li>• Emergency Medical Form (Contestants must have this to compete)</li></ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crime scene kit containing materials necessary to conduct a crime scene investigation, e.g., fingerprint cards, brushes, powder, crime scene tape, etc.</li> <li>• Small pocket notebook for field notes</li> <li>• Pens and pencils</li> <li>• Handcuffs and handcuff case</li> <li>• Flashlight</li> <li>• Digital camera (any style – quality of photography will not be judged)</li> <li>• Safety glasses with side shields or goggles (prescription glasses with side shields. If not, they must be covered with goggles). Note: Safety eyewear must be available, but use will depend on the scenario</li> </ul> <p><u>The following WILL NOT be tolerated and are grounds for disqualification from the competition:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o No smart watches, cellphones and/or other electronic devices in the contest area unless specifically stated in this document. These devices cannot be used as a calculator.</li> <li>o No contact with anyone outside of the contest area once the contest begins.</li> <li>o No inappropriate communication between contestants such as verbally degrading another contestant or informing another contestant of the skills/test prior to or during the competition.</li> <li>o No cheating on any portion of the contest.</li> </ul> <p>The use of AI is strictly prohibited and will result in an automatic disqualification of the contestant.</p>	
<b>Contest Standards</b>	<p><b>Contest Skilled Performance Standards</b></p> <p><b>CSI 1.0</b> - Demonstrate or explain activities prior to conducting a crime scene search.</p> <p><b>CSI 2.0</b> — Explain and demonstrate the use of crime scene photography</p> <p><b>CSI 3.0</b> - Properly search for, collect and remove physical evidence from a crime scene.</p> <p><b>CSI 7.0</b> - Work together as a professional team to conduct a crime scene investigation.</p>	<p><b>Aligned ODEW Law and Public Safety Career Field Technical Content Standard Outcomes</b></p> <p><b>Outcome 7.1</b> Investigative Process</p> <p><b>Outcome 1.1</b> Employability Skills</p> <p><b>Above Outcomes can be found in the following ODEW courses:</b></p> <p>170914 Investigations and Forensics in Criminal Investigations</p>

<b>Appendix</b>	<p><b>The list below is not exhaustive, but represents the range of possible competition skills:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lifting fingerprints</li> <li>• Collecting DNA and bodily fluid evidence</li> <li>• Photographing scene</li> <li>• Photographic evidence</li> <li>• Sketching a scene</li> <li>• Measuring a scene</li> <li>• Searching for and identifying evidence</li> <li>• Identify, collect, and process trace evidence</li> <li>• Interpret blood stains</li> <li>• Interpret ballistic evidence – casings, directionality, sequencing</li> <li>• Complete paperwork associated with CSI – including narratives, logs</li> <li>• Practice safety protocols related to CSI</li> <li>• Collect evidence</li> <li>• Verbalize constitutional and legal applications in scenarios</li> <li>• Interpret DNA evidence</li> <li>• Classify, interpret and identify fingerprint evidence</li> <li>• Packaging and preserving various types of evidence</li> <li>• Presumptive testing</li> <li>• Interpretation of anthropological evidence</li> </ul>	