

2023 Oklahoma SkillsUSA

Crime Scene Investigation Contest

Contest Agenda

Sunday 6 p.m. Contest Orientation, 2nd Floor Ballroom, DoubleTree Hotel

Contest- Monday 8:30 a.m. Tulsa Convention Center, Exhibit Hall

CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION PURPOSE

To evaluate the competency of a crime scene investigation team consisting of three students/competitors, in their ability to process a crime scene and prepare the evidence to be sent to the laboratory or evidence/property room.

CLOTHING REQUIREMENT

Official light blue SkillsUSA work shirt, navy pants and black work shoes/boots or your program's designated uniform and foot wear. Skirts and high-heeled shoes are not permitted.

ELIGIBILITY

Each chapter may enter one three-person team consisting of three secondary students who are active SkillsUSA members. Each chapter may enter one three-person team consisting of three post-secondary students who are active SkillsUSA members. All team members must be from the same SkillsUSA chapter.

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

1. Supplied by the technical committee:
 - a. Crime scene
 - b. Mock memory card
2. Supplied by the contestants:
 - a. Crime scene kit containing material necessary to conduct a crime scene investigation, e.g., fingerprint backing cards, brushes, powder, eye protection, latex or non-latex rubber gloves, crime scene tape, etc....
 - b. Digital camera (any style - quality of photography will not be judged).
 - c. Small pocket notebook for field notes
 - d. Pens and pencils
 - e. Flashlight

Résumé

All competitors must create a one-page résumé using a word processor and submit the résumé at the **pre-contest orientation meeting**. There will be no scoring of the resumes, but there will be a penalty of -10 points from the total team score if any or all contestants on a team fail to submit a resume at the pre-contest orientation meeting.

SCOPE OF THE CONTEST

The contest assesses the ability to perform skills related to the industry standards for the processing of a crime scene.

Knowledge Performance

The contest will include a skill-related computer-based exam, assessing general knowledge of crime scene investigation and search and seizure law.

Skills Performance

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

Contest Guidelines

1. Teams will be called by team number in numerical order from lowest to highest.
2. Contestants must work together as a team without assistance from instructors, other contestants, or observers.
3. No observers or advisors will talk or gesture to contestants during the contest. Judges will disqualify contestants who accept assistance from observers.
4. Teams will have 30 minutes to process the crime scene and 30 minutes to package their evidence for submission to the judges.
- 5. Teams will be given a “mock memory stick” index card at the pre-contest meeting to submit as evidence during contest.**
6. Three matching crime scenes will run simultaneously. The first team called to perform will be observed and evaluated by all three C.S.I. Judges. The judges are allowed and encouraged to constructively critique a team's performance on the backside of the team's respective scoresheet. Upon completion of the performance, the three judges will compare scores and agree upon a common rubric/standard. However, only the judge assigned to that station will submit the single score sheet reflecting the three judge's collective evaluation on that team. Subsequent teams to perform will be randomly assigned to one of the three crime scenes.
7. Three matching packaging stations will run simultaneously. The first team called to perform will be observed and evaluated by all three Packaging Judges. The judges are allowed and encouraged to constructively critique a team's performance on the backside of the team's respective scoresheet. Upon completion of the performance, the three judges will compare scores and agree upon a common rubric/standard. However, only the judge assigned to that station will submit the single score sheet reflecting the three judge's collective evaluation on that team. Subsequent teams to perform will be randomly assigned to their corresponding packaging station.
8. Once the evidence packaging judge has completed their scoresheet, they will obtain the crime scene processing scoresheet from the crime scene judge. They will add the processing and packaging scores together for the respective team. The two scoresheets will be paper clipped together and submitted to the contest chair or the chair's designated representative at the contest command center.

9. Once the scoresheets are delivered to the command center the contest chair will assign two representatives to verify the mathematics of the score totals submitted by the judges. If there are any issues regarding the scores, the representatives will contact the contest chair. The contest chair will coordinate with the contest judge or judges to verify proper scoring. Once the score sheet is verified as accurate, the contest chair's representatives will enter the scores into the designated computer and into the contest scoring spread sheet. Once the information has been saved. The representatives will scan the scoresheets into a file designated by the contest chair. The score sheets will then be stapled together and placed in the hard file.

C.S.I. Contest Scoring

The scoring for the competition will be comprised of four parts.

- 1.** There will be a 50-question computer-based examination assessing basic SkillsUSA knowledge. Value 2 points per correct answer. Individual points possible 50 per contestant. The scores of each of the three team members will be added together, then divided by three. In the event of a tie, the team's combined score will be compared to the tying team's combined score to determine placement.
2. A 25-question computer-based examination assessing knowledge of crime scene investigation and processing. Value 1 point per correct answer. Individual points possible 25 per contestant. The team member's individual scores will be added together and divided by three. The resulting average of the team's scores will be the number of points awarded.
- 3. Crime Scene Investigation Processing** Contestants will be directed to a mock crime scene and briefed as to the situation. The contestants will, as a team, investigate and process the crime scene. They will legally search for, properly collect, and remove evidence from the crime scene.
- 4. Crime Scene Investigation Packaging**
After the scene has been processed, the contestants will be directed to a corresponding packaging station. They will have 30 minutes to package all evidence, including a mock photo flash drive, as if preparing the evidence to be stored in the property room or for transfer to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (O.S.B.I.) for further testing and examination. The team will submit all evidence, a crime scene log, a photo log, an evidence logs, and a final draft of their crime scene sketch to the judge.

The scores for the crime scene investigation written test, crime scene processing, and evidence packaging shall be combined and used as the determining factor in placement rating of the Teams.