

2026 OKLAHOMA SLSC STATE MEMO  
Crime Scene Investigation

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**NO SUBSTITUTIONS WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026 . THERE WILL BE NO SUBSTITUTIONS ALLOWED ON-SITE AT THE CONFERENCE**

**Tentative-Information is subject to change, check back often**

**\*Contest will follow national technical standards unless otherwise stated in memo.**

The 2026 Oklahoma SkillsUSA **Criminal Justice** will be held **Monday April 20, 2026** and will be hosted at **“Arvest Convention Center, formerly known as Cox Convention Center, Tulsa Oklahoma”**.

- **Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup>: 06:00 PM** Orientation at the Arvest Convention Center contest area, Exhibit Hall.

Note: Competitors must wear their official competition clothing to the competition orientation meeting.

- **Monday April 20<sup>th</sup>: 08:30 AM** Contest – Arvest Convention Center, Exhibit Hall.

### **CONTEST TESTING**

Contestants will be judged on their SkillsUSA knowledge through the Professional Development test and a knowledge test based on their contest area, unless otherwise stated in the state memo. Testing will be completed online and proctored through their technology centers.

Online testing opens March 16, 2026, and closes April 3, 2026.

### **RESUME- Change to submission type please for 2026 please read**

All contestants will submit a digital resume prior to contest day. Contestants will receive an email to the address used to register the contestant for contest with instructions and link to access the SkillsUSA Competitor Portal page. The email will contain contestant's username and contestant number, which are required to login to the Competitor Portal.

Deadline to submit resume is April 03, 2026.

## **LUNCH**

Lunch will be provided in your contest area. A lunch fee (**\$25**) is in addition to the conference registration and any contest specific fees for the contest.

## **CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS**

For competitions purposes, Competitors must wear a program uniform consisting of BDU style pants, program shirt, black work shoes/boots or your program's designated uniform and footwear and a duty belt. Skirts and high-heeled shoes are not permitted.

*Note:* Safety glasses must have side shields or goggles. (Prescription glasses may be used only if they are equipped with side shields. If not, they must be covered with goggles.

## **INDUSTRY AWARDS**

**\*\*\*NEW 2026- ADVISOR MEDALS WILL NOT BE PROVIDED BY OKLAHOMA SKILLSUSA, BUT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN THE SKILLSUSA STORE \*\*\***

**Prizes are the responsibility of the individual contests. Prizes are not guaranteed and are not supplied at the SkillsUSA Oklahoma state level.**

Please contact the chair with prizes that will need to be checked in. **Each participating school is expected to furnish an industry award.** Industry awards should be labeled with the name and address of the award supplier so that an appropriate "Thank you" may be sent, must be accompanied by an *industry award donation information sheet* (available on the Oklahoma SkillsUSA website). **Please bring prizes to the awards area in Conference Hall at the Arvest Convention Center on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> between 12-4pm or Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> between 8am-5pm.**

## **AWARDS CEREMONY**

Winners will be recognized at the General Session on Tuesday morning, April 21st 9am.

**All competitors must wear official SkillsUSA dress to the Awards Session, where winners are announced. Competitors who are not dressed appropriately or lack official attire will be denied access to the awards stage. Students must be present when their contest is announced. If a student is improperly dressed, absent, or misses their contest being called, the production will not be paused for any reason, and they will forfeit their opportunity to go on stage to receive the award. No exceptions will be made. No hats or sunglasses will allow to be worn on stage.**

- Official dress for men: Official blazer, jacket or sweater; black dress slacks; white dress shirt; plain black tie with no pattern or SkillsUSA black tie; black socks and black shoes.
- Official dress for women: Official blazer, jacket or sweater; black dress slacks or knee-length skirt with business like white, collarless blouse or white blouse with small, plain collar that may not extend onto the lapels of the blazer, and black dress shoes.

### **CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION PURPOSE**

To evaluate the competency of a crime scene investigation team consisting of three students/competitors in their ability to process, document, photograph, sketch and search the crime scene. Individual skill level and teamwork will be evaluated.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

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

Note: Competitors must wear their official competition clothing to the competition orientation meeting.

### **EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS:**

Supplied by the technical committee:

- **Crime scene:** All necessary materials for the competition not specified elsewhere.

### **Supplied by the competitors:**

- Digital Camera (not a cell phone) with removable media card
- PPE to include safety glasses, mask/face shield, shoe covers, and examination gloves (***Tyvek optional and preferred not to be used***)
- Latent print examination kit/fingerprint kit with cards and tape
- Measuring device (laser measuring device or tape measure)
- Scale (preferably an 'L' shaped scale)

- Sterile swabs and swab boxes
- Water in dispenser bottle/dropper (should be distilled, but due to travel restrictions can be tap)
- Evidence placards/markers/cones
- Evidence bags; paper and plastic, various sizes
- Tamper proof evidence tape
- Sharpie
- Sketching kit
- Tweezers
- Small pocket notebook for field notes
- Pens and #2 pencils
- Flashlight
- Crime scene kit containing materials necessary to conduct a crime scene investigation. At a minimum.

**Note:** duty belts and related police equipment are not required

**Supplied by State:**

Paper Towels  
Extra latex Gloves  
Windex/Glass Cleaner

**PROHIBITED DEVICES**

Cell phones or other electronic devices not approved by a competition's technical committee are NOT allowed in the competition area. Any device that can be used to communicate is prohibited, including wearable technology such as smart watches. Technical committee members may also approve exceptions onsite during the SkillsUSA Championships if deemed appropriate.

If a competitor's electronic device makes noise or if the competitor is seen using it at any time during the competition, an official report will be documented for review by the SkillsUSA Championships. If confirmed that the competitor used the device in a manner which compromised the integrity of the competition, the competitor's scores may be canceled.

**SCOPE OF THE COMPETITION**

The competition is defined by industry standards as identified by the SkillsUSA technical committee.

The following is a list of materials used in the formation of the competition:

FBI Handbook of Forensic Services (2019): <https://www.fbi.gov/file-repository/handbook-of-forensic-services-pdf.pdf/view>

NIST Crime Scene Investigation — A Guide for Law Enforcement (2013):

<https://www.nist.gov/system/files/documents/forensics/Crime-Scene-Investigation.pdf>

Criminal Investigation by Thomas Brown from Open Educational Resources (2022):

<https://www.oercommons.org/courses/criminal-investigation>

## **KNOWLEDGE PERFORMANCE**

The competition will include a test assessing knowledge from the Standards and Competencies. Team members test independently and cannot consult with one another during testing. The combined scores of the team total 150 points. See Appendix A for a list of terms for review.

Competitors are also required to take the SkillsUSA professional development test. These scores will comprise 25 points.

## **SKILLS PERFORMANCE**

The competition will include activities that simulate situations encountered by criminal investigation professionals. See Appendix B for a list of examples.

The Skills Performance is broken down into four main sections.

**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. 100 total points in this station.

**Paperwork** – the students will then complete the crime scene sketch (100 points), photo log (with photos 100 points), property forms, and individual narratives (paperwork is 125 points). Their photos will be collected from their media card for judging. 325 total points in this station.

**Skill Demonstration** – the team will be given three skills to demonstrate. The team will decide which member will demonstrate which skill. Each member of the team will demonstrate one skill. Each skill can only be demonstrated by one member of the team. Skills might be collecting a type of evidence, processing a type of evidence, or a similar crime scene skill. See Appendix B for a list of possible skills. Each skill is 100 points for 300 points total in this station.

**Evidence Interpretation** – the team will work together and evaluate or analyze evidence. During this exercise the team may be asked to examine a single article of evidence, a lab result(s), or compare multiple pieces of evidence and then be asked to make the proper conclusion about the evidence. 100 total points in this station.

**Note** – the competition committee may choose to connect all the events in one common crime event and link all the stations. The only required connection is between the practicum and the paperwork. The Demonstration and Evidence stations could choose skills and items not connected to the mock crime scene.

## **COMPETITION GUIDELINES**

Each competitor must work independently without assistance from instructors, other teams or observers. Contact with competitors must be coordinated through designated event staff only. Any violation of this may disqualify the competitor.

Cell phones, iPads/tablets, smart watches, wearable technology or any other electronic communication device is prohibited in the competition area. See “Prohibited Devices”

section above for more information.

No one but 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. Any outdoor competition area may only be accessed by judges, competitors and event staff. Any violation of this may disqualify the competitor.

No one may contact judges in any way and at any time without the expressed permission of the competition coordinator

## **APPENDICES**

### **APPENDIX A**

Below is a list of terms to prepare for the knowledge test. The list below is not exhaustive, but represents the range of possible content.

Algor Mortis

Blank samples

Bindle paper

Chain of custody

Circumstantial evidence

Comparison samples

Control samples

Crime scene measuring techniques (triangulation method, rectangular coordinate method, transecting baseline coordinate method, polar coordinate method)

Crime scene photographs (overall, midrange, close-up)

Crime scene search methods (grid search, spiral search, lane/strip search, zone search)

Crime scene security log

Direct evidence

Elimination samples

Exculpatory evidence

Faraday bags

Forensic archaeology

Forensic entomology

Forensic odontology

Forensic pathology

Fruit of the Poisonous Tree Doctrine

Inculpatory evidence

Latent fingerprints

NDIS/CODIS

Oblique lighting

Patent fingerprints

Post-mortem lividity

PPE

Presumptive tests

Prioritization of evidence collection

Processing/collection methods

Proper packaging of various types of evidence (drugs, biological material, firearms, knives, \_\_\_\_\_)

Reference samples  
Rigor mortis  
Routes of exposure  
Standards of proof (probable cause, reasonable suspicion, proof beyond a reasonable doubt, preponderance of the evidence)  
Statutory/common law  
Transient evidence collection

**APPENDIX B**

The list below is not exhaustive, but represents the range of possible competition skills

Lifting fingerprints  
Collecting DNA and bodily fluid evidence  
Photographing scene  
Photographic evidence  
Sketching a scene  
Measuring a scene  
Using alternative light sources  
Searching for and identifying evidence  
Identify, collect, and process trace evidence  
Interpret blood stains  
Interpret ballistic evidence – casings, directionality, sequencing  
Complete paperwork associated with CSI – including narratives, logs  
Practice safety protocols related to CSI  
Collect evidence  
Verbalize constitutional and legal applications in scenarios  
Interpret DNA evidence  
Classify, interpret and identify fingerprint evidence  
Packaging and preserving various types of evidence  
Presumptive testing  
Interpretation of anthropological evidence

**APPENDIX C**

Score Card

Item Evaluated	Possible Points
Written Test	150
Skill Demo 1	100
Skill Demo 2	100
Skill Demo 3	100
Crime Scene Practicum	100
Crime Scene Sketch	100
Crime Scene Photos and Log	100
Paperwork, Narrative	125
Evidence Interpretation	100
PDP	25
Total	1000

## **APPENDIX D**

### **STANDARDS AND COMPETENCIES**

**CSI 1.0** — Demonstrate or explain activities prior to conducting a crime scene search  
Obtain information from the responding officer and secure the scene  
Explain laws, processes and protocols securing a scene  
Explain laws and legal issues related to crime scene processing

**CSI 2.0** — Explain and demonstrate the use of crime scene photography  
Demonstrate proper crime scene photography  
Document photographs taken at the crime scene

**CSI 3.0** — Properly search for, collect and remove physical evidence from a crime scene  
screen  
Explain and demonstrate appropriate search method to use  
Properly identify and mark all evidence  
Explain methods for collecting various types of evidence  
Explain and demonstrate proper preserving and preparing for transport of all evidence

**CSI 4.0** — Draw a crime scene sketch using proper measurements, symbols and labels  
Demonstrate proper use of measurements  
Demonstrate the proper use of symbols and labels  
Complete a sketch including all required elements

**CSI 5.0** — Apply proper procedures for developing and collecting latent fingerprints at a crime scene  
Demonstrate the ability to properly lift and transfer a latent fingerprint from a designated item of evidence  
Demonstrate the proper procedure for completing a latent fingerprint card

**CSI 6.0** — Release a crime scene properly and legally  
Demonstrate the ability to prepare an evidence log  
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  
Demonstrate professional bearing and demeanor. Demonstrate the ability to assign team members' tasks equal to their aptitude

**CSI 8.0** — SkillsUSA Framework.

The SkillsUSA Framework is used to pinpoint the Essential Elements found in Personal Skills, Workplace Skills and Technical Skills Grounded in Academics. Students will be expected to display or explain how they used some of these Essential Elements. Please reference the graphic above, as you may be scored on specific elements applied to your project. For more, visit: [www.skillsusa.org/about/skillsusa-framework/](http://www.skillsusa.org/about/skillsusa-framework/)

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

If you have any questions about the contest, please contact **Les Little**  
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**National Technical Standards can be found on Absorb, which you can access with your professional SkillsUSA membership. Technical are updated periodically, please check regularly.**