

CITY OF ANDERSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Anderson, South Carolina

DIRECTIVE TYPE General Order	EFFECTIVE DATE May 2, 2008	NUMBER 2501
SUBJECT Crime Scene Processing by Qualified CSI Personnel to be Available 24 Hours		
REVISED		
REFERENCE SCLEA Chapter 25.1.1	AMENDS/SUPERSEDES All Others	
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A. PURPOSE

Evidence obtained through the application of scientific knowledge and methods is invaluable to the effective prosecution of offenders. Investigators and officers will use physical evidence to corroborate testimony, facilitate arrests, and obtain convictions, as well as clear innocent victims wrongfully accused. Research has shown clearly that physical evidence must be identified, collected & preserved properly, and transmitted to the forensic laboratory promptly if laboratory resources are to be used effectively. The purpose of the 2500 series of general orders is to establish the criterion for the collection and preservation of evidence that is obtained for the purpose of criminal prosecution.

B. POLICY

Twenty-four hour crime scene processing by qualified personnel will be available for crimes and accidents which occur and which require the prompt collection and preservation of physical evidence.

When the immediate services of a crime scene specialist are required, personnel with these skills will be notified as soon as possible. If necessary, the implementation or continuation of the investigative process can await completion of certain aspects of the crime scene specialist's work.

Therefore, crime scene personnel with these skills should be notified as soon as possible. If CSI departmental personnel are unavailable, skilled personnel may be called in, equivalent personnel from the Anderson County Sheriff's Office may be utilized, skilled personnel from other agencies may be utilized and/or the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division may be utilized.

C. PROCEDURE

1. Qualifications for Crime Scene Forensic Technician
 - a. CSI Technicians must be certified (SCCJA) officers.
 - b. CSI Technicians must be full time members of the City of Anderson Police Department.
 - c. CSI Technicians must have a minimum of one year experience in Law Enforcement or equivalent.
 - d. CSI Technicians must meet department guidelines for promotion
 - e. Additional training “although not required but helpful”, must be listed in a Resume’, such as Medical training, EMS, Paramedic, nurse, pharmacology, fingerprinting, Photography, etc.
 - f. Any of the above requirements may be waived or altered by the Authority of the Chief.
2. Crime Scene Officer’s Availability (SCLEA 25.1.1; CALEA 83.1.1)
 - a. Crime scene officers are available on a 24 hour basis to respond to process crime scenes as soon as possible. They may be either on duty or utilized when off duty due to their “on call status”.
 - (1) In order to respond in a timely manner Crime Scene Personnel are assigned vehicles equipped with the tools and camera necessary to document and collect as well as process scenes as quickly as possible.
 - (a) Crime Scene Personnel and Vehicles are equipped to go from crime scene to crime scene. On the occasions when generators, portable lights, ladders or specialized demolition equipment is needed, the City of Anderson Fire Department will be requested for equipment and assistance.
 - (2) Crime Scene Personnel are also on call to assist in the investigation of traffic accidents being worked by City of Anderson Police Department Traffic officers or other Agencies that request assistance (i.e. SCHP, SLED or the Coroner’s office).
 - (3) When A.P.D. Crime Scene officers are not available due to training, sickness, vacation, etc., the SLED, the Anderson County Sheriff’s Office or another agency with equivalent personnel will be requested to respond and assist.

- b. Uniform officers may process crime scenes, conduct traffic accident investigations, or do preliminary work.
 - (1) Depending upon the complexity and gravity of the incident, uniformed officers may be required to secure the scene and call for specialized personnel.

By order of:



Martin D. Brown, Chief of Police

4-29-2008
Date