

Contestants will need to know:

- A working knowledge of search and seizure practices
- Skills in crime scene photography and documentation
- Knowledge and ability to perform crime scene searches to include:
 - Methods of searching as an individual and with a team
 - Evidence preservation
 - Evidence collection and inventory
 - Evidence packaging and labeling
- Knowledge pertaining to fingerprinting
 - Identifying evidence to be printed
 - Ability to develop a usable print
 - Ability to preserve a usable print
- Collection of DNA evidence
- Ability to document a crime scene:
 - Preparation of a crime scene sketch
 - Completion of incident reports

Below is a list of minimum equipment requirements. Teams can bring additional items that they think will be beneficial to them.

- Computer with Microsoft Word
- Crime scene processing kit
 - Letter or number evidence markers
 - Tape measure
 - Digital camera
 - Rubber gloves
 - Tweezers
 - Sterile water
 - Q-tips
 - Ruler
- Evidence packaging materials
 - Paper bags of varying sizes
 - Plastic bags of varying sizes
 - Envelopes
 - Containers for blood and or fluid collection
 - Evidence tape
 - Black sharpie marker (or similar)
- Latent print collection kit
 - Brushes
 - Powder
 - Lifting tape
 - 3x5 cards
- Crime scene sketch kit
 - Paper
 - Protractor
 - Compass
 - Pencil
 - Eraser