

TEXARKANA, TEXAS POLICE DEPARTMENT
GENERAL ORDERS MANUAL

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SECTION 1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to require the availability of a crime scene technician with specialized training who will respond to a major crime scene at any time to manage the preservation and collection of evidence.

SECTION 2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Department that the Investigative Services Section Commander or his designee will arrange an on-call schedule which ensures the continuous availability of a crime scene technician with specialized training to respond to a major crime scene at any time to manage the preservation and collection of evidence.

SECTION 3 PROCEDURES

- A. Crime Scene Technicians will receive specialized training as determined by their supervisor and/or Commander. The training will include but is not limited to the following:
 - 1. The processing of a crime scene.
 - 2. Identification of evidence.
 - 3. Preservation of evidence.
 - 4. Documentation of the crime scene.
- B. The Investigative Services Section supervisors and Commander will arrange a call schedule which arranges for the continuous availability of a crime scene technician with specialized training to respond to a major crime scene at any time to manage the proper documentation, preservation, and collection of evidence.
- C. RESPONSIBILITY
 - 1. All members of the Department shall know and comply with all aspects of this directive.

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2. All Division Commanders and supervisory personnel are responsible for ensuring compliance with the provisions and intent of this directive.