



Kern County Sheriff's Office
Investigations Division

TITLE: Crime Scene Investigations Unit – Calls for Service		NO: D-100	
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POLICY

As needed, Crime Scene Technicians from the Crime Scene Investigations Unit (CSI) at the request of a field unit, or supervisory personnel, will respond to most felonies and select misdemeanors to process the crime scene.

DIRECTIVE A

Crime Scene Technicians from the Crime Scene Investigations Unit will respond to the following types of calls when requested by field units for crime scene processing.

- » Arsons *At the request of the Fire Department's Arson Investigator*
- » Assault on a Peace Officer
- » Assault with a Deadly Weapon *When the victim has visible injuries.*
- » Cruelty to Animals
- » Felonious Assault and Battery *When the victim has visible injuries.*
- » Felonious Property Crimes *When there is evidence to be seized that is outside the investigating deputy's field of expertise (i.e. biological)*
- » Homicides *Two (2) Crime Scene Technicians will be dispatched*
- » Officer Involved Shootings *Two (2) Crime Scene Technicians will be dispatched*
- » Robbery
- » Sex Crimes
- » Suicides *At the request of the Coroner's Investigator*
- » Suspicious Deaths *At the request of the Coroner's Investigator*
- » Traffic Accidents *When County Vehicles are involved.*
- » Spousal Abuse or Assault *When the victim has visible injuries.*
- » Child Abuse
- » Surveillance footage seizures *Only if accompanied by sworn personnel and date and time range is known.*

DIRECTIVE B

Crime Scene Technicians *generally* will not respond to the following types of calls:

- » Airplane Crashes *Unless requested by coroner investigator, NTSB or if it involves Department aircraft*
- » Any Property Crimes *When loss is below \$5,000 and no evidence exists.*
- » Simple Assault and Battery
- » Misc. calls *Requests to appease the victims when no evidence exists.*
- » Found Property
- » Overdose *For the purpose of general photographing.*
- » Suspicious Circumstances *Unless tied to a potential felony or other serious type crime.*

DIRECTIVE C

Crime Scene Technicians will respond at the request of the Investigations Division Commander, Detective Section Lieutenant, Crime Scene Investigations Unit Sergeant, Watch Lieutenant/Commander or higher authority.