

Crime Scene Investigation

Module 1 – Foundation Skills

Aim of the Module

This Module provides the practical skills and underpinning knowledge to enable those CSIs new to the role to process volume crime scenes and examine more serious crime scenes under supervision.

Target Audience

This Module is intended for newly appointed crime scene investigators, or those with limited experience within the role.

Module Overview

This Module provides a combination of presentations, practical demonstrations, and scenario-based exercises to progressively develop the knowledge, understanding and practical skills required by a CSI when planning and conducting the examination of a volume crime scene.

Successful completion of the course requires the demonstration of competence in the core skills of locating, recording, recovery and preservation of contact traces, particularly of DNA, fingerprints, and footwear.

Duration: 4 Weeks.

Module 2 – Advanced Skills

Aim of the Module

To further develop the knowledge and practical skills of learners who have successfully completed Module 1, enabling them to process more complex crime scenes such as serious assaults and suspicious deaths.

Target Audience

Crime Scene Investigators who have successfully completed the Foundation Crime Scene Skills Module and subsequently gained operational experience.

Module Overview

On successful completion of this Module the learner will have the necessary skills and underpinning knowledge to process more complex crime scenes such as serious assaults, suspicious deaths, and sexual offences..

Duration: 2 Weeks.

Module 3 – Fire Scene Investigation

Aim of the Module

To provide learners with the knowledge and practical skills to examine suspicious fire scenes.

Target Audience

Crime Scene Investigators who have successfully completed Modules 1 & 2 as well as gained operational experience and who have been identified as ready to undertake these specialist Modules.

Module Overview

Fire Investigation – Intensive Module (requiring 3-5 days preparation by the trainers in advance) to provide experienced CSIs with the knowledge and practical skills to deal with suspicious fire scenes.

Duration: 3 Weeks combined with Module 4.

Module 4 – Post Bomb Scene Investigation

Aim of the Module

To provide the learners with the knowledge and practical skills to effectively work as part of a team of specialist experts to safely process post explosion and bomb scenes.

Target Audience

Crime Scene Investigators who have successfully completed Modules 1 & 2 as well as gained operational experience and who have been identified as ready to undertake these specialist Modules..

Module Overview

Post Bomb Scene Investigation – Intensive Module (requiring 3-5 days preparation by the Trainers in advance) to provide experienced CSI's with the knowledge and practical skills to deal with post explosion and bomb scenes.

Duration: 3 Weeks combined with Module 3.

Module 5 – Crime Scene Management

Aim of the Module

To provide experienced CSI's, who have been identified as having the aptitude to manage a team of CSI's and other specialists to successfully process complex crime scenes.

Target Audience

Crime Scene Investigators who have successfully completed Modules 1 - 4 and who have been identified as having the aptitude to manage teams of CSIs and other specialists.

Module Overview

An intensive Module to provide experienced CSI's with the knowledge and skills to manage diverse teams of experts at complex crime scenes. This Module:

- Provides participants with an understanding of the complex issues a Crime Scene Manager (CSM)

needs to consider and develops their management skills.

- Provides the opportunity to practice their skills and develop their knowledge of the CSM role and responsibilities in a realistic environment and at a range of simulated incidents

Duration: 2 Weeks.

Module 6 – Scientific Support Coordination

Aim of the Module

To provide learners with the knowledge and skills to advise Senior Investigating Officers on the available scientific and technical assistance in support of investigations into linked major incidents.

Target Audience

Crime Scene Investigators who have successfully completed Modules 1 - 5 and have an aptitude to work at a strategic level.

Module Overview

Using syndicate exercises exploring the issues encountered during investigations into linked serious crimes, this Module:

- Provides participants with an understanding of the complex issues a Scientific Support Coordinator (SSC) needs to consider when providing advice to senior officers investigating linked major crime scenes.
- Provides the opportunity to develop their knowledge and understanding of the SSC role and responsibilities using a scenario of linked major crime scenes.

Duration: 1 Week.