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POLFOR027 Assess and control incident/crime scene

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Modification History

Release	Comments
1	This unit was released in POL Police Training Package release 1.0 and meets the Standards for Training Packages.

Application

This unit describes the skills required to assess and control incident/crime scenes, including identifying resource requirements and preliminary scene examination.

This unit applies to those working as police staff involved in forensic examination.

The skills and knowledge described in this unit must be applied within the legislative, regulatory and policy environment in which they are carried out. Organisational policies and procedures must be consulted and adhered to, particularly those related to work health and safety (WHS).

Those undertaking this unit would work autonomously while remaining responsible for reporting to senior staff. They would demonstrate adaptability across a broad range of contexts while performing a range of complex tasks.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to unit at the time of publication.

Competency Field

Forensics

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
Elements describe the essential outcomes	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. Where bold italicised text is used, further information is detailed in the range of conditions section.
1. Assess scene	1.1 Gather information to inform forensic examination. 1.2 Identify items/areas for forensic examination. 1.3 Plan forensic examination to process scene. 1.4 Assess resource requirements to facilitate forensic examination. 1.5 Identify whether contamination has occurred for recording purposes.

	1.6 Identify secondary or alternate incident/crime scene for forensic examinations. 1.7 Identify if referral is required in accordance with own role and responsibility.
2. Control scene	2.1 Assess incident/scene to identify boundaries and parameters. 2.2 Identify control measures to minimise contamination of evidence. 2.3 Establish entry and exit paths to control scene. 2.4 Communicate with stakeholders to release scene.
3. Examine scene	3.1 Identify whether evidence is suitable for collection. 3.2 Prioritise examination of exhibits to maximise evidentiary value. 3.3 Identify risks to examination to develop risk mitigation strategies. 3.4 Review forensic examination to identify if further actions are required. 3.5 Record information on jurisdictional information management systems.

Foundation Skills

The foundation skills demands of this unit have been mapped for alignment with the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF). The following tables outline the performance levels indicated for successful attainment of the unit.

ACSF levels indicative of performance:

1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Learning					Reading					Writing					Oral communication					Numeracy NA				

Performance variables:

1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Support					Context					Text complexity					Task complexity				

Further information on ACSF and the foundation skills underpinning this unit can be found in the Foundation Skills Guide on the GSA website.

Unit Mapping Information

No equivalent unit.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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Assessment Requirements for POLFOR027 Assess and control incident/crime scene

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Performance Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence must satisfy all of the requirements of the elements and performance criteria. If not otherwise specified the candidate must demonstrate evidence of performance of the following on at least one occasion.

- analysing information to inform scene management plan
- identifying scene parameters and contamination
- referring scene control when own role and responsibility is exceeded
- implementing control measures to preserve scene and evidence
- communicating with stakeholders
- identifying risks and implementing risk mitigation strategies
- prioritising examination of exhibits to maximise evidentiary value
- evaluating scene management strategies and actions taken
- recording information on jurisdictional information management systems

Knowledge Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence must satisfy all of the requirements of the elements and performance criteria. If not otherwise specified the depth of knowledge demonstrated must be appropriate to the job context of the candidate.

- jurisdictional legislation, policies and procedures relating to forensic examination, scene management, quality systems and workplace health and safety
- application and potential limitations of forensic examination techniques
- role and responsibility of other forensic disciplines for the examination of scenes
- judicial and evidentiary requirements for the collection and preservation of exhibits
- scene management and preservation techniques and processes
- authorisations for examining scenes

Assessment Conditions

This unit contains no specific industry-mandated assessment conditions. Guidance on suggested and recommended conditions and methods can be found in the Implementation Guide.

Assessors must satisfy the NVR/AQTF mandatory competency requirements for assessors.

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