

6-6 UTILIZATION OF CRIMINALIST AND CRIME SCENE PHOTOGRAPHER



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Department criminalist and crime scene photographers comprise a significant and critical component of our investigative team. Their importance, and thoughtful utilization during crime scene processing, can hardly be overstated.

Investigators must, as soon as possible, fully brief arriving crime scene technicians regarding their specific mission. This briefing should be in-depth with regard to photographic angles and composition, all surfaces and items to be processed for fingerprints and all areas to be examined for trace evidence. Investigators should not merely assume that technicians will know what action the investigator desires them to undertake.

Our Department's crime scene technicians are highly trained and very experienced. Their knowledge of, and experience with, evidence collection techniques, photographs, etc., will generally far exceed ours. We should not normally direct their activities with respect to technique, but again, investigators should give them specific direction regarding what you want depicted, collected, analyzed or interpreted.
