

25.00.050**CRIME SCENE PHOTOGRAPHY**

(CALEA 83.2.2)

The Department's contracted professional photographer will be called to assist with crime scene photography whenever a supervisor deems the use appropriate. This will most likely occur when processing major felony crime scenes or fatal traffic accident scenes.

Personnel photographing a crime scene will maintain a record of photographic data that will include the following:

- ❖ Case number
- ❖ The date and time the photographs were taken
- ❖ The location where the photographs were taken (address, location within or around a building, etc.)
- ❖ Name and identification number of the photographer

The above information should be logged on the evidence envelope and in a supplemental report.

Due to the time gap between when photographs are taken and when a case actually goes to court, officers should, whenever possible, use a "photo log."

Videotaping of a crime scene may be used as a supplement to still photographs. The information above should be noted on the evidence envelope and/or on the video cassette.

Crime scene photographs and/or crime scene video will be treated as evidence and booked accordingly to ensure a proper chain of custody.