1.1. **Scope**

The purpose of this manual is to provide information associated with crime scene response, evidence handling, and processing methods used by the Violent Crime Response Teams of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Forensic Services Division. These procedures may not reflect all the combinations of services provided by or circumstances faced by the Violent Crime Response Team. Every crime scene is unique, and as such the scene may require varying approaches and resources in the location, documentation, collection, and processing of the crime scene.