10. Procedures

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 documentation, collection, and processing.

The procedures outlined in this section are recommended for use in a crime scene investigation. These procedures do not preclude the use of valid Laboratory unit procedures for the purpose of presumptive testing or evidence collection, being utilized in the field by trained and proficiency tested personal assigned to a Violent Crime Response Team.