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Crime Scene Unit Internship Program: Broomfield Police Department

Internship Program Objective

The objective of the internship program with the Broomfield Police Department Crime Scene Unit (CSU) is to enhance basic skills, provide an overview of the techniques used and give hands-on experiences to the student. This program is designed to improve the student's skills for in-lab and on-scene processing. The program is based on the availability of the CSU.

About the Broomfield Police Department CSU

The crime scene unit (CSU) is composed of highly educated and thoroughly trained Crime Scene Investigators who specialize in forensic investigations. A crime scene investigator (CSI) is typically a member of law enforcement who is responsible for identifying, collecting, preserving, and packaging physical evidence at the scene of the crime. The CSI also utilizes scientific methods to analyze evidence that can aid investigators in determining whether a crime has been committed, or that can provide a link between a crime and its victim or perpetrators. Additionally, the CSI processes physical evidence items using various chemicals to develop latent fingerprints. All members of the CSU are also latent print examiners and identify individuals using fingerprints.

Applicant Requirements

The intern must have a tie to the Broomfield community, i.e., live or have immediate family living in Broomfield, or be enrolled in school in or near Broomfield. The intern will be required to pass an integrity interview and background check. The intern is expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner that will reflect well upon the individual as well as the CSU.

Internship Description

The 20-hour program aims to teach students about various aspects of crime scene investigation. A combination of reading material, discussions, demonstrations, and hands-on exercises are used to teach the student about various processes and techniques. This program is intended as a job-shadow only. Students will not be assigned casework or have independent responsibilities. When possible, students will be allowed to accompany the CSU to active crime scene investigations if approved by command staff and if safe to do so.

In instances where actual task accomplishments cannot be achieved due to a lack of evidence, specific equipment needs, expertise or crime scene availability, a complete discussion of the techniques will be held. Additionally, the intern may be required to complete additional reading on their own.

When possible, the CSI will demonstrate the desired method or technique and allow the student to learn through hands-on exercises. In this case, the intern and CSI will practice and/or simulate the technique and repeat it until both feel comfortable with the skill level shown.

The intern will learn the following topics:

- Crime Scene & Laboratory Safety

- Digital Photography / Videography
- Crime Scene & Evidence: Processing/ Documentation/ Collection/ Preservation
- Latent Print Examination
- Related fields: Firearms/ DNA collection / Trace Evidence collection

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