

Section 51 – Scenes of Incidents

New York State Law Enforcement Accreditation Program

51.1 Processing Scenes

OPERATIONS

STANDARD 51.1 **The agency has a written directive that governs responsibilities of the person(s) who processes the scene of an incident, to include the preparation of a report.**

Commentary: The directive should identify the role of the person(s) responsible for this function to include, but not be limited to, photographing and sketching the scene; protecting, collecting, and preserving evidence; and elements to be included in the report.

Compliance Verification Strategies

Assessors may seek to verify agency compliance with this standard by using one or more of the strategies listed below. There may be other strategies identified by the agency which could also be acceptable.

1. A copy of the written directive is available for review.
2. Interview(s) with personnel given this responsibility to ensure their knowledge of and compliance with the directive.
3. Interview(s) with officers from other agency components (i.e. patrol, supervisor, dispatchers, administrators) to verify their knowledge of and compliance with this directive.
4. Agency records involving criminal investigations are available for review.