

Section 50 - Methods

New York State Law Enforcement Accreditation Program

50.1 Criminal Investigations – **CRITICAL STANDARD**

OPERATIONS

- STANDARD 50.1** **The agency has a written directive that describes the criminal investigation function. The directive must include provisions for:**
- A. Which personnel (uniformed, non-uniformed or both) are responsible for carrying out the investigative function;**
 - B. A description of the case management system used to track investigations including:**
 - Assignment, investigation and termination of cases;
 - The status of each case (e.g. open, closed, suspended), and;
 - A procedure for closing cases other than by arrest.
 - C. Videotaping interviews and interrogations, and;**
 - D. Procedures for assuring compliance with the constitutional protections during a criminal investigation.**

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. Agency files, records and reports pertaining to the management system are available for review.
3. Interview(s) with personnel responsible for this function to verify their knowledge of and compliance with the directive.
4. Assessors can review criminal reports to verify compliance with the directive.