

EVIDENCE COLLECTION

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- Information contained in this presentation are general, accepted practices.
- Personnel should refer to their organizations policy and procedures for their specific guidelines.

OBJECTIVE

- Define evidence
- Define Chain of Custody
- Evidence Packaging
- Evidence Packaging Labeling
- Address Bioterrorism Concerns

EVIDENCE

- Show if crime committed
- Show involvement of individual(s)
- Exonerate the innocent

Chain of Custody

Purpose of Documentation

- Identity of person discovering evidence
- Proper marking of material
- No opportunity for tampering
- Shows custody at all times

Packaging Supplies

- Various sizes of PAPER sacks
- Sharpie Markers
- Packaging Tape
- Hard-sided containers

General Guidelines

- Clothes, shoes, stretcher sheets
 - Place in large PAPER sack
 - Initial and date
- Hairs, bullets, metal fragments
 - Place in white / manila envelope
 - Place envelope in larger sack

Labeling

- Mark each piece of evidence
- By
 - Date
 - Time
 - Your initials
 - What's in it

Bioterrorism

- Proper PPE
- Same General Rules
- Place in Hard-Sided Container
- Decon container

SUMMARY

- Your Safety Comes First
- Mark each item and container