

**Protocol No. 21**  
**CRIME SCENE CONDUCT**  
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**I. CRIME SCENE**

The following will apply to all medical personnel who have responded to a crime scene.

1. Aggravated assault and injuries arising out of possible criminal acts will have the closest Emergency Medical Unit dispatched as per protocol. This unit will protect evidence where possible and notify the proper law enforcement agency if not already done.  
**Emergency medical units should not enter a scene involving a violent crime until police have secured the scene and have confirmed that it is safe for EMS to enter.**
2. In the case of criminal involvement, it is usually unnecessary for more than two crewmembers to enter a building to evaluate and initiate patient treatment. Other crewmembers should remain with apparatus to answer or relay information on the radio, carry messages, direct other medical personnel to the scene, direct traffic until Police arrive, etc.
3. Crime Scene Preservation- for added crime scene preservation of evidence the following guidelines will be followed:
  - a. The minimum number of persons necessary will be allowed into the incident site to determine patient viability.
  - b. EMS personnel on a crime scene incident should not touch, handle, or displace anything unless absolutely necessary to render patient care.
  - c. Any materials or disposable items used in patient care, except needles and other sharps, which are discarded on the scene, must be left in place so as not to further complicate the evidence gathering. Don't clean up your mess.
  - d. While in a crime scene area, you should make mental notes as to the positioning of the body, any weapons, or other items surrounding the body. These mental notes should be transferred to paper in your logbook as soon as possible. You should also note the investigating Police

Officers name and phone number on the Medical Report Form.

- e. Before leaving the crime scene the Paramedic will give the investigating police the following:
  1. A list of EMS personnel who entered the crime scene
  2. Their platoon and station
  3. A phone number where they can be reached
  4. A list of any items that were removed or displaced
  5. A list of any items that were left at the scene by EMS personnel.
  6. Name of the on-line medical control facility.