



## Crime Scene Preservation for First Responders

When Emergency Medical and Firefighter personnel are dispatched to a call, they are trained to respond to the scene quickly and render aid. However, if the call is to a potential crime scene, emergency personnel may inadvertently destroy or contaminate forensic evidence because they are unaware of the evidence surrounding them. Firefighters and EMT's receive very minimal formal training in crime scene preservation at the Fire Academy or through EMT programs.

This 4 hour continuing education class (MDPH OEMS approval 152251) was developed for first responders, especially fire and EMS personnel in Western Massachusetts, to help better understand how to identify a crime scene and how to take appropriate actions to minimize contamination while providing patient care.

### Goals of presentation

- Identify the key components of a crime scene
- Present measures to take that will minimize contamination
- Explain importance of evidence preservation
- Reiterate that patient care is the first priority of EMS personnel
- Emphasize the importance of personal safety

### 4 sessions in Western Massachusetts

Hampshire County - date|time|location - UMPD

Hampden County - Tuesday, Sept 15 8am-noon - MEMA Agawam - Register [Here](#)

Franklin County - Saturday, Sept 19 8am-noon - GCC Campus - Register [Here](#)

Berkshire County - Wednesday, Sept 30 6pm-10pm - BCC Campus - Register [Here](#)

Check [here](#) for more details, to register and directions to each location

### Presenters

Corey Robinson has been involved in criminal investigations as a lead detective for over 8 years, and currently serves as a senior detective for the City of Northampton, MA. Corey is in his 15th year with the Northampton Police Department and currently specializes in digital forensics and crime scene processing.

Timothy Satkowski is in his 11th year with the Northampton Police Department and specializes in crime scene processing. He has been involved in criminal investigations as a detective and crime scene technician for over 6 years, and currently serves as a patrol sergeant and lead crime scene technician.

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