Crime scene investigation
(for Libyan Coast Guard)

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Modus operandi of law enforcement
Crime scene investigations: purposes

To find traces of the:

- Crime;
- Victim;
- Perpetrator;
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How to handle a Crime scene: personal behaviour

Let’s evaluate our sense of observation: how many triangle do you see?
How to handle a Crime scene: freeze the scene

- If you think a crime happened: shoot (a picture) while approaching;

- Isolate the area;

- Prepare to describe it.
How to handle a Crime scene: modus operandi

- **Take pictures** of the area from outside;

- **Isolate the area**: nobody has to come inside.

- **Prepare yourself**: do you have gloves? Do you have an idea how to go inside without step on traces? Do you have your equipment?
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How to collect: where to put evidences

- Fluids – cotton stick – paper bag – plastic bag (to protect it from the sea);

- Explosives – soaked paper (aceton) – plastic bag;

- Gun Shot Residues – STUB – plastic bag;

- Everything else – plastic bag
How to collect: latent fingerprints

- Wear gloves;
- If it is a small object, recover it in a plastic bag;
- If it’s a big object and you can save it from sea, or a other’s touch, protect it, until you will hand over to forensic;
- If you do not have any other chance let’s see how to take latent fingerprints.
In case of rape

- Separate the victim;
- Take information from her, if cooperative;
- Do not let her to throw clothes away;
- Send her, immediately, to medical service and forensic.
How to collect: mistakes

- Do not put your traces, on crime scene traces;

- Do not touch traces with the same surface you touched another one;

- Do not leave evidences unattended or not sealed;

- Check your picture before to change object.
How to collect: chain of custody

Write:

● Day, hour, place;
● Who took the evidence;
● Where you took the evidence (number);
● What kind of evidence is;

   SEAL IT give a number and SIGN

● Who and when you leave it.
Exercise

Collect the cartridge without touching it and seal it.
Report

Write a description of the scene using, in it, the pictures you took;

Do not forget to indicate all evidences (where you took, where you put);

Hand over the report and evidences to forensic or store them.
Whoever kills a soul... it is as if he had slain mankind entirely. And whoever saves one, it is as if he had saved mankind entirely.

Question?
Partecipants will be splitted groups.

They will have a crime scene.

Tasks: freeze the scene; take pics; recover all evidences; draw a sketch.

Needs: Camera, 2 cartridge shells, one stub, one gun, bags (paper and plastic), cotton sticks, one water colour, one fingerprint magnetic brush and powder, numbers.
On 14 mt boat, inside the galley, 2 men are arguing while they are drinking some alcohol (bottle and glasses). Suddenly they stand up and one gives a punch on the nose to the other (blood traces). This one, takes the gun and shoot twice (cartiridge shells) to the other that fall down death (big blood trace). When the coast guard intercepts the boat, the killer hides the gun but he has no time to clean all traces.
Videos

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t3ppAEvI2kI
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OkYig55VnQk
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7inRFGiKOss
Final exercise (crime scene)

- Hidden gun
- Blood
- 5 suspects
- Blood
- 2 Shells
- 2 glasses and one bottle on a table
- Death body