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	<b>CRIME SCENE PROTECTION AND PROCESSING</b>		EFFECTIVE DATE <b>08/16/12</b>
			OVERSIGHT <b>Investigations</b>
	DISTRIBUTION <b>ALL MANUALS</b>	AMENDS/SUPERSEDES/CANCELS P&P #702 dated 02/12/08.	

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures for collecting, processing and protecting of crime scenes to preserve physical evidence and to define the responsibilities of police and Forensic Specialists at such scenes.

II. POLICY:

It is the policy of the Hampton Police Division to process crime scenes in an expedient manner. The success or failure of a criminal investigation largely depends upon the thoroughness and promptness of the crime scene investigation. What an officer or Forensic Specialist does or fails to do may well determine the outcome of the case. Positive action in this stage is an important factor in determining the outcome of the case in the courtroom.

The value of the crime scene can diminish rapidly. Rain, snow, wind or the actions of people may destroy evidence of value. A matter of minutes or an unobservant step may mean the difference between locating valuable evidence or a fruitless search by the crime scene investigator.

III. DEFINITION:

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IV. PROCEDURE:

A. RESPONSE

APPROVED:  
CHIEF OF POLICE



1. Crime scene protection and preservation is the responsibility of the first officer on the scene. His swift arrival, ability to take control and secure the area from any outside interference may prevent the destruction or contamination of physical evidence; prevent further injury/loss of life, or loss of witnesses.

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D. PROCESSING THE CRIME SCENE

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2. All Officers and Forensic Specialists processing scenes and collecting evidence will do so according to Hampton Police Division Training Guidelines and guidelines set forth by the Virginia Department of Forensic Science.

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