

Procedure

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Eugene Police Department



Forensic Evidence Unit

11.1.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Forensic Evidence Unit (FEU) assists in criminal investigation and prosecution providing technical assistance, detection, identification, preservation, and analysis of physical evidence.

11.1.2 CALL-OUT CRITERIA

- a. Normally, crime scene processing should be done by the officer conducting the preliminary investigation.
- b. Call out of FEU personnel may be appropriate in cases involving:
 1. Serious crimes (e.g., death investigations)
 2. Large or complex crime scenes beyond the capabilities of the investigating officer
 3. Special technical expertise needed at the crime scene
 4. significant dollar amount or high priority crime series

11.1.3 CALL-OUT PROCEDURES

- a. During working hours (0700-1730, Monday through Friday), contact the FEU supervisor. If the FEU supervisor is not available, contact the Investigations Division Lieutenant.
- b. After-hours requests must be authorized by a sworn supervisor and can be made by contacting the FEU supervisor. If the FEU supervisor is not available, contact the Investigations Division Lieutenant.

11.1.4 OUTSIDE EXPERTS

The FEU supervisor must be consulted prior to any contact of external (to EPD) forensic consultants or experts. The FEU supervisor will recommend or approve forensic experts/consultants and work to facilitate communication or services.

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