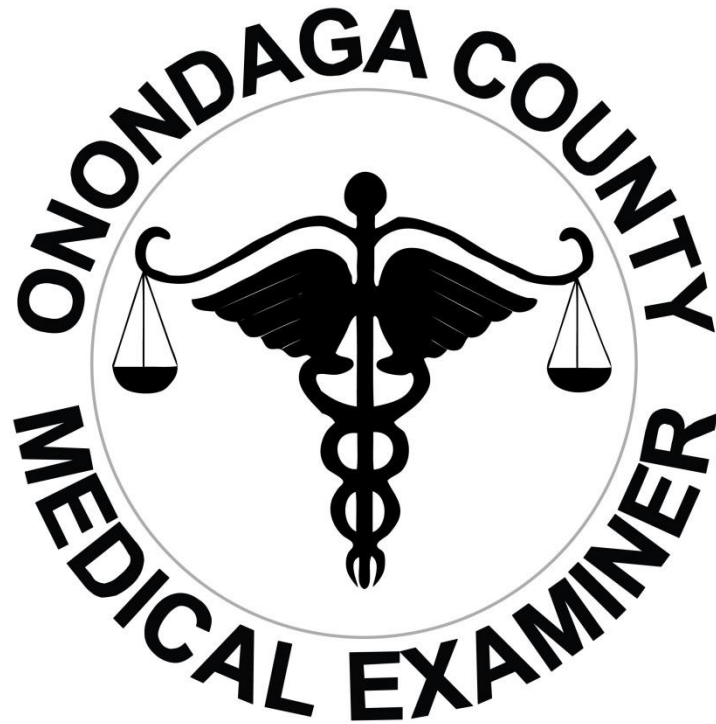


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“Every Scene, Every Time”

2018

“Every Scene, Every Time” Documentation

General Scene Documentation

- Arrival on Scene (Date/Time)
- Photo-documentation?
- Type of camera used?
- Weather Conditions?
- Outdoor Temperature?
- Indoor Ambient Temperature?
- Type of Device(s) Used to Record Temperatures?

Body

- Body Surface Temperature?
- Type of Device(s) Used to Record Temperature?
(Core/Rectal Temperature Taken on Certain Investigations)

- Body Surface to the Touch? *Cool, Cold, Frozen, Hot, Warm*

- Body Position?
- On What Surface is Body Located?

- Lividity when Touched?
- Lividity Location?
- Color of Lividity?
- Lividity Consistent with Position?

- Rigor Mortis - Jaw?
- Rigor Mortis - Upper extremities?
- Rigor Mortis - Lower extremities?

- Decomposed? Insects?

Body Continued

- Clothing Present: *Fully Dressed, Partially Dressed, Naked*
- Clothing Description?

- Jewelry/Valuables Description?
- Jewelry/Valuables – Turned Over to Legal Next-of-Kin (NOK) on Scene?

- Physical Characteristics?

- Medical Therapy/Devices?

Body Inspection

- Head/Scalp
- Face
- Eyes
- Nose
- Froth Present from Nose
- Oral Cavity/Lips
- Froth Present from Mouth
- Oral Frenula
- Dentition
- Neck
- Chest
- Abdomen
- Lower extremities
- Upper extremities
- Feet
- Back

Evidence Seal

- Date/Time Body Pouch (Bag) Sealed
- Evidence Seal #

Time Documentation

- Date/Time Departed Scene

In addition, please document in your investigative report whose custody the scene was left in when you departed (e.g.: Name of police authority, NOK)

Note: Often times you will not be able to examine certain sections of the body on scene for a variety of reasons, such as the body was clad in jeans and boots. Documentation in the investigative report should indicate why this body part was not examined.

Example: The body was clad in blue jeans that were buttoned, zipped and the belt was buckled; therefore, the lower extremities were not examined on scene.

** It is imperative to keep in mind that the 45-points of “Every Scene, Every Time” documentation do not stand alone, but rather complement the narrative portion of the investigative report consisting of a case summary, investigative details, medical and social history, identification, and next-of-kin contact sections.