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Governor Director

Dear Law Enforcement Executive:

Currently the regular hours of operation for Scene and Evidence Services Command (SESC) – Crime Scene Services is 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., seven days a week. During these hours, Crime Scene Investigators (CSIs) respond to both property crimes and crimes against persons. Outside these hours of operation, CSIs respond only to crimes against persons with a few exceptions such as major property crime investigations (e.g., burglary involving the loss of numerous firearms, burglary believed to be related to other crimes, etc.).

The SESC understands you have an obligation to the community you serve to provide professional, quality police service. This is especially true for residential burglaries. In order to assist you, the SESC will be responding to residential burglary scenes with high evidence potential which occur outside of our regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The CSIs have been provided a guide to assist in assessing these requests. The process to request a CSI for these scenes will remain the same. The SESC would ask that if you have additional questions you contact the appropriate Field Supervisor directly and discuss the evidence potential criteria in further detail. The map available on the Illinois State Police website depicts the SESC's regional boundaries along with the contact information for the Field Supervisors.

In those instances where the residential burglary does not meet these criteria, arrangements can be made for a CSI to respond to the scene on the following morning if reasonable measures can be taken to secure the scene. A CSI may also process evidence collected by your officers at a later time (e.g., latent fingerprint development, DNA collection, etc.).

The SESC also offers specialty services such as Forensic Art, Bullet Trajectory Analysis, Bloodstain Pattern Analysis, Unmanned Aircraft System, Infrared Camera capabilities, and Anthropological excavation capabilities.

To request a CSI for any of the above circumstances, the SESC Command Center can be contacted 24 hours a day by calling the toll-free number, (800) 892-4095.

The SESC strives to provide the best possible service to Illinois law enforcement agencies. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (217) 836-4755.