

In the Crash Investigation event, competitors find themselves in a simulated environment designed to emulate a real-world Crash Investigation. Participants will engage in dynamic roleplay, and mimic the intricacies of a real crash investigation. They interact with individuals involved in a vehicle crash and any eye witnesses in a controlled environment, adhering to the standard protocols and procedures of law enforcement officers.

Entry Requirements

- Teams must be composed of 2 members.
- Chapters can only register 1 teams to compete.

Materials

Competitors can/should provide the following materials. Competitors are only permitted to bring in the below materials to the competition. TPSA does not provide the below materials.

- **Pen** Blue or Black Ink
- **Clipboard**
- **Traffic Citation** Printed Copy of TPSA Official Traffic Citation
- **3" x 5" memo book** 3" x 5" memo book to take written notes
- **Duty Gear** 1- training pistol, 1-2 set(s) of handcuffs with key, duty belt with holsters to secure all equipment, and any additional optional training equipment (I.E. training taser, training o/c spray, etc).
- **Crash Report (CR-3)** Download and print the TPSA Crash Report (CR-3). TPSA will not provide paper copies at the competition.
- **Crash Report Code Sheet** Download and print the TPSA Crash Report Code Sheet. TPSA will not provide paper copies at competition.
- **Crash Exchange Form** Download and print the TPSA Crash Exchange Form. TPSA will not provide paper copies at competition.
- **Traffic Diagram Template** Provide your own Traffic Diagram Template. (Competitor choice of form). TPSA will not provide paper copies at competition.
- **Photo Identification** Reference [the rulebook \(https://tpsa.info/rulebook\)](https://tpsa.info/rulebook) for details

Supplemental Documents

- [Traffic Citation](#)
- [CR-3](#)
- [CR-3 Codes](#)
- [Information Exchange](#)

Procedures and Timeline

- **Check In (10 min Time Limit)** Competitors must check in to their event at their designated check-in time. Competitors that arrive ten (10) minutes after their designated check-in time will be marked as no-shows and not be allowed to compete out of respect for the time commitment made by our judges and volunteers.
- **Pre-Event Briefing (5 min Time Limit)** After check-in, competitors will be guided to the designated event area. Once there, the moderator will provide a comprehensive briefing, detailing the event's instructions, rules, and procedures. This briefing ensures that each competitor is well-informed and prepared for the subsequent stages of the competition. The moderator will verify that the competitor's memory card is empty
- **Part 1 (20 min Time Limit)**
 1. The judge will read the scenario to the competitors and immediately afterwards the moderator will set a timer for 20-minutes and call "start", then each team will begin their crash investigation to include: a. Notifying dispatch of arrival on scene b. Determining if medical treatment is needed. c. Gathering proper documentation from crash victims. d. Run crash victims' information. e. Issue appropriate citations f. Exchange forms given to parties involved in crash
 2. For competitors who do not utilize the entire 20-minutes, they may simulate a radio call to dispatch stating they are back in service, and this will end their time.
 3. The moderator will call "time" when the 20-minute timer sounds.
 4. Actors will submit Crash Exchange and Citation to moderator at the end of the 20-minute time.
- **Part 2 (15 min Time Limit)**
 1. The moderator will give the Crash Exchange form and Citation to the judge(s).
 2. The moderator will set a timer for 20-minutes and call "start", then each team will begin their final drafts of the crash investigation documents: a. Completion of CR3 b. Completion of diagram c. Completion of narrative d. Competitors

must physically hand their completed crash report and all documentation to the judge before the 20 minutes expire. *To provide a consistent and equal opportunity for all competitors, each team shall utilize the same simulated crash scene and shall receive the same crash scene information from crash victims and dispatch. Teams who ask more detailed, thorough questions will receive more specific information than those who do not.*

- **Evaluation and Scoring (120 min Time Limit)** After the completion of the event, judges will convene to assess each competitor's/team's performance based on a standardized rubric. This stage is conducted without the presence of the competitors. Judges will evaluate the criteria outlined in the rubric to ensure a fair and objective scoring process. Once all assessments are finalized, scores will be recorded for each competitor/team.

Professional Dress Guidelines

To secure professionalism points, competitors should dress in attire that accurately reflects what professionals in the respective public safety careers would wear while performing the tasks associated with the event. Competitors are also expected to consult and follow the professional dress guidelines in the rulebook to qualify for points. Additionally, participation is contingent upon meeting all prescribed safety protocols.

Safety Protocols

- **Fingernail Length** Competitors' fingernails shall not extend past the tip of the finger and shall be free of any/all adornments. Color is not a factor.
- **Hair** All hair must be secured out of the eyes for the duration of the event. Competitors with hair extending past the top of the shoulder shall wear their hair secured neatly in a bun or ponytail ensuring that no hair extends below the collar of the uniform. It is not an exception to the rule that a Competitor's chosen hair style is too thick to be secured above the collar.
- **Jewelry** Rings must feature a continuous, even, and unadorned exterior surface. Necklaces must not be visible from the outside of the uniform. Bracelets may not be worn. Facial piercings must be removed or covered with a band-aid.
- **Long Pants** Long pants must be worn secured at the waist and shall not extend past the sole of the shoe. No portion of the leg shall be visible.
- **Pant Length** Pants shall not extend past the sole of the shoe.
- **Shirt Sleeves** IF Long sleeve shirts are worn, they shall fit closely at the wrist and not extend past the wrist.
- **Shoes** Competitors must wear low-heeled, closed-toed footwear for this event.

Judge Qualifications

- Certified Law Enforcement officer that has experience in crash investigation.

Criteria	Unattempted	Unsatisfactory	Satisfactory	Proficient	Exemplary	Points
Professionalism						
<p>Professionalism This criterion evaluates the appropriateness of attire and the level of professional behavior displayed, considering industry standards relevant to the event.</p>		<p>2 Attire is inappropriate for the event and does not meet industry standards. Professional behavior is inconsistent.</p>	<p>5 Attire is mostly appropriate but may not fully meet industry standards. Professional behavior is generally acceptable.</p>	<p>8 Attire meets industry standards and is appropriate for the event. Professional behavior is consistent.</p>	<p>10 Attire meets industry standards and is appropriate for the event. Professional behavior is outstanding and goes above and beyond expectations. Attire quality is not a factor between Proficient and Exemplary.</p>	Opts
Communication						
<p>Dispatch Communication Before and Upon Arrival The competitor completes the following tasks:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Responds to the call from dispatch appropriately 2. Informed them they are enroute to the scene 3. Informs dispatch when they arrive on the scene 4. All proper ancillary agencies (EMS, or tow services) have been requested 	<p>0 Not attempted</p>	<p>1 The competitor completes 1 of the tasks</p>	<p>3 The competitor completes 2 of the tasks</p>		<p>5 The competitor completes 3 of the tasks</p>	Opts
<p>Returns During the investigation the competitor will request returns for all vehicles and individuals involved in crash</p>	<p>0 Did not request returns</p>	<p>3 The competitor requested less than 50% of the returns needed</p>	<p>6 The competitor requested at least 50% of the returns needed</p>	<p>8 The competitor requested at least 75% of the returns needed</p>	<p>10 The competitor requested 100% of the returns needed</p>	Opts
<p>Dispatch Communication Upon Completion Once investigation is completed, competitor will notify dispatch</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Roadways are back open 2. Vehicle disposition 3. Citations issued 4. Officers are back in service 	<p>0 Did not notify dispatch upon completion</p>	<p>2 The competitor notified dispatch 25% of the required items</p>	<p>3 The competitor notified dispatch 50% of the required items</p>	<p>4 The competitor notified dispatch 75% of the required items</p>	<p>5 The competitor notified dispatch 100% of the required items</p>	Opts
Interview						

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<p>Interview</p> <p>The competitor will interview all parties & witnesses involved in the crash to gather information as to how the crash occurred.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Questioned individuals in a professional manner, 2. Obtaining all parties involved driver's license 3. Obtained all parties involved insurance information 4. Observations of the scene, 	<p>0</p> <p>The competitor did not attempt or only completed 20% of the required items</p>	<p>3</p> <p>The competitor completed 40% of the required items</p>	<p>6</p> <p>The competitor completed 60% of the required items</p>	<p>8</p> <p>The competitor completed 80% of the required items</p>	<p>10</p> <p>The competitor completed 100% of the required items</p>	<p>Opts</p>
Officer Safety						
<p>Officer Safety</p> <p>During contact with the individuals involved with the crash, officer demonstrates proper officer safety. (Not standing in traffic, proper distance and gun side not exposed and not turning back to individuals, etc.)</p>	<p>0</p> <p>4 or more officer safety issues observed during crash investigation</p>	<p>3</p> <p>3 officer safety issues observed during crash investigation</p>	<p>6</p> <p>2 officer safety issues observed during crash investigation</p>	<p>8</p> <p>1 officer safety issues observed during crash investigation</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Proper officer safety was demonstrated throughout the crash investigation.</p>	<p>Opts</p>
						<p>Total Score: 0 /50 pts</p>

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Crash Exchange Form						
Crash Exchange Form The competitor will complete the crash exchange form with the correct information and distribute it to parties involved in the crash and explain it to them.	0 Not attempted OR 4 or more errors on crash exchange form OR not explained	3 Crash exchange form was given and explained to all parties and had 3 errors	6 Crash exchange form was given and explained to all parties and had 2 errors	8 Crash exchange form was given and explained to all parties and had 1 errors	10 Crash exchange form was given and explained to all parties and had 0 errors	Opts
Citation						
Citation The competitor issues the proper citation to the correct party if needed. 1. Correct party issued citation 2. All correct arrest title(s) used 3. Citation filled out correctly	0 No citation issued or no criteria met	3 Citation issued with only 1 criteria met	6 Citation issued with only 2 criteria met		10 Citation issued with all 3 criteria met	Opts
CR-3						
CR-3 All appropriate boxes in the CR-3 will be completed with proper documentation. <i>Excluding diagram and narrative.</i>	0 Did not complete CR-3 or more than 7 errors made	3 5-6 errors on CR-3	6 3-4 errors on CR-3	8 1-2 errors on CR-3	10 All necessary sections of the CR-3 were filled in correctly with no grammatical errors	Opts
Diagram						
Diagram The diagram is legible and contains all appropriate information from the crash scene. 1. Diagram is neat and legible 2. Units are numbered 3. Units correspond to the unit numbers in the CR-3, 4. Include direction of travel prior to the impact by use of a solid line 5. Area of the impact	0 Not attempted or less than 40% complete and correct	3 Diagram is at least 40% complete and correct	6 Diagram is at least 60% complete and correct	8 Diagram is at least 80% complete and correct	10 Diagram is 100% complete and correct	Opts
Narrative						

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Narrative The narrative concisely describes what the competitor believes occurred through examination of all relevant evidence found on the scene.	0 No narrative or 4 or more errors on narrative	3 Narrative is concise and has 3 errors OR narrative is not concise	6 Narrative is concise and has 2 errors	8 Narrative is concise and has 1 error	10 Narrative is concise and complete and matches the diagram. It describes the main events of the crash including the direction of travel prior to the crash and the area of impact.	Opts
Total Score: 0 /50 pts						