

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.

Competitor Provided Materials

- **Photo Identification:** Reference the rulebook (<https://tpsa.info/rulebook>) for details.
- **Pen:** Blue or Black Ink
- **Clipboard**
- **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). No radios, working or otherwise, are allowed in the event (<https://texaspublicsafetyassociation.org/rulebook>**) .

TPSA Provided Materials

- **Traffic Citation:** Printed Copy of TPSA Official Traffic Citation
- **Crash Report (CR-3)**
- **Crash Report Code Sheet**
- **Crash Exchange Form**
- **Traffic Diagram Template**

Supplemental Documents

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

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.
- **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 15-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 15 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 entire event and all teams are done, 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. If competitors have piercings beyond a single stud in each ear, they must cover these additional piercings with band-aids or wear clear studs to maintain a professional appearance.
- **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						
Professional Dress Presents a neat, professional appearance in attire consistent with any recognized industry standard for the career and event tasks. Team members reasonably match in color and style.	0 Attire does not reasonably reflect a recognized industry standard for the career and tasks, or team members do not reasonably match.		3 Attire reflects a recognized industry standard, but noticeable issues with neatness or how clothing is worn detract from professional appearance.		5 Appearance is neat and professional. Attire reflects a recognized industry standard, is worn properly, and reasonably matches among team members.	
Professional Behavior Maintains a professional demeanor, stays attentive and engaged, and communicates appropriately for the role and situation throughout the event.	0 Professional demeanor and role-appropriate engagement are not demonstrated.	1 2 Shows limited professional demeanor. Communication or engagement remains too casual or disconnected from the role.	3 Generally presents professionally, but communication, attentiveness, or engagement is inconsistent.	4 Maintains a professional demeanor, stays engaged, and communicates appropriately for the role.	5 Sustains a professional demeanor and attentive engagement throughout. Communicates with tact and adapts appropriately to the people and situation.	
Communication						
Returns During the investigation the competitor will request returns for all vehicles and individuals involved in crash	0 Did not request returns	3 The competitor requested less than 50% of the returns needed	6 The competitor requested at least 50% of the returns needed	8 The competitor requested at least 75% of the returns needed	10 The competitor requested 100% of the returns needed	
Dispatch Communication Upon Completion Once investigation is completed, competitor will notify dispatch 1. Roadways are back open 2. Vehicle disposition 3. Citations issued 4. Officers are back in service	0 Did not notify dispatch upon completion	2 The competitor notified dispatch 25% of the required items	3 The competitor notified dispatch 50% of the required items	4 The competitor notified dispatch 75% of the required items	5 The competitor notified dispatch 100% of the required items	

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Dispatch Communication Before and Upon Arrival The competitor completes the following tasks: 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	0 Not attempted	1 The competitor completes 1 of the tasks	3 The competitor completes 2 of the tasks		5 The competitor completes 3 of the tasks	
Interview						
Interview The competitor will interview all parties & witnesses involved in the crash to gather information as to how the crash occurred. 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,	0 The competitor did not attempt or only completed 20% of the required items	3 The competitor completed 40% of the required items	6 The competitor completed 60% of the required items	8 The competitor completed 80% of the required items	10 The competitor completed 100% of the required items	
Officer Safety						
Officer Safety 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.)	0 4 or more officer safety issues observed during crash investigation	3 3 officer safety issues observed during crash investigation	6 2 officer safety issues observed during crash investigation	8 1 officer safety issues observed during crash investigation	10 Proper officer safety was demonstrated throughout the crash investigation.	
Total Score: _____ / 50 pts						

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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	
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	
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 gramatical errors	
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 and correspond to the unit numbers in the CR-3, 3. Street names are given and appropriate traffic control provided 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	
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.	
Total Score: _____ / 50 pts						