Crime scene management (CSM): Challenges and demands in Indian scenario

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It is very well known resolution of a criminal case is perfectly co-related with strategic evidence collections with greater accuracy from the scene of occurrence (SOC). It requires a patient, calculative and careful effort to collect substantial linking evidences to establish the crime in the court of law at beyond reasonable doubt.

Crime scene Management starts from the time an officer arrives at the original call to investigate. The Forensic officer(s) determines the status of the scene. The police/investigating officer (IO) will secure the area and make information available to other responding police, fire and emergency personnel including EMS. Evidences at scene of occurrence must be collected; all responders have access to the entire area.

Through this article, we have tried to explain the importance of the CSM at the SOC with example of our own visited three (03) cases. In all cases, the IO was in investigating at initial level in the different direction and after our reconstruction of SOC by us, the IO have started in the different direction. All The cases were solved on the basis of physical evidences recovered at the SOC by the forensic experts. At the end of the article, we have also reported the challenges, requirements and basic need at the SOC, while visiting a crime scene from a forensic expert.

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