**NEW ACCREDITATION STANDARDS 2018**

**27.6 – Scene Processing Availability**

A written directive requires that qualified personnel are available on a 24-hour basis to process crime scenes, traffic accident scenes, and other investigation scenes.

Purpose: To ensure that qualified and skilled personnel are available always to respond to and process crime scenes, traffic accident scenes, and other investigation scenes. Smaller agencies may have skilled personnel on call or may have arranged with another agency to acquire skilled personnel.

**27.7 – Bio-Hazard Materials**

A written directive requires that all bio-hazard materials and their storage areas are properly marked with hazard labels.

Purpose: To ensure that all bio-hazard material submitted for storage is properly labeled as such, including the area of storage.

**27.8 – Drug Drop Box Policy**

If an agency utilizes a Community Drug Drop Box, the agency has a written directive that requires the collection and safe disposal of unused medicines (prescription/over the counter) turned into the agency by the community, which include;

* 1. The evidence custodian will check and maintain the drop box each week. During these inspections, a two-person rule, or video monitoring, should apply.
  2. Retrieval will consist of removing the items in the box, place them in an evidence bag, sealing the bag with evidence tape and weighing it. The evidence custodian will sign the evidence tape with the date, time collection, and weight.
  3. An evidence report/log will be done by the evidence custodian which will include the date, time the medication was collected, and weight. An evidence tag will be affixed to the bag, after which the bag will be placed into an area in the evidence room until it can be properly destroyed.