



Greetings,

My name is Mistie Measeles, and I am a student at Colorado Technical University working on my Doctorate of Management in Criminal Justice. I am conducting an academic study titled “A Qualitative Study on Crime Scene Management’s Proactive Support in the Mental Health of Crime Scene Investigators.” I am seeking to explore the current proactive methods in place to support the mental health of crime scene investigators.

The purpose of this qualitative study is to investigate what current proactive practices are in place to support the mental health and well-being of crime scene investigators. It is well known that crime scene investigation work can result in stressors due to the nature of the job. Responding to, documenting, and processing sometimes horrific scenes can take a toll on an investigator’s mental well-being. As a previous crime scene specialist, I have a passion for this field and the important role that investigators have in investigations and the criminal justice system. The success of this study is based data collected from professionals, such as yourself, to understand what current practices are in place and how they can be improved.

My study describes the potential need for more proactive methods to support crime scene investigators and their mental well-being. It is my hope that the results of the research may benefit the field of crime scene investigation by providing evidence of the need for more proactive interventions. Additionally, I hope that the results have this study provide support for the development of effective coping strategies for crime scene supervisors to provide for crime scene investigators.

You are invited to participate in the study if you meet the following inclusion criteria:

- Participant is a full-time crime scene supervisor
- Participant manages crime scene investigators
- Participant has been employed in this role for at least one year

If you volunteer to participate in this study, you will be asked to do the following:

- Sign a voluntary consent form to participate in the research study
- Schedule approximately 45 - 60 minutes to complete the interview with 10 questions and follow up questions related to mentla health practices
- Review responses and confirm accuracy
- Participant will respond to questions presented during the interview
- Participate in member checking to confirm the accuracy of the interview transcripts

There is likely no direct benefit to study participants. However, the overall benefits of the study may include gaining valuable insight and knowledge that present opportunities you would like to share with regard to methods you currently use to support the well-being of your investigators.

Collected data will remain strictly confidential and used only for the purposes of this research study, which has been approved by the Colorado Technical University Institutional Review Board. The audio responses to interview questions will be recorded on a cellular phone device and recorder.

If you are willing to participate in the mentioned study, please reply to this message indicating your interest in participating.

Thank you,

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INFORMED CONSENT FORM – v2.1

Title of Study: A Qualitative Study on Crime Scene Management's Proactive Support in the Mental Health of Crime Scene Investigators

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Purpose of the Study

You are invited to participate in a research study. The goal is to examine methods used to support the well-being of employees.

Participant Criteria

You are invited to take part in the study. You meet the following standards:

- Full-time supervisor for at least one year
- Currently supervising employees

This form may help you decide if you want to participate in this study.

Study Activities and Duration

If you participate in this study, you will be asked to:

- Join in on a 60 minute interview

Benefits to You or Others

There is no benefit to participate in this study. There may be some benefits that help improve methods used to support employees.

Risks or Discomfort

Research studies involve risk. This study may have minimal risk. There may be some discomfort when answering the questions. If at any time, you feel uncomfortable with a question, please let the researcher know.

Incentives to Participation

There is no financial cost or incentive to participate in this study.



Voluntary Participation

You may choose not to participate in this study. You may withdraw from this study at any time. There is no penalty or consequence if you withdraw. You are encouraged to ask questions at any time about this study.

Privacy and Confidentiality

All information will remain confidential. Information such as names and employment locations will not be dispersed. All information gathered from the study will be kept on a password-encoded external hard drive, and only the researcher will have access to the information. The information will be held for 7 years. Once the 7 years have passed, it will be destroyed.

You may ask questions. You may discuss concerns. You may contact the Principal Investigator. The Principal Investigator's contact information is noted above. This study is conducted under the supervision of Dr. Rae Madison from CTU. She can be contacted at 404-228-9934 or at rmadison@coloradotech.edu. You may contact the CTU IRB. You can email the CTU IRB at CTUIRB@coloradotech.edu. You can visit IRB resources at https://careered.libguides.com/ctu/doctoral_students/irb

Participant Consent

I have read the above information. I agree to participate in this study. My signature below confirms I am at least 18 years of age. My signature confirms that I agree to participate in this study. A copy of this form has been given to me.

Signature of Participant

Date

Participant Name (Please Print)