

## Appendix C: Email to Participants



Greetings,

My name is Mistie Measeles, and I am a student of 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 employes 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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