
 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE FORENSIC SERVICES GROUP SOUTH WESTERN ZONE</b></p> 		
Title: <b>MAJOR / SERIOUS CRIME and INCIDENTS</b>		
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## MAJOR / SERIOUS CRIME and INCIDENTS

- Events needing IMMEDIATE response to a preserved and guarded scene.

'Crime Scene Examiners' (Fingerprint and Physical Evidence) are experts located at:

- Albury Crime Scene Section – Fingerprint and Physical Evidence
- Wagga Wagga Crime Scene Section – Fingerprint and Physical Evidence

(The Crime Scene Sections are not part of the LAC or Region.)

### Office hours –

Contact via telephone to the office or mobile,  
or VKG to vehicles –

Albury Physical Evidence	Forensic 51
Albury Fingerprints	Forensic 52
Griffith Physical Evidence	Forensic 170
Wagga Wagga Physical Evidence	Forensic 310
Wagga Wagga Fingerprints	Forensic 311
Zone Manager	Forensic 52

### After hours re-call to duty

Police at the scene, in consultation with the Duty Officer and Senior Investigator should –

Contact VKG Wagga Wagga for reference to the on-call roster.

VKG Wagga Wagga

- Ring the mobile telephone of the crime scene section.
- Ring the home number of the on-call crime scene examiner.
- Ring the mobile telephone of the crime scene section AGAIN.
- Please be aware that the person may not reach the telephone before it diverts to message bank.
- Ring again immediately.

**\*\*\* Police Stations do not have the crime scene section rosters \*\*\***

Please note:

- Crime Scene Examiners have responsibility to justify their re-call, based on information provided to them and inquiries they make.
- It is not the prerogative of a Duty Officer or Supervisor to direct the re-call of Crime Scene Examiners.
- Disputes should be referred to the Zone Manager, South Western Zone and/or the Crime Scene Operations Branch - On Call Referral Officer.

**Refer to CSOB notification and callout Guidelines for Major Crime.**

[http://nswpsintranet/bizunits/fs/docs/csob\\_callout\\_guidelines.pdf](http://nswpsintranet/bizunits/fs/docs/csob_callout_guidelines.pdf)

## VOLUME / MINOR CRIME – attended by ‘FORENSIC STAFF’

- Scenes and events which are not fully preserved or guarded, or remain directly under Police control.
- Require action to preserve portions, or items, of the scene for later examination, such as -
  - Enter & Steal;
  - Stolen Motor Vehicles;
  - Steal from Motor Vehicle;
  - Exhibits collected for any of these offences.

‘Forensic staff’, either -

- Civilian ‘Scene of Crime Officers’
- Crime Scene examiners from each of the three Sections.
- Police ‘Scene of Crime Officers’ (SOCO) – see table.

SOCOs (Police & Civilian) are located at -				
Albury LAC	Deniliquin LAC	Griffith LAC	Wagga Wagga LAC	Cootamundra LAC
Albury Khancobin	Deniliquin Balranald Jerilderie	Griffith West Wyalong Lake Cargellico	Wagga Wagga Yerong Creek	Cootamundra Gundagai Young

Requests for forensic examination of minor crime scenes from car crews via VKG –

- VKG to call for the local SOCO vehicle
- Available SOCO will advise an estimated time to attend.
- Immediate response CANNOT be expected due to staff distribution.
- Car crews are to take steps to preserve the locations and items to be examined.
  
- OIC to return to the station and create a Forensic Job in the Event (required for *every scene* examined by examiners or SOCOS)
  
- **‘Forensic staff’ will contact the victim – based on information provided in the forensic job request.**
  
- **VKG operators should not make multiple searches to locate ‘forensic staff’ to attend a minor crime scene.**
- **It is the OIC’s responsibility to take appropriate steps to preserve potential evidence and make the request for forensic examination.**

MINOR & VOLUME CRIMES ARE NOT URGENT

**MAJOR CRIME AND INCIDENTS MUST NOT BE EXAMINED BY SCENE OF CRIME OFFICERS**