



## ***Handling Evidence***

**Since evidence can take so many forms, instructions on how to handle it should cover all possibilities.**

- how it should be recorded?**
- how it should be protected?**
- should it be reported and then wait for further instructions?**
- what are the options & searcher alternatives?**

# At the Scene

Consider...

## 1. TYPE OF INCIDENT

- ◆ Crash - aircraft, boat, automobile, skateboard
- ◆ Dead Body - obvious? circumstances?
- ◆ Injury - treat immediately
- ◆ Evidence - record

## 2. DEAD BODY

- ◆ Protect rescuers from situation
- ◆ Triage, Assess, Treat injuries
- ◆ Document

## 3. INJURIES

- ◆ Treat, but note surroundings

## 4. EVIDENCE - clue handling

- ◆ Discuss details in briefing
- ◆ Cordon or retrieve?
- ◆ Record scene
- ◆ Act on evidence or continue assignment?