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Back by Popular Demand: CSI Wichita: Crime Scene Investigation

“It was our most popular First Tuesday,” says Community Affairs Officer Jason Dautrich. “That’s why it’s back by popular demand.”

The program Dautrich is talking about is CSI Wichita: Crime Scene Investigation, a 90-minute look behind the scenes of the Wichita Police Department Crime Lab.

“Our June First Tuesday program looked at how Wichita’s crime scene investigators help forensic science bring criminals to justice,” said Dautrich. “This month’s program will include new material not talked about in June. Looking at how WPD investigators perform their complex tasks will be an eye-opener for the public, especially fans of the popular CSI television programs.”

The City of Wichita currently has 13 crime scene investigators and CSI supervisors. Their job is to make sure evidence is collected properly so forensic specialists can examine it using many scientific disciplines that range from fingerprint analysis to chemistry.

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“Once evidence is collected at the scene of a crime, it is usually sent to three places where specialists examine it: the Sedgwick County Forensic Science Center, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation crime lab, or the FBI National Crime Lab,” said Dautrich.

First Tuesday is a program that was begun by the Wichita Police Department in 2006. It is designed to help prevent crime and give the public a better understanding of the workings of the Wichita Police Department.

The First Tuesday on July 3rd begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Community Church, 6100 W. Maple. While the program is free and open to the public, those who wish to attend must call 316-268-4101 to reserve a place.

“We expect another big turnout for this event, so anyone wanting to attend should call early to reserve a seat,” Dautrich said.