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CSI Wichita: First Tuesday Focuses on Crime Scene Investigation

Fans of the popular TV shows CSI: Crime Scene Investigation, CSI: Miami and CSI: New York won't want to miss the next First Tuesday presentation, according to Community Affairs Officer Jason Dautrich.

"Our First Tuesday program on June 5th will take a look at how Wichita's crime scene investigators help forensic science bring criminals to justice," said Dautrich. "This program will provide a fascinating behind-the-scenes look at how evidence is collected that can solve crimes that often are complex and baffling."

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.

"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

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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 June 5 begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Glenville Baptist Church, 4604 S. Seneca. While the program is free and open to the public, those who wish to attend are asked to call 316-268-4101 to reserve a place.

“We expect a big turnout for this event, so it’s a good idea to call early to reserve a seat,” Dautrich said.