

CCTV Practical Assessment Scenarios

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Please select one of the following three scenarios to conduct the practical assessment of your learners. The scenarios enable you to ensure that all criteria have been met and should be reflected throughout the production of the audit trail and subsequent portfolio evidence.

Scenario 1: Suspected terrorist attack

It is a busy Saturday in the town centre with a big parade planned to start at 15:00 from the front of the town hall. Intelligence suggests that something is going to happen during the parade, but nothing has been confirmed.

1. On starting your shift, you conduct all the standard checks to ensure everything is working, reporting any faults found immediately.
2. At 14:30 you receive a radio message from PC Smith 1234, asking for your assistance to track a vehicle, which has been seen parked in various places along the route of the parade.
3. He has been informed that the vehicle is an average model, possibly a Ford, blue in colour and fairly new, but does not have anything more specific. He further states that the driver is a white male about 30 years old and is with a younger female.
4. After conducting a search of local car parks, you identify a male acting suspiciously near a blue vehicle. As you believe it is a potential match for the details given, you obtain an identification image and pass this information onto the police, including the make, model and number plate.

5. The police have asked you to track the vehicle and, if possible, advise direction so that they can arrange a stop and search.
6. You track the vehicle, but as camera 4 is not working, you lose them, informing the police that you will try to relocate them quickly, using your lost contact drills.
7. On relocating them, you make notes as to where they are and inform the police of the situation.
8. You observe the police cordon and stop the vehicle and note the time.
9. The police have requested for a copy of the images you have recorded to be ready for viewing.
10. On viewing the images, they ask for a copy to take away for evidence and a statement from you detailing your actions.
11. Produce all the required evidence for the audit trail so that a case can be presented to the courts.

Scenario 2: Football fans

It is a busy Friday evening with the local football team playing in a local derby on an evening kick-off which is planned to start at 19:30. Local gossip is that an ambush has been arranged for the visiting fans as they come through the park on the way back to the station.

1. On starting your shift, you conduct all the standard checks to ensure everything is working, reporting any faults found immediately.
2. At 20:30 you receive a radio message from PC Smith 1234, asking for your assistance to track a group of youths, who are reported as being drunk and shouting racist comments at anyone they come across.
3. He has been informed that they are in the park at the station end and are being led by a known local, Davy Jason. You are given a detailed description of the suspect and asked to try and locate him.
4. A search of the park does not identify the person, although you have located a group of about 15 youths at the far end of the park, near the station. You advise PC Smith and tell him you will try and locate the suspect in other areas.
5. As camera 5 is not working and camera 9 does not work well in poor light, you conduct further searches of the area using your local knowledge.
6. At 20:45, you find a male youth matching the description provided, and obtain an identification image. He appears to be trying to hide behind the station wall at the front of the building with another youth. You inform PC Smith and are asked to track him until a police unit can arrive.
7. As the police car comes into view, both youths run into the park. You lose them due to the poor light, but using your lost contact drill and system knowledge, you pick them up again using camera 7 as they join the rest of the group in the park.
8. You immediately notify the police, as there are now approximately 15 youths in the area and you feel the situation could escalate.
9. You monitor the group, until a police van arrives. The youths become aggressive, spitting at the officers. A number of youths are detained and taken away in the van.

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Scenario 3: Pickpocket

It is a bank holiday Sunday and the circus are in town; the circus people have set up a 'mini circus' at the Town Hall to advertise the main event, which is located on the outskirts of the town. It is just getting dark, the centre is busy with excited children and parents trying to keep them in view!

1. On starting your shift, you conduct all the standard checks to ensure everything is working, reporting any faults found immediately.
2. At 18:01 you receive a request for assistance from PC Smith 1234, asking you to track a male, who is suspected of being a pickpocket and is working in the area. You have been provided with a detailed description.
3. As camera 8 is working intermittently, you start the search using cameras 4 and 6 as these give a good view of the Town Hall square.
4. Your search identifies a potential match to the description, a male who appears to be moving in and out of the crowds with no interest in the actual circus, and he appears to be alone. You obtain an identification image. You inform PC Smith of his location and give further details of his clothing to assist in the identification.
5. You are asked to track the person to identify if any further thefts are conducted until the police can apprehend him.
6. Whilst monitoring the suspect, you observe as he takes an item from a woman's handbag and you inform PC Smith of the incident.
7. As the police arrive, the suspect ducks into an alley, causing you to temporarily lose contact. You use your lost contact drills and finally relocate him using camera 10, at the far side of the Town Hall.
8. You advise the police of his location and monitor until the police arrive and detain him.
9. The police have requested for a copy of the images you have recorded to be ready for viewing.
10. On viewing the images, they ask for a copy to take away for evidence and a statement from you detailing your actions.
11. Produce all the required evidence for the audit trail so that a case can be presented to the courts.

Practical assessment mapping between scenarios and assessment criteria				
Relevant AC	Did the learner meet the following criteria?	Scenario 1 mapping	Scenario 2 mapping	Scenario 3 mapping
8.1	Carry out functional checks of the CCTV System	1	1	1
8.1	Carry out equipment fault procedures	1	1, 5	1, 3
8.2	Use keypads and joysticks to operate cameras, monitors and associated equipment	1	1	1, 3, 7
8.4, 9.1	Whilst operating a CCTV system, be able to liaise with other agencies and take notes as appropriate	2,3,7	2,3	2, 4 ,8
8.4	Identify body language and behaviours that could indicate unusual or suspicious activity	4	6	4, 7
8.4	Whilst operating the CCTV system, be able to give clear and accurate descriptions of people, vehicles and events	4	4, 6, 8	2, 4
8.3	Use of cameras to search the outside of buildings, streets and open spaces for suspicious items	4	6, 7	3, 4, 7
8.3	Using a CCTV system, detect and track/follow a suspect on foot or in a vehicle	5	6	4, 6,7
8.3	Whilst operating the CCTV system, carry out a lost contact drill	6	7	7
8.5, 9.1	Record images onto storage media in an evidentially sound manner	9	10	9
8.5	Produce images for evidential purposes	4, 9, 10	6, 10, 11	4, 10, 11
9.1	Complete documentation ensuring audit trail is sound	11	12	