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Objective
Describe the actions needed to ensure that the scene surrounding a Power Line Caused Wildfire is properly maintained.

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Describe what can be done to meet both the electric utility’s capability to provide safety and reliable service and the fire agency’s authority to conduct a full and complete investigation.
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Scene Secured

It may require someone specifically assigned to stay at the Area of Origin—even Overnight.

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Pre-Fire Understanding

(ELECTRIC UTILITY)/(FIRE AGENCY) PROTOCOLS

It is the intention of ("ELECTRIC UTILITY") and the ("FIRE AGENCY"), hereinafter "the parties" to reach an understanding of reciprocal and mutual cooperation for the purpose of origin and cause fire investigation in those fire incidents where any facilities of (ELECTRIC UTILITY) could be involved (hereinafter "wild fire incidents"). For that reason (ELECTRIC UTILITY) and (FIRE AGENCY) agree to the following guidelines.
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Knowledge Check

Once the General Area of Origin has been determined and has been identified with flagging, you:

A. Can continue with other investigation activities away from the scene
B. Can return to your office and continue your investigation tomorrow
C. Can assign an officer to monitor the area to restrict non-investigative personnel from entry
D. Can join the fire-fighting efforts to minimize fire damage to potential fire cause evidence

The correct answer is:
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TRANSITION to Unit 6: Evidence Collection.