

# IACP Forensics Committee



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## IACP

- International Association of Chiefs of Police
- Police executives of international, federal, state and local agencies of all sizes
- Over 20,000 members in over 89 different countries

## IACP Membership

- Active membership
  - Chiefs and Superintendents of Police
  - Command-level police officers
  - Administrative-level police officers
- Associate membership
  - Other individuals practicing or teaching law enforcement

## History

- Founding co-chairs
  - Ann Talbot (Laboratory Director, NM DPS)
  - William Berger (Chief, Palm Bay Police Department)
- April 2004 – first committee meeting (teleconference)
- Current Co-Chairs
  - Ray Prime (Laboratory Director, Centre of Forensic Sciences, Toronto, Ontario)
  - William Berger (Chief, Palm Bay Police Department)

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## Committee Members

- Active and Associate Members
  - Law Enforcement
  - Forensic Service Providers
    - Local, State, Federal, International, Private Laboratory Directors
    - Medical Examiners
    - Educators
    - Forensic Stakeholders (ASCLD/LAB, IAI, NFSTC)
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## Committee Objective

Provide support, advice and policy direction

## Resolutions

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- Automated Fingerprint Identification Systems (AFIS)
- Crime Scene/Forensics Investigation Training
- Forensic Science Accreditation and Certification
- DNA Analysis Verification
- Funding
- DNA Arrestee Sample Collection

## IACP Response to NAS Report

- Opposes removing crime laboratories from law enforcement agencies.
- Believes all research designed to study and enhance the delivery of forensic services must include the participation of law enforcement practitioners.
- Supports the need for accreditation and certification of forensic science providers.
- Opposes “mandatory” requirements in the absence of sustainable federal assistance funding.
- Supports the development of an entity to establish standards and best practices and to serve as a funding source for forensic science services with state and local representation.



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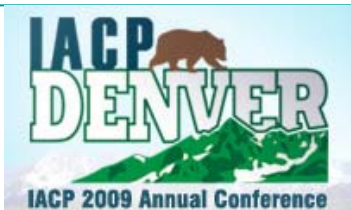
**Provide the opportunity for members to keep abreast and informed of forensic science issues, such as:**

- Forensic technologies, and where they can be accessed
- Management of forensic services
- Availability of training in the forensic sciences, to include crime scene investigation, identification, and evidencing.
- Quality assurance in forensic services
- Relationships with crime scene investigation, evidence storage, identification units, and medical examiners
- Support for forensic science service providers



November 2007

- **Forensic Science: A Fundamental Perspective**
  - *Julian Fantino, Commissioner, Ontario Provincial Police, Orillia, Ontario, Canada*
- **The Impact of DNA on Policing: Past, Present, and Future**
  - *Raymond J. Prime and Jonathan Newman, Centre of Forensic Sciences, Toronto, Ontario, Canada*
- **The Evolution of Digital Evidence in Forensic Science Laboratories**
  - *C. M. Whitcomb, Director, National Center for Forensic Science, University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida*
- **The Role of Medical Examiners in Law Enforcement**
  - *J. C. Upshaw Downs, M.D., Coastal Regional Medical Examiner, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Savannah, Georgia*
- **Ensuring the Quality of Forensic Service Providers through Accreditation: The Illinois State Police Crime Scene Services Command Experience**
  - *Frank Fitzpatrick, Police Science Accreditation Program Manager, Forensic Quality Services—International, Largo, Florida; and Terence Ely, Assistant Commander, Illinois State Police Crime Scene Services Command, Springfield, Illinois*



## Forensic Services Under Attack: Managing Your Agency's Liabilities

An overview of the NAS recommendations,  
how they are being addressed,  
and some suggestions for best practices  
in dealing with the recommendations.



## Committee Objective

Seek to recognize excellence in forensic  
service providers in law enforcement  
agencies.

August Vollmer Excellence in  
Forensic Science Award

## August Vollmer



## August Vollmer

- August Vollmer (1876–1955)
- “Father of American Policing,”
- Chief of Police in Berkeley, California
- IACP president in 1921–1922
- Promoted the use of new forensics technology, including fingerprinting, polygraph machines, and crime laboratories.

## Vollmer Awards

- Created to honor the proactive, innovative use of forensic technologies by law enforcement.
- Award Categories:
  - Current or Past Contribution to Forensic Science by an Individual or a Police Agency
  - Current or Past Collaboration in Forensic Science
  - Innovation in Forensic Technology
  - Significant Investigative Value in a Major Crime
  - Enhancement of Forensic Capability by a Forensic Science Provider
- Applications available at [www.theIACP.org](http://www.theIACP.org)
- Nominees due by April 15

## 2008 Vollmer Award Recipients

- Collin County, Texas, Sheriff's Office, Criminal Investigation Section
- Florida Department of Law Enforcement
- Tustin, California, Police Department
- Thomas F. Brady and Michael S. Maloney, Forensic Consultant Unit, Naval Criminal Investigative Service
- Palm Bay, Florida, Police Department

## Benefits of Partnering with IACP

- Individual / Local Agency
- Forensic Science Community
- Law Enforcement Community
- Public Safety

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