

**Resolution 07-0422-02 by the ASCLD Board of Directors
April 22, 2007**

Education, Training, and Resources in Forensic Science

Whereas: The ASCLD board of directors is elected, in part, to make strategic decisions that advance the professions of forensic science and forensic science management while ensuring the long-term stability of ASCLD, Inc.

Whereas: A significant focus of modern forensic science managers is the continuing education and training of crime laboratory personnel.

Whereas: ASCLD created the National Forensic Science Technology Center (NFSTC) as a strategic partner to provide crime laboratories with access to resources, materials, and other opportunities that empower forensic scientists and managers in their efforts to provide reliable, efficient, and complete forensic science services.

Therefore: **The following is resolved by the ASCLD Board of Directors:**

The most effective way for a crime laboratory to ensure the continuing competence and effectiveness of its forensic scientists is to provide those scientists with continuing education, job-specific training, and access to products and services that can enhance their overall effectiveness.

ASCLD supports an interactive and well-funded national center, administered by NFSTC, that gives United States crime laboratories access to a variety of educational and operational resources.

ASCLD is committed to assisting crime laboratories in their efforts to access the training, educational opportunities, and programs offered by NFSTC.

ASCLD recognizes annual training, continuing education, and participation in the activities of the relevant scientific community as a necessary component to a forensic scientist's continued professional growth and competence.

ASCLD recognizes the training and education of forensic scientists as having a significant and direct impact on the safety and well-being of the public.