

January 20, 2014



American Society of Crime Lab Directors Crime Lab Minute

General Announcements

President's Message

ASCLD 2017

Webinar #4 this Wednesday!

I hope you can find some time to attend our next webinar "**Case Acceptance Policies & Guidelines**" featuring ASCLD member Dr. Cecelia Crouse. If you haven't already registered, you still have time by following this link:

[Case Acceptance Policies and Guidelines](#)

The archived version of our last webinar, "**Managing Customer Expectations and Education**" with John Collins is also available by following this link:

[Managing Customer Expectations and Education](#)

Certificates of attendance will be made available for those who have signed up and attended the webinar. If you attended one of the previous webinars but did not print a certificate, you may still obtain one by registering for the archived version.

The Deadline for ASCLD's 1st Leadership Academy is close!

The deadline for registration to **ASCLD's 1st Leadership Academy** is rapidly approaching. We have had an amazing response to date, but can still accommodate a few more registrations. If you or one of your staff are interested in participating, please register as soon as possible. The final deadline for registration is January 31 and the 2 hour weekly webinars begin on February 6th.

We hope you or your staff will take the opportunity to participate in this new and exciting leadership development resource.



Call for Posters!!

The deadline for submitting abstracts for posters and workshops has passed, but there is still time to submit one for a poster. The theme for this year's meeting is "The Efficiency of Quality". If you've got an idea for a poster, please download the form below and return by **March 1, 2014**.

[2014 ASCLD Symposium Abstract Form](#)

Speaking of the meeting

The planning committee still has room for volunteers. Your degree of participation can be very flexible with opportunities ranging from working a shift at the registration table to running the meeting's plenary session. How much time you commit is up to you! If you're interested, please contact President Elect Mills at brady.mills@dps.texas.gov.

Symposium Details...

In the next couple of weeks, we will be releasing the registration information for the Scottsdale meeting. Suffice to say, we're excited about having the membership come together again and are looking forward to an amazing conference. If you have any questions, please contact Brady Mills at brady.mills@dps.texas.gov.

We will be electing new members to the Board of Directors at the business meeting to be held at the Symposium. If you or

For more information about the Academy, visit: www.asclcd.org/academy/

To download the registration form, visit: [ASCLD-Leadership-Academy-Registration-Form](#)

Finally, if you have questions about the Academy, please contact Jeremy Triplett at jeremy.triplett@ky.gov.

Jay Henry
ASCLD President

This Week's Forensic Metric: 43

The median turn-around time in days (43) for a Fire Analysis report. The timeline is defined as beginning at the date of the first submission of evidence or specimen to report submission. This information is derived from those laboratories who participated in the 2011-2012 FORESIGHT program.

SOFT Survey

The Society of Forensic Toxicologists (SOFT) Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault (DFSA) Committee is gathering data from laboratories that perform analyses on DFSA cases. This survey (<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YD5H2GQ>) is designed to determine the most frequently encountered drugs utilized in suspected DFSA cases. By defining these drugs, the committee's intent is to utilize this information to direct research and define any demographic trends in drug use that may exist.

News Around the Globe

Hair Analysis: The Root of the Evidence Problem

Austin Chronicle

The Texas Forensic Science Commission voted unanimously Friday morning to move forward with a first-in-the-nation review of state criminal ...

FINGERPRINT DETECTION: OPSSL rises to challenge of US Army ...

Laser Focus world

"For some cases, our lab often would have to process over 1000 pieces of tape, looking for latent

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[52 748 Forensic Samples Backlog Is Hampering Fight Against Crime](#)
[AllAfrica.com](#)

It is imperative that evidence from forensic laboratories is provided timeously. Without evidence, crimes cannot be properly investigated and nor can ...

[Drug agencies seeing blue meth on streets](#)
[KOB.com](#)

We've seen the famous blue tinted crystallized drug on the hit TV series Breaking Bad. It's even marketed here in Albuquerque and online nationwide ...

[Bill would take DNA from accused felons](#)

Wyoming Tribune

A proposal that would force people who are arrested or charged with certain felonies to provide their DNA to the state is getting another ...

[Grand Opening For MNPD Madison Precinct, DNA Crime Lab](#)
[NewsChannel5.com](#)

A ribbon-cutting will be held Tuesday morning on Metro Police's new Madison Police Precinct and DNA Crime Laboratory. Mayor Karl Dean and ...

[Court reinstates Scottsdale DUI test results](#)

Arizona Republic

"We continue to have confidence in our law enforcement partners at the Scottsdale Crime Lab and we look forward to the opportunity to hold these ...

[Twin DNA test: Why identical criminals may no longer be safe](#)

BBC News

But up to now it has been almost impossible to distinguish their DNA. ... Forensic institutes and police from Europe, Latin America and the US have ...

[Bad directions blamed for Denver Police DNA errors](#)

Denver Post

The mistake happened when the crime lab's DNA-matching machine "froze" while running a tray of 19 samples in June 2011. An analyst then called ...

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Employment Opportunities

[Drug-tunnel robots are latest border security gizmo](#)

USA TODAY

As border security has tightened, drug cartels have turned to tunneling beneath the ground to avoid detection. Nearly 170 ...

["Irregularities" Found in State Crime Lab Drug Samples](#)

Alaska Public Radio Network

It looks as if somebody tampered with drug samples at the state crime laboratory in Anchorage. The state Troopers put out a short press release today ...

[AR Crime Lab Seeing Improvements in Handling Massive Backlog](#)

KARK

The Arkansas State Crime lab starts 2014 much like it did in 2013 -- with a backlog. But Executive Director Kermit Channell says ...

Training

ASCLD Webinars:

Links to these webinars can also be found on the ASCLD [Training Opportunities](#) webpage.

Webinar #1: [Taking the First Steps Toward Backlog Reduction](#)

Webinar #2: [The Backlog Paradox: Doing Less is Doing More](#)

Webinar #3: [Managing Customer Expectations and Education](#)

The **West Virginia University Forensic Science Initiative** invites you to utilize their FREE webinar series on a variety of topics in forensic science! Experts in the field will present on a wide range of forensic science topics from the reliability of eye witness identification to fire scene investigation. Sign up now for the Texas Forensic Science Commission: Justice Through Science presentation. Follow the [link](#) for a list of upcoming webinars.

Try your CSI skills at the Basic Crime Scene Investigation for Legal Professionals course at West Virginia

[Toxicologist](#), Johnson County Sheriff's Office, Criminalistics Laboratory, Olathe, Kansas, Expires: March 10, 2014

[Crime Scene Investigator](#), Johnson County Sheriff's Office, Criminalistics Laboratory, Olathe, Kansas, Expires: February 10, 2014

[DNA Analyst](#), State of Wisconsin Department of Justice, Madison, Wisconsin, Expires: January 20, 2014

[Forensic Scientist – Toxicology](#), Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Norfolk, VA, Expires: February 6, 2014

[Assistant Professor in Biology](#), Alfred State SUNY College of Technology, Alfred, NY, Expires: March 1, 2014

[Supervisor of Forensic Services – Firearms](#), New York State Police, Albany, NY, Expires: January 21, 2014

[DNA Analyst II](#), Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, TX, Expires: January 31, 2014

[Latent Print Examiner II](#), City of Oakland, Oakland, CA, Expires: January 24, 2014

[Latent Print Examiner Supervisor](#), Orange County Sheriff's Office, Orlando, FL, Expires: March 4, 2014

[Forensic Scientist III/Quality Assurance Specialist-Latent Print Examiner](#), City of Saint Paul, Saint Paul, MN, Expires: March 2, 2014

[Forensic Scientist II-Latent Print Examiner](#), City of Saint Paul, Saint Paul, MN, Expires: March 2, 2014

[Information Technology Specialist \(LIMS\)](#), DC Government – Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: February 24, 2014

[Firearms Examiner](#), Dallas County Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences, Dallas, TX, Expires: February 26, 2014

[Assistant Professor](#), Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA, Expires: January 31, 2014

[Chairperson](#), Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA, Expires: February 18, 2014

University's forensic crime scene complex. This four day course will offer hands-on training specifically for the legal professional. Learn how to properly identify, collect, and preserve evidence at a crime scene. To better assist each student, class seating will be limited. For more information, click [here](#).

[ASCLD-LAB Training](#) Training classes to help forensic laboratory personnel understand the requirements of *ISO/IEC 17025 General Requirements for the Competency of Testing and Calibration Laboratories*.

Cal State Fullerton Certificates in Crime & Forensics.

Contact Veronica Martinez at 1-657-278-3123 or see <http://extension.fullerton.edu/professionaldevelopment/Crime-Forensic>.

RTI International's Center for Forensic Sciences Continuing Education is pleased to offer a second premium online course for legal professionals, titled "*Managing Quality and Reliability in the Crime Laboratory: A Lawyer's Perspective*". This low cost training was developed with the support of ASCLD/LAB, the North Carolina District Attorney's Association and the National Association of Prosecutor Coordinators. This course is designed for legal professionals who interface with scientific experts and/or present scientific evidence in courts of law. The course provides information about how accredited crime laboratories control quality, ensure the reliability of results, and work to maintain a high level of customer satisfaction and confidence in the reliability of laboratory services. It is recommended, but not required, that users have taken the course; An Introduction to the Crime Laboratory - Understanding its Role and Purpose before attempting this course.

By the end of this course, you should be able to:

- Evaluate the work of a scientific expert
- Name the two types of scientific analyses
- Name the international body that governs crime laboratory accreditation
- Recognize authoritative documents and court rulings critical to forensic science
- List five warning signs signaling problems in a crime laboratory

If you know of a legal professional who may be interested in taking this course, please direct them to: <https://www.forensiced.org/training/viewcourse.cfm?moduleid=dfd2f9c6-4d9e-4e7c-a6fd-c5301474a49d>. In some states, this course has been approved for 1 hour of CLE and MCLE credits

Conferences

February 17-22, 2014: American Academy of Forensic Sciences in Seattle, WA. See <http://www.aafs.org/aafs-66th-annual-scientific-meeting> for more information.

April 6 -14, 2014: International International Association for Chemical Testing (IACT) in Newport, CA. See <http://www.iactonline.org/> for more information.

May 3-8, 2014: ASCLD Symposium at the Doubletree Resort, Paradise Valley in Scottsdale, AZ, See <http://www.ascl.org/meetings-list/> for more information.

May 11-16, 2014: Association of Firearm and Toolmark Examiners in Seattle, WA. See <http://www.afte.org/TrainingSeminar/AFTE2014/announcements/afte2014.htm> for more information.

May 19-23, 2014 Mid-Atlantic Association of Forensic Scientists in State College, PA. See <http://www.maafs.org/#!annual-meeting> for more information.

May 21-23, 2014 European Conference on Child Abuse (EUCCAN) in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. See <http://www.euccan.eu/en/> for more information.

August 10-16, 2014: International Association for Identification in Minneapolis, MN. See <http://www.theiai.org/conference/2014/index.php> for more information.

August 31 – September 4, 2014: 22nd International Symposium on the Forensic Sciences in Adelaide, South Australia. See <http://anzfss.org.au/international-symposium/> for more information.

October 4-10, 2014: Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists in St.

(<https://www.forensiced.org/training/clestates.cfm?cid=1128152721>).

The ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board/FQS offers 2 workshops for accreditation preparation to the forensic community.

ISO/IEC 17025 and Audit Preparation Workshop for Forensic Test Agencies

Attendees of this three-day workshop will obtain a general overview of ISO/IEC 17025 as it relates to forensic test agencies. All of the elements will be reviewed. The standard's applicability, origin, purpose and marketplace will be discussed. Some of the more important concepts will be reviewed such as document control, internal auditing, proficiency testing, traceability and measurement and method witnessing.

[April 21-23, 2014](#), Tampa, FL

[September 22-24, 2014](#), Alexandria, VA

ISO/IEC 17020 and Audit Preparation Workshop for Forensic Police Agencies

Attendees of this two-day workshop will obtain a general overview of ISO/IEC 17020 for forensic police agencies.

Individual elements of the standard will be reviewed; the standard's applicability to forensic police agencies, origin, purpose and marketplace will also be discussed. Some of the more important concepts, such as document control, internal auditing, proficiency testing, traceability and measurement, and method witnessing will be reviewed.

[April 24-25, 2014](#), Tampa, FL

[May 19-20, 2014](#), Milwaukee, WI

[September 25-26, 2014](#), Alexandria, VA

For more information about these workshops, contact FQS at 703-836-0025, ext 208. To register, please click on any of the dates above.

Paul, MN. See <http://www.mafs.net/news-feeds-1/mafs-2014> for more information.

October 13-18, 2014: World Forensic Festival in Seoul, South Korea. See <http://www.wff2014korea.org/info/index.php> for more information.

October 14-17, 2014: Association of Forensic Quality Assurance Managers in Vancouver, B.C. See <http://afqam.org/wp12/annual-training-conference/> for more information.

October 19-24, 2014: Society of Forensic Toxicologists in Grand Rapids, MI. See <http://www.soft-tox.org> for more information.

October 20-24, 2014: Northwest Association of Forensic Scientists in Rohnert Park, CA. See <http://www.nwafs.org/meetings.htm> for more information.