



American Society of Crime Lab Directors

"THE CRIME LAB MINUTE" NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Dear colleagues,

The American Society of Crime Lab Directors is extremely pleased to announce that registration is NOW OPEN for the 2nd Annual ASCLD Leadership Academy.

After a resounding success in 2014, ASCLD is again offering its ASCLD Leadership Academy, an intensive, high-quality training course for forensic management personnel that blends online webinar-style learning with a 2-day in-person Capstone course at the ASCLD Symposium. All together, the Academy provides a total of 40 hours of management training at an extremely reasonable cost. In 2015 the Academy will again focus on providing training for new supervisors or managers who have had limited opportunity for formalized management instruction in the past. The Leadership Academy will focus on topics critical to the success of forensic leaders, including Leadership, Communication, and Human Resources.

The mission of the ASCLD Leadership Academy is to train managers to become leaders. Training is offered through twelve, weekly, lecture-style webinars and culminates with a two-day, face-to-face, hand-on Capstone session that will be held during the ASCLD Symposium in Washington DC in April 2015.

Registration is now open to both ASCLD members and non-members. The deadline to register is January 16th and weekly webinars are scheduled to begin January 22nd. Once again, the registration cost for the Academy will also cover the attendee's full registration to attend the entire 2015 ASCLD Symposium. Attend the Leadership Academy, and stay for the remainder of the symposium for no additional cost (travel and lodging not included).

DON'T MISS OUT – click [here](#) for the form to register yourself and/or your employees today!

Have a good week
Brady Mills
ASCLD President

[News Around the Globe](#)

[Deadly new synthetic drug NBOMe found in Sarasota](#)

WTSP 10 News

NBOMe, also called 25i, is a synthetic drug -- a chemical created to imitate the high of LSD, but the chemical compound is so volatile it can be deadly.

[Wisdom of cuts at Virginia's state forensics lab under microscope](#)

Fredericksburg.com

The fact that it's a fascinating element of crime-fighting is one reason. Another is ... Nevertheless, the key day-to-day role of the forensics lab cannot be ..

[State crime lab speeds turnaround times for DNA](#)

Sioux Falls Argus Leader

South Dakota's state crime lab has dramatically trimmed turnaround times for DNA and other forensic testing. ... There are six employees who do all the DNA testing, with two others processing fingerprints and two who deal with ..

[Crime scene DNA to be checked against database including 'kinship matching'](#)

Herald Sun

The new system, developed by the Federal Government agency, CrimTrac, will allow police to take DNA from a crime scene and crosscheck it with ...

[What role does DNA play in the FBI's biometrics database?](#)

WJLA

This September, the FBI retired its Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System and replaced it with NGI -- the Next Generation Identification ..

[DOJ says no rape evidence testing without consent](#)

WISC Madison

The state Department of Justice is recommending police don't submit evidence from sexual assault exams to the state crime lab unless victims have ...

[DOJ says no rape evidence testing without consent](#) - Fox11online.com

[DOJ stats show nearly 6000 untested sex assault](#)



Please mark your calendars; the **2015 symposium is April 26th-30th, 2015** at the **Washington Marriott Wardman Park**, 2660 Woodley Road NW, Washington, D.C. 20008.



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[evidence kits in state](#) - WTAQ

[Senate dysfunction leaves 400000 rape kits untested in policelabs](#)

National Monitor

Nationwide there are an estimated 400,000 rape kits sitting in police crime labs that are untested, mainly due to the high cost to process DNA evidence ...

[Ohio prosecutor wants help for rape DNA backlog](#)
WFMJ

Statewide, law enforcement agencies have submitted more than 9,000 rape kits for testing to seek DNA matches that could help solve reported sexual ...

[San Francisco Police Make Progress On Backlog Of Untested Rape Kits](#)

CBS Local

San Francisco police Sgt. Monica MacDonald said today that the main reason for the massive backlog was understaffing in the department's crime lab ...

[Forensic Science program open at ESU](#)

Emporia Gazette

The Master of Science in forensic science degree is a recently-developed ... However, Bailey says forensic science is not just what one sees on television. ... on lab activities gaining the experience needed to work in a crime lab.

[Pittcon Announces a Diverse Technical Program](#)

Lab Manager Laboratory News

Issues that will be discussed apply broadly to forensic science laboratory management, chemistry, chemometrics, statistics, and the need for ...

[Cleveland Police Evade Ohio's Mandatory DNA Collection Law](#)

JURIST

Once McGowan's DNA was entered into the Ohio DNA Databank, his DNA ... State officials are unaware of how his DNA sample was lost. ... 6,608 arrests for felony charges, but only 2,001 DNA samples made it to Ohio's crime lab.

[New Fingerprint ID system brings up larger issues](#)

Mercer Island Reporter (subscription)

The prints are matched against other records as

[Criminalist III \(Controlled Substances\)](#), Broward Sheriff's Office, Fort Lauderdale, FL, Expires: December 19, 2014

[Forensic Scientist 2](#), MN BCA Lab, St. Paul, MN, Expires: December 29, 2014

[Forensic Scientist III](#), Scottsdale Police Department Crime Laboratory, Scottsdale, AZ, Expires: December 21, 2014

[Police ID Technician](#), City of Sioux City, Sioux City, IA, Expires: December 19, 2014

[Forensic Scientist – DNA – 2 vacancies](#), NY State Police Crime Laboratory System, Albany, NY, Expires: January 2, 2015

[Quality Assurance Manager](#), US Secret Service, Washington, DC, Expires: December 19, 2014

[Director Quality Assurance](#), NY State Police Crime Laboratory System, Albany, NY, Expires: January 2, 2015

[Director Biological Science](#), NY State Police Crime Laboratory System, Albany, NY, Expires: January 2, 2015

[Forensic Scientist IV DNA CoDIS/SDIS Index Custodian](#), NY State Police Crime Laboratory System, Albany, NY, Expires: January 2, 2015

well as “latent” prints collected at crime scenes and forwarded to the Washington State Patrol and FBI ...



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[Forensic Scientist – Trace/Criminalistics](#), NY
State Police Lab System, Albany,
NY, Expires: January 2, 2015

[Evidence Technician I – 1 Position Each Lab](#),
NY State Police Laboratory System, Albany,
Newburgh and Port Crane,
NY, Expires: December 23, 2014

[Senior Laboratory Technician](#), NY State Police
Crime Laboratory, Albany,
NY, Expires: December 23, 2014

[Latent Print Laboratory Director](#), New York
State Division of Criminal Justice Services,
Albany, NY, Expires: December 23, 2014

[Latent Fingerprint Examiner](#), Metro Nashville
Police Department, Nashville,
TN, Expires: February 26, 2015

[Forensic Scientist](#), Indiana State Department of
Toxicology, Indianapolis,
IN, Expires: December 25, 2014

[Criminalist Sr, Firearms / Tool Mark Examiner](#),
Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Golden,
CO, Expires: January 23, 2015

[Latent Print Examiner](#), Houston Forensic
Science Center, Houston,
TX, Expires: December 19, 2014

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Forensic Training

The American Society of Crime Lab Directors, along with RTI, have created a webinar series designed to investigate the validation, current use, and future implementation of Rapid DNA.

This three-part series will begin on November 6th and conclude on December 9th.

ASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 1 - [Archival Version](#)
ASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 2 - [Archival Version](#)

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](#)

Webinar #4:

[Case Acceptance, Policies and Guidelines](#)

Webinar #5:

[Efficiency Improvements](#)

[Forensic Scientist III-Quality Assurance](#)

[Specialist](#), City of Saint Paul, Saint Paul, MN, Expires: February 17, 2015

[Forensic Scientist II-Latent Print Examiner](#), City

of Saint Paul, Saint Paul,

MN, Expires: February 17, 2015

[DNA Analyst II](#), Harris County Institute of

Forensic Sciences, Houston,

Texas, Expires: February 14, 2015

[DNA Analyst III](#), Harris County Institute of

Forensic Sciences, Houston,

Texas, Expires: February 14, 2015

[Forensic Division Manager](#), FORT WORTH

POLICE DEPARTMENT, FORT WORTH

TEXAS, Expires: December 31, 2014

[Toxicology Fellow / Toxicologist IV](#), Harris

County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston,

Texas, Expires: February 28, 2015

[Associate/Full Professor of Forensic Science](#),

Sam Houston State University, Huntsville,

TX, Expires: December 31, 2014

[Forensic Scientist](#), Tulsa Police Department

Forensic Laboratory, Tulsa,

OK, Expires: January 14, 2015

[Quality Specialist](#), Houston Forensic Science

Center, Houston, TX, Expires: December 31,

2014

Webinar #6:

[Increasing Your Staff without Increasing Your Budget](#)

Webinar #7:

[Developing a Statewide Approach to Backlog Management](#)

Forensic Conferences

February 16-21, 2015: [AAFS 67th Annual Scientific Meeting](#) in Orlando, FL

April 19-24, 2015: [International Association for Chemical Testing \(IACT\)](#) in Newport, Rhode Island

May 18-22, 2015: [Mid-Atlantic Association of Forensic Scientist](#) in Chesapeake Bay Cambridge, MD

May 24-29, 2015: [The Association of Firearm and Tool Mark Examiners \(AFTE\)](#) in Dallas, TX.

July 20-24, 2015: [NIST to Host International Symposium on Forensic Science Error Management](#) in Gaithersburg, MD.

August 2-8, 2015: [100th International Association for Identification \(IAI\)](#) in Sacramento, CA.

August 8-13, 2015: The [2015 Annual General Meeting](#) of the American Society of Questioned

[Firearms Examiner](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: December 31, 2014

[Forensic Analyst – Controlled Substances](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: December 31, 2014

[Crime Laboratory Director](#), Nashville Police Department, Nashville, TN, Expires: January 7, 2015

[Senior Forensic Analyst- Toxicology](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: December 29, 2014

[Manager of Toxicology](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: December 29, 2014

[Forensic DNA Network, Member Manager](#), Center for Advanced Forensic DNA Analysis, Greenville, NC, Expires: December 16, 2014

[Chemist](#), Brazoria County S.O., Angleton, Texas, Expires: January 31, 2015



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Document Examiners (ASQDE) will be held in Toronto, Canada.

September 20 - 25th, 2015: [Midwestern Association Forensic Scientist](#) fall meeting will be held in Mackinac Island, Michigan.

October 12-16, 2015: [Southern Association Forensic Scientist \(SAFS\) Annual 2015 Meeting](#) in Atlanta, GA.

April 3-8, 2016: [International Association for Chemical Testing](#) (IACT) in Orlando, FL.

September 18-23, 2016: [23rd International Symposium on the Forensic Sciences](#) (ANZFSS) in Auckland, New Zealand.

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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.

[March 23-25, 2015](#), Tampa FL

[September 7-9, 2015](#), Alexandria, VA

The Center for Advanced Forensic DNA Analysis (CAFDA) would like to thank all the attendees that came to their Genome ID Forum 2014 - Emerging Forensic Genomic Applications held on September 9 and 10, 2014 in Greenville, North Carolina. Thought leaders from forensic science, research, academia, law enforcement, legal and technology development came together for an open dialogue regarding emerging science and technology applications and adoption through the forensic community. Over 65 forensic scientists, lawyers and researchers across the United States and England attended to discuss the implementation of new technologies and scientific applications in forensic human identification, new challenges in adoption, compliance and acceptance in a court of law. The presentations focused on research on emerging science and technology and the effect these emerging science and technology applications may have on forensic science practitioners. The program included thoughtful roundtable discussions that provided a meaningful exchange of ideas related to the direction of the forensic community concerning emerging technologies. The Center for Advanced Forensic DNA Analysis™ plans for the 2015 [Genome ID](#) Forum have already begun.



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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.

[March 26-27, 2015](#), Tampa FL
[June 22-23, 2015](#), Durham, NC
[September 10-11, 2015](#), 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.

[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*.

[ASCLD/LAB-*International* Assessor Training Course for Testing Laboratories](#)

[ASCLD/LAB-*International* Assessor Training Course for Breath Alcohol Calibration](#)

[ASCLD/LAB-*International* Internal Auditor Training Course](#)

- San Antonio, TX February 3-6, 2015

[ASCLD/LAB-*International* Preparation Course for Testing Laboratories](#)

[ASCLD/LAB-*International* Preparation Course for Calibration Laboratories](#)

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