

*July 8, 2013*



## American Society of Crime Lab Directors Crime Lab Minute

### General Announcements

#### Forensic Science Week

I hope everyone had a great Fourth of July! As a reminder, we have less than six weeks until the observance of forensic science week. In Utah, our lab has formed a working group to strategize providing tours, involving the media and focusing on community outreach. Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity to raise awareness of the great work that you do for the public.

Link: [www.forensicscienceweek.org](http://www.forensicscienceweek.org)

Our Training & Education Committee Chair Jeremy Triplett reports that we are getting a great response to the Leadership survey. Thanks to all who have responded. Remember, we would appreciate your completed feedback by July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Link: [http://surveys.questionpro.com/a/t/AGGeDZ\\_PsnA](http://surveys.questionpro.com/a/t/AGGeDZ_PsnA)

Jay Henry  
ASCLD President

### News Around the Globe

#### [WPD crime lab can perform forensic analysis with new accreditation](#)

WECT-TV6

The Wilmington Police Department's Crime Lab recently received International Accreditation from the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/ Laboratory Accreditation Board. "This accreditation is a great accomplishment ...

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## [Crime lab closer to DNA accreditation](#)

Sherburne County Citizen

The Tri-County Regional Forensic Laboratory in Anoka could be starting DNA testing this fall. The facility, which is a joint powers operation involving Anoka, Sherburne and Wright counties, already does drug chemistry analysis and latent fingerprint ...

## [Fluorescent Polymer Detects Crime Scene Fingerprints](#)

TechNewsDaily

... make the lines, whorls and swirls in these latent fingerprints. These patterns are virtually unique to each individual person (the chances of two people having the same prints are 64 billion to one), which makes fingerprints an excellent way to ...

## [Ceremony to mark anniversary of DNA milestone](#)

WNYT

These days, the use of DNA is commonplace in criminal cases, especially murder cases. But few people realize that it all began in Albany County 25 years ago this month, and later this month, a ceremony will be held to mark the ..

## [Forensic staff 'knew live bullet conviction was wrong', court hears](#)

BBC News

Claims that forensic staff allowed a man to be wrongfully convicted of possessing a live bullet while knowing it was a keyring are to be probed. Thomas Smart, 25, of Fazakerley, Liverpool, was convicted of possessing ammunition in 2008 based on ...

## [Ohio crime lab gets about 3200 untested rape kits](#)

San Francisco Chronicle

Attorney General Mike DeWine announced Tuesday that Ohio's crime lab has tested more than 1,100 of those kits for DNA, and about 300 resulted in a match. DeWine mounted the effort to review untested rape kits in December 2011. The lab tests the oldest ...

## [Police forensic unit 'reduces evidence backlog'](#)

BDlive

Lt-Gen Khomotso Phahlane, head of the forensic services in the South African Police Service, who



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## *Employment Opportunities*

[Forensic Chemist](#), Miami Valley Regional Crime Laboratory, Dayton, OH, Expires: August 16, 2013

[Forensic Services Laboratory Technician \(NIBIN\)](#), City of Mesa, Mesa, AZ, Expires: September 28, 2013

[Forensic Scientist I \(Serology\)](#), Suffolk County Crime Lab, Hauppauge, NY, Expires: August 16, 2013

[Laboratory Manager](#), Washington State Patrol Crime Laboratory Division, Spokane WA, Expires: July 29, 2013

[Criminalist – Controlled Substances](#), Houston

addressed the first national forensic conference, said his department had been working for three years on reducing the backlog. The country's forensic ...

### [Forensic turnaround puts SA in top five](#)

Independent Online

The turnaround time for forensic testing at a police laboratory has been reduced by more than a half – compared to three years ago when a wait of at least two-and-a-half months was the norm, says the unit's head, Lieutenant-General Khomotso Phahlane ...

### [Is SA ready for DNA legislation?](#)

eNCA

"So each of the phases including the establishment of the forensic DNA database has been provided in that implementation plan which is currently before the portfolio committee," said Shezi. Non-profit organisation DNA Project, which promotes the use of ...

### [Forensic laboratory in pathetic condition](#)

KanglaOnline

According to the report, the facilities which are yet to be installed at the FSL for scientific investigation are DNA, Fingerprinting, explosive analysis, cyber forensic, forensic psychology, voice analysis, regional forensic laboratory and mobile ...

### [Newly accredited crime lab speeds evidence processing](#)

News & Observer

The SBI still handles cases involving firearms analysis, DNA evidence and trace evidence such as hairs. The CCBI has 22 agents who work with local law enforcement to collect evidence at the scene. This includes everything from fingerprints to shoe ...

### [Study of mitochondrial DNA ties ancient remains to living descendants](#)

Eureka! Science News

Researchers report that they have found a direct genetic link between the remains of Native Americans who lived thousands of years ago and their living descendants. The team used mitochondrial DNA, which children inherit only from

Police Department Crime Laboratory, Houston, Texas 77002, Expires: September 20, 2013

[Criminalist II](#), City of Chandler, Chandler, Arizona, Expires: August 17, 2013

[Criminalist – Firearms](#), Houston Police Department Crime Lab, Houston, Texas, Expires: September 13, 2013

[Forensic Chemist III](#), Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, TX, Expires: September 11, 2013

[Forensic Scientist III/Quality Assurance Specialist-Latent Print Examiner](#), City of Saint Paul, Saint Paul, MN, Expires: September 10, 2013

[Forensic Scientist II-Latent Print Examiner](#), City of Saint Paul, Saint Paul, MN, Expires: September 10, 2013

[Criminalist – Toxicology](#), Houston Police Department Crime Lab, Houston, Texas, Expires: September 7, 2013

[Criminalist – Serologist](#), Houston Police Department Crime Lab, Houston, Texas, Expires: September 7, 2013

[Forensic Toxicologist or Trainee](#), Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Norfolk, VA, Expires: July 8, 2013

[Chief, Emerging Technology Section, Forensic Scientist 5](#), American Registry of Pathology, Dover, DE, Expires: July 22, 2013

[Forensic Scientist \(Crime Scene\)](#), DC Government – Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: August 13, 2013

[DNA Analyst III / Serologist / DNA Operations Technician](#), Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, Texas, Expires: July 31, 2013

[DNA Analyst III](#), Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, Texas, Expires: July 31, 2013

[Forensic Scientist I \(Chemical\)](#), Suffolk County Crime Laboratory, Hauppauge, NY, Expires: August 5, 2013

[Quality Director](#), Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, Texas, Expires: July 30, 2013

[Quality Assurance Specialist](#), DC Government – Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: July 16, 2013

[Forensic Specialist IV – Trace Evidence Senior Criminalist](#), Kansas City Police Crime Laboratory, Kansas City, Missouri, Expires: July 9, 2013

[DNA Technical Lead](#), Las Vegas Metropolitan

their mothers, to ...

### [TPD's crime lab's work leads to ban on synthetic drugs](#)

KVOA Tucson News

It was the language and research in House Bill 2327 that came from the Tucson Crime Lab according to Figarelli, "This covered a large group of drugs and by putting the structure in one fell swoop it kind of covered several hundred potential drugs that ...

### [Rapes cases: Bill calls for making DNA tests mandatory](#)

DAWN.com

"The DNA testing (is) mandatory in Rape cases, in order to infuse certainty in the pursuit of justice by identifying the guilty and exonerating the innocent, and for matters connected therewith, or incidental thereto," the bill moved by MPA Sharmila ...

### [Experts: DNA ruling could lead to national ID](#)

San Francisco Chronicle

A broader database would allow investigators to screen the entire population to find the right suspect instead of limiting their search to those who had already been arrested or convicted, said Kristine Crouch, a forensic scientist for the Indiana ...

### [2 rulings in 6th Amendment challenges stand](#)

Seattle Post Intelligencer

The state Crime Lab confirmed the substance was cocaine. Testing was done by analyst who had gone on medical leave by the time Jenkins came to trial. The analyst's supervisor was allowed to testify instead. The supervisor testified that, based on his ...

### [The new morgue: proposal calls for single site crime-fighting agencies](#)

Cincinnati.com

Dr. Lakshmi Kode Sammarco, Hamilton County Coroner shown here in a crime lab at Hamilton County Coroner office Wednesday June 26, 2013 in Clifton.

### [Heroin overdose deaths continue to grow](#)

WDTN

Police Department (LVMPD), Las Vegas, NV, Expires: September 29, 2013

## **Training**

No-cost, NIJ Medicolegal Death Investigation online training program. The information available online at:  
<http://www.nfstc.org/apply-now-for-online-medicolegal-death-investigation-course/>

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 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](#).

### [ATF National Firearms Examiner Academy \(NFEA\)](#)

Registration for 2013-2014 session open until July 31, 2013 for apprentice/entry level firearm and toolmark examiners from Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies.

University of California Davis Extension (UCDE): *Forensic Laboratory Leadership and Management Certificate*. Please go to [www.extension.ucdavis.edu/forensicslab](http://www.extension.ucdavis.edu/forensicslab) for information, class schedules, and an

The Miami Valley Regional Crime Lab says it sees at least one person each day who's died with heroin in their system. Authorities say it's no longer just a big city problem. Addiction center leaders are calling this an epidemic ...

### [Morris County opening new crime lab, communications center](#)

Dailyrecord.com

Morris County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Section Sgt. Ed Crooker in the existing, cramped evidence processing area of the crime lab, soon to be replaced by a state-of-the-art facility.

### [Crime lab, evidence storage not moving into new building](#)

Salt Lake Tribune

When the pared-down PSB bond package passed in 2009, city officials envisioned the evidence-storage function and the crime lab moving to a new building by mid-2013, when the PSB was expected to open. But that didn't happen for various reasons, ...

### [Digital evidence becomes key to solving crimes](#)

Foster's Daily Democrat

A massive computer server allows local police departments around the state to connect remotely with the crime lab, where experts are available to scour data and share the results. Melisa Staples, assistant director of the lab, said that like physical ...

### [Drug Overdose Deaths Up for Middle-Aged US Women](#)

Sci-Tech Today

Overdose deaths in the U.S. are rising fastest among middle-aged women, and their drug of choice is usually prescription painkillers, the government reported Tuesday. The female overdose problem is one of the few health issues the CDC is working on ...

### [Colorado State Toxicology Lab Ceases Blood-Alcohol Testing After ...](#)

Medical Daily

This week, Colorado's department of health and environment suspended blood tests for drug and

application form.

## ***Conferences***

August 4-10, 2013 International Association for Identification (IAI) 98<sup>th</sup> International Educational Conference in Providence, RI. For more information see [www.theiai.org](http://www.theiai.org) or contact [conference@theiai.org](mailto:conference@theiai.org)

September 2-6, 2013 – 25th World Congress of the International Society for Forensic Genetics in Melbourne, Australia. For more information see: <http://isfg2013.org/>

September 23-26, 2013 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Advanced DNA Technical Workshop – Bode Mid-Atlantic, Charlottesville, VA. See [Bode Mid-Atlantic Conference](#) for more details.

September 29 – October 4, 2013 Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists Fall Meeting Dayton, Ohio. See [www.mafs.net](http://www.mafs.net) or [MAFS 2013](#) for more details.

October 7-11, 2013 Association of Forensic Quality Assurance Managers (AFQAM) Annual Training Conference, at The Genesee Grande Hotel in Syracuse, NY. Additional details are posted at [www.afqam.org](http://www.afqam.org).

October 20-24, 2013 Southern Association of Forensic Scientists, Huntsville, AL. [Click here for more information](#).

October 27-30, 2013 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Southwestern Association of Forensic Scientists, Santa Fe, NM. See <http://www.swafs.us> for more details.

October 28-November 1, 2013 Society of

alcohol at its state toxicology laboratory, sending the work to an independent laboratory pending an investigation into negligence that may affect hundreds of ...

Forensic Toxicologists, Orlando, FL. See <http://www.soft-tox.org/meeting> for more information.

Nov 11-12, 2013 Crime Scene and Shooting Incident Reconstruction. 2 day seminar at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA. See [http://www.ocpe.gmu.edu/programs/legal/cold\\_case.php](http://www.ocpe.gmu.edu/programs/legal/cold_case.php) for more details.

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

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