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American Society of Crime Lab Directors Crime Lab Minute

General Announcements

National Forensic Science Week (August 11 -- 17th) is around the corner...

As a reminder, there are about two weeks left to prepare for the kickoff of the first, coordinated national event designed to raise awareness among our stakeholders about the importance of forensic science in our communities. I hope that each member is able to take advantage of this week to showcase their good work and speak about future needs. Please feel free to use the following website as a resource for preparation and sharing of information!

<http://www.forensicscienceweek.org/index.html>

Thanks and have a great forensic science week!

Jay Henry
ASCLD President

News Around the Globe

[Scientists Applaud FBI's Decision To Review Reliability Of Forensic ...](#)

Mintpress News

Since DNA testing can cost several thousand dollars, hair analysis is often used to ... Despite the poor reliability, Todd says microscopic hair analysis is "a valid ...

[A bigger crime lab is best for KC's future](#)

Kansas City Star

At a meeting Tuesday, the Board of Police Commissioners needs to stand firm in its insistence that residents deserve the kind of crime lab they were promised — and they

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overwhelmingly voted for — in 2010: A large facility that can help police more ...

[DNA solves 100th cold case in Denver -- the 1981 and sexual assault of ...](#)

The Denver Channel

For the 100th time, the Denver Cold Case Project has used DNA evidence to close a case that had previously been unsolved. According to Lynn Kimbrough, spokeswoman for the Denver District Attorney, the case solved this time was a sexual ...

[Staffordshire Police makes £560k cuts to forensic force](#)

This is Staffordshire

Staffordshire Police has shaved £560,000 off its budget for forensic work, which includes gathering evidence at the scene of crimes, such as collecting fingerprints or DNA samples. . .

[LSP Crime Lab clears backlog of cases - WAFB 9 News Baton ... WAFB.com](#)

"Having a crime lab that operates in real time will also help us assist local law enforcement faster and focus on advanced training for law enforcement personnel ...

[State police crime lab eliminates backlog](#)

Shreveport Times

Mike Edmonson said all units of the crime lab — narcotics, physical evidence, toxicology and DNA — are now providing “real time” forensic support for cases as ...

[Kentucky missed DNA samples from up to 7000 felons](#)

Chicago Sun-Times

Kentucky failed to collect DNA samples from between 6,300 and 7,000 felons over a four-year period, so now it's asking many who are ...

[DNA database to tackle 'blight' of sex crime](#)

Irish Independent

Mr Shatter said the database would hold a DNA profile of everyone convicted of a crime which attracts a sentence greater than five years. Gardai will also be ...



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Employment Opportunities

[Forensic Scientist – Latent Print Examiner](#), DuPage County Forensic Science Center, Wheaton, IL, Expires: September 6, 2013
[Supervisor of Forensic Services – Lab Director](#), New York State Police, Olean, New York, Expires: August 14, 2013
[Crime Lab Scientist \(Entry-Level\)](#), Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Georgia, Expires: August 20, 2013
[Supervisor of Forensic Services – Firearms](#),

[Crime lab, engineering program among budget wins for WNC](#)

[BlueRidgeNow.com](#)

Buried in the nearly 400 pages of budget passed by North Carolina lawmakers Wednesday are several projects that will benefit Henderson County and the ...

[DNA breakthrough might crack illegal drugs fight](#)

ABC Online

The collection and analysis of DNA are considered among the greatest breakthroughs in forensic science. Now scientists in South Australia have pioneered two ...

[Cyber lab proposal gives cops the jitters](#)

Times of India

The police department's plan to set up an exclusive cyber laboratory to combat hi-tech crime has run into resistance from lower-level officers, who fear the move may bring their activities under strict surveillance. "At present, junior-level ..

[\\$11.9M crime lab is set for BGSU](#)

Toledo Blade

A new building at Bowling Green State University will offer a cutting-edge forensic crime laboratory. Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine is to attend a groundbreaking Wednesday for an \$11.9 million Bureau of Criminal Investigation ...

[Northland computer crime lab is one of the nation's finest](#)

Kansas City Star

It completes more forensic digital examinations than any other FBI-led computer crime lab in the nation, according to 2011 figures, the most recent available.

[Mass. high court rules on drug lab case procedures](#)

Houston Chronicle

Massachusetts' highest court has decided special magistrates who are handling drug cases tainted by a crime lab scandal can't release ...

[Colorado computer forensic crime lab gets accreditation](#)

[9NEWS.com](#)

New York State Police, Albany, New York, Expires: August 14, 2013

[Grand Junction Lab Director](#), Colorado Bureau of Investigation, Lakewood, Expires: August 14, 2013

[Multiple Postions](#), NMDPS Forensic Laboratories, Multiple NM Locations, Expires: September 30, 2013

[Latent Print Examiner Supervisor](#), Orange County Sheriff's Office, Orlando, Florida, Expires: October 22, 2013

[Latent Print Examiner III, Supervisory Level](#), Oakland Police Department, Oakland, CA, Expires: August 9, 2013

[Forensic Scientist – Trace Evidence](#), Virginia Department of Forensic Scientist, Richmond, VA, Expires: August 7, 2013

[Forensic Scientist–Toxicology](#), Metro Nashville Police Department, Nashville, Tennessee, Expires: October 16, 2013

[Forensic Scientist Supervisor – Drug Identification](#), Metro Nashville Police Department, Nashville, TN, Expires: October 16, 2013

[Forensic Scientist Supervisor – Firearms](#), Metro Nashville Police Department, Nashville, TN, Expires: October 16, 2013

[Forensic Scientist- DNA/Serology](#), Metro Nashville Police Department/ Jane Madden, Nashville, TN, Expires: October 16, 2013

[Criminalist – Firearms & Toolmarks Examiner](#), Oxnard Police Department, Oxnard, California, Expires: August 8, 2013

[Forensic Scientist](#), Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Roanoke, VA, Expires: August 1, 2013

[Training, Development, & Research Manager](#), Colorado Bureau of Investigation, Lakewood, Expires: July 30, 2013

[Criminalistics Manager](#), Colorado Bureau of Investigation, Lakewood, Expires: July 30, 2013

[DNA Analyst](#), Sorenson Forensics, Salt Lake City, Utah, Expires: September 9, 2013

[Latent Print Examiner](#), CITY OF FORT WORTH, FORT WORTH TEXAS, Expires: August 2, 2013

[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

From child pornography, fraud and murder, a computer forensics crime lab that helps convict criminals announced it has received national ...

[Texas A&M Statistician Helps Restructure Houston Police Crime Lab](#)

Texas A&M University

"The end goal is to have a crime lab that's not associated with the police department, so it's not trying to please its employer, but rather focused on doing good ...

[Crime lab change to speed police work](#)

Our Colorado News

It may take Wheat Ridge police less time to solve crimes soon, now that the city has agreed to partner with other Jefferson County agencies to form a regional ...

[Firearm forensics expert helps to identify guns used in 1866 battles](#)

Wyoming Tribune

In his career as a forensic firearms examiner for the state crime lab, Steve Norris has looked at a lot of guns. But it's not every day he has had the ...

[Local drug bust part of largest takedown in world](#)

KFDA

The world's largest synthetic drug bust has been revealed this week and the Drug Enforcement Administration says they even seized synthetics from a local shop. The Drug Enforcement Administration says they seized an undetermined amount of spice from ...

[How To Build Your Own CSI Forensics Lab](#)

Wired

If you've been waiting for the right handbook to come along and tell you how to build your own forensic laboratory, keep waiting. The National Institute of Standards Technology (NIST)'s new edition of the "Forensic Science Laboratories: Handbook for ...

[King inaugurates new forensic lab](#)

Ammon News

His Majesty King Abdullah, the Supreme Commander of the Jordan Armed Forces, inaugurated the new premises of the forensic and

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

[Criminalist – Controlled Substances](#), Houston Police Department Crime Laboratory, Houston, Texas 77002, Expires: September 20, 2013

[Lab Director](#), Sorenson Forensics, Salt Lake City, Utah, Expires: August 16, 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 DNA Technician](#), Sorenson Forensics, Salt Lake City, Utah, Expires: July 31, 2013

[Forensic DNA Analyst](#), Sorenson Forensics, Salt Lake City, Utah, Expires: July 31, 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

criminal evidence lab at the Public Security Department (PSD) on Monday. The King toured the facility ...

[Forensic fingers](#)

Chemistry World

Forensic analysis is typically carried out in a central laboratory, requiring time-consuming sampling, transportation and storage. Joseph Wang and colleagues at the University California, San Diego, have built on their expertise with wearable sensors ...

[Ministers warned that neglecting forensic science threatens justice](#)

[Telegraph.co.uk](#)

Since then some in-house police forensic laboratories have failed to make enough progress towards achieving the same standards as private providers, the ...

[Syracuse Police Department operated unaccredited forensic ...](#)

[Syracuse.com](#)

A Syracuse police detective may have violated state laws by performing forensic tests on the department's casework in an unaccredited lab, ...

Conferences

August 4-10, 2013 International Association for Identification (IAI) 98th International Educational Conference in Providence, RI. For more information see www.theiai.org or contact 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 2nd Annual Advanced DNA Technical Workshop – Bode Mid-Atlantic, Charlottesville, VA. See [Bode Mid-Atlantic Conference](#) for more details.

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.

September 29 – October 4, 2013 Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists Fall Meeting Dayton, Ohio. See 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.afgam.org.

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

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

October 28-November 1, 2013 Society 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 for more details.

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