



American Society of Crime Lab Directors

"THE CRIME LAB MINUTE" NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Dear Members,

The National Commission on Forensic Science's Human Factors Subcommittee is seeking contact information from laboratories that have implemented "Case Managers" or "Sequential Unmasking" programs in their laboratories, whether for all disciplines or just selected disciplines. They want to hear what has worked and what has not; both the pro's and the con's of implementing these programs. Please send your contact information to Laura Sudkamp at the Kentucky State Police Laboratories via email: Laura.Sudkamp@ky.gov and she will be in touch with you to get the details. Your input is greatly appreciated.

Brady W. Mills
ASCLD President

News Around the Globe

[Look into crime lab options beyond Mount Airy Cincinnati.com](#)

Hamilton County Coroner Lakshmi Sammarco and her prominent supporters seem to have reached the conclusion that only one site will do for a new ...

[Forensic pile-up holds back probes](#)

Times of India

KOLKATA: Backlog of cases in the state forensic laboratory has put the ... We have been reminding the state forensic lab's ballistic department for over ... The full report of the recent Garfa double murder and the DNA sampling test in ...

[New synthetic drugs turning up in toxicology reports](#)

KUSI

SAN DIEGO (CNS) - New synthetic drugs that either killed San Diegans or contributed to their



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.**

deaths have been turning up in toxicology screenings ...

[Repair: Long-awaited fixes to the crime lab need to be made, and quickly](#)

Pacific Daily News

Conditions at the crime lab first made headlines in October, after Lt. Ron Taitano, acting division chief, asked Chief of Police Fred Bordallo to declare a ...

[New DNA lab brings hope to victims' families](#)

KOKI FOX 23

His lab is in the process of setting up a new laser microdissection microscope. Tulsa's crime lab is one of the few labs in the country to have this ...

[Michael Morton backing DNA access legislation](#)

Austin American-Statesman

Michael Morton, exonerated 3½ years ago in the 1986 murder of his wife, returned to the Texas Capitol on Monday to support legislation that would ...

[300 detectives refuse to give DNA for faster crime investigations](#)

NL Times

About a quarter of the forensic detectives in the Netherlands refused to give an DNA sample for the elimination database of the ...

[Toxicology testing in Asheville to ease backlog of DWI cases](#)

Asheville Citizen-Times

ASHEVILLE – N.C. Department of Justice officials are gearing up to expand a state crime lab based in Asheville by adding blood toxicology services, ...

[Once Upon a Crime](#)

Syracuse University News

“The reality is that most people who work in forensic labs are civilians, not law-enforcement officers,” she says. “Forensic scientists specialize in one or ...

[Forensic science cuts risk criminal case errors, MPs warn](#)

BBC News

Cuts in forensic science spending risk serious mistakes being made in criminal cases, two



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Employment Opportunities

[Crime Scene Investigator](#), Flagler County Sheriff's Office, Bunnell, Florida, Expires: May 22, 2015

[Forensic Analyst- Digital Evidence](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: April 15, 2015

[Crime Scene Specialist](#), Durham Police Dept., Durham, NC, Expires: February 27, 2015

[Experienced Forensic Controlled Substances Analyst](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: March 31, 2015

North West MPs have warned. Graham Stringer and ...

[Lawmaker: Backlog delays expansion of Vermont DNA database](#)

WCAX

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - A key Vermont lawmaker says expanding the number of DNA samples taken into a state database will be put off for at least a ...

[Union County Firearms ID Unit awarded for 200th 'Hit'](#)

NJ.com

Depending on the level of urgency and the type of analysis needed, the Firearms ID Unit can turn around a request for an examination within a matter ...

[Utah Cyberunit Tackles Crimes Below the FBI's Radar](#)

StateTech Magazine

State crime lab personnel and an investigator from the cyberunit will be trained for forensic incident response. In the future, Redd wants to simulate an ...

[New forensic tool in Mobile](#)

FOX6 WBRC - MyFoxAL.com

The Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences lab in Mobile showed off a new tool Wednesday. It's called a Direct Analysis Real Time machine, ...

[Spartanburg forensic nurse awarded for her service to crime victims](#)

WHNS Greenville

South Carolina's 7th Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office has honored a Spartanburg County nurse for the care she provided to crime victims during ...

[SCOG to investigate surprise \\$90000 for crime lab](#)

The-review

County and city officials are looking into \$90,000 that has been quietly accumulating in a fund for the Canton-Stark County Crime Lab. Chris Nichols ...

[Exclusive: New Study Shows Accuracy Of Fingerprint Analysis](#)

CBS Local

[Asst/Assoc/Full Professor, Forensic Science](#), UIC, Chicago, IL, Expires: March 16, 2015

[Forensic Scientist](#), Texas Department of Public Safety, Houston, Texas, Expires: February 18, 2015

[Quality Systems Specialist](#), US FDA Forensic Chemistry Center, Cincinnati, OH, Expires: February 20, 2015

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[Research Assistant Professor](#), Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas, Expires: March 2, 2015

[Postdoctoral Fellow in Forensic Science](#), Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas, Expires: March 2, 2015

[Lecturer, Forensic Science](#), Arizona State University, Phoenix, Expires: March 5, 2015

[Toxicology Laboratory System Quality Specialist](#), Pennsylvania State Police, Harrisburg, PA, Expires: February 23, 2015

[Forensic Scientist Biology/DNA](#), Kansas Bureau of Investigation Forensic Science Laboratory, Great Bend, KS, Expires: February 25, 2015

[Forensic Scientist Drug Chemistry](#), Kansas Bureau of Investigation Forensic Science Laboratory, Great Bend, Kansas, Expires: February 25, 2015

[Forensic Scientist Latent Prints](#), Kansas Bureau of Investigation Forensic Science Laboratory, Topeka, KS, Expires: March 3, 2015

[Laboratory Accreditation Specialist 2](#), New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, Albany, NY, Expires: February 27, 2015

[Forensic Scientist III \(Tox or Latents\)](#), Scottsdale Police Department Crime

In the Miami-Dade Police crime lab, examiner Brian Cerchiai eyeballs fingerprint cards, but he and his team also match prints with the help of ...

[Federal Scientists Are Helping Police Catch Up With Rape Forensics](#)

Inside Science News Service

When a swab arrives at a lab, it is likely to contain both sperm cells and ... by a particularly diligent individual in the Detroit crime lab,” said Campbell

[Forensic science director named after lab scandal](#)

The News Journal

Delaware officials have hired a new director of forensic science who has experience turning around troubled drug labs in other states. Michael J. Wolf ...

[New York's Chief Medical Examiner Seeks to Lead in DNA Research](#)

New York Times

There is also a forensic anthropology lab in the First Avenue building, ... Though the medical examiner's office acts as the city's only DNA crime lab ...

[DNA collection proposals move forward in General Assembly](#)

The Daily Progress

DNA collected in that case also has been linked to the 2009 disappearance of ... That fee would more than double – to \$53 – to help defray the costs of an influx of new samples flooding the state Department of Forensic Science.

[21/7 terror trial cover-up as police warned forensic evidence was wrong](#)

Daily Mail

The Mail on Sunday can today reveal evidence of an astonishing legal cover-up that threatens to wreck one of Britain's biggest terrorism cases – the ...

Forensic Training

Palm Beach County Sheriff personnel will be presenting the below webinars.

Laboratory, Scottsdale, AZ, Expires: February 22, 2015

[Biology-DNA Section Supervisor](#), Kansas Bureau of Investigation Forensic Laboratory, Topeka, KS, Expires: February 16, 2015

[Quality Specialist](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: April 22, 2015

[Firearms Examiner](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: April 22, 2015

[Director of Biological Science](#), NY State Police Lab System, Albany, NY, Expires: February 20, 2015

[DNA Analyst/Crime Scene Examiner](#), Lake County Crime Laboratory, Painesville, OH, Expires: March 20, 2015

[Forensic Unit Supervisor](#), Washington County, Washington County, Oregon, Expires: March 15, 2015

[Senior Forensic Scientist-Deployable](#), Integrated Forensic Laboratories, TBD, Expires: March 6, 2015

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

[Toxicology Fellow / Toxicologist IV](#), Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, Texas, Expires: February 28, 2015



[Bode Technology](#) provides advanced forensic solutions offering crime labs ways to reduce their workloads and budgets.

April 16: Synthetic Drug Investigation
April 29: Property Crime and DNA testing

Register at :
<http://www.justiceclearinghouse.com/>

The Baltimore Forensic Institute of Technology and Innovation

Course Title:

Shooting Incident Reconstruction

Instructor:

Cory Latham & Troy Wilson

Location:

Baltimore Police Department Laboratory Section
601 E. Fayette St,
Baltimore, MD 21202

Dates:

March 16-20, 2015

Times:

8:00 am – 5:00 pm EST (lunch breaks given)

Registration:

\$650

Contact Info:

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dell@baltimorepolice.org

Richard Remy

Richard.remy@baltimorepolice.org

Webpage:

<http://goo.gl/3hM2K2>

“Legal” Drug Use through Chemistry:

An Overview of the Synthetic Drug

Dilemma

Date: Thursday, April 16 @ 1pm EDT

Cost: FREE

Registration Link:

attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6725142344836578305

This webinar provides an overview of the most common synthetic drugs including their origin, marketing strategies, pharmacology, and current legal status in an effort to provide a better understanding of the danger these drugs pose to our communities and the difficulties they pose to the law enforcement agencies, hospitals, and judicial system tasked with protecting

Bode's solutions include [BodeDirect™](#) [Outsourcing](#) and [Same-Day DNA Service™](#), and the [Bode Buccal DNA Collector™](#), a direct collection system, reduces processing time, saving money for crime laboratories.

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[BodeLIMS™ – The First True Forensic DNA LIMS](#). BodeLIMS is a web-based LIMS that tracks samples from receipt through reporting.

The software documents and captures the entire DNA analysis process and is completely configurable, thus adaptable to changing technologies.

[Bode LeanLab™](#) service utilizes Lean Six Sigma principles and delivers custom solutions to forensic labs improving efficiency, increasing throughput, reducing turnaround time and eliminating backlogs.

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Accreditation Training

ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board/FQS

FQS is a member of the ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board family of brands. FQS provides accreditation for ISO/IEC 17025 forensic test laboratories and ISO/IEC 17020 forensic inspection agencies and a wide variety of training, workshops, and academic programs.

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

the public's safety. Case studies will be presented demonstrating the typical signs of impairment presented by individuals under the influence of these drugs.

Outsourcing Property Crime for DNA

Analysis:

An Eleven Year Perspective

Date: Wednesday, April 29 @ 1pm EDT

Cost: FREE

Registration Link:

attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/923382323833360129

The presenters will give a brief background on the reasons the analysis of evidence from property crimes is important, a historical perspective of the FBU's experiences with outsourcing and the current state of the outsourcing program, including the importance of the DNA database (CODIS). Lastly, the presenters will share the results of a recent study that examined data trends that supported a revision to the FBU's policy on the types of evidentiary samples that may be submitted from property crimes for DNA analysis.

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 Versic](#)

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

ASCLD Webinars:

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

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

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

American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA)

A2LA's Training Program provides a variety of courses designed to help organizations achieve and maintain accreditation to international standards.

Title: Fundamentals of Force Calibration and Measurement Uncertainty Boot Camp

March 23 - 24, 2015 - York, PA (\$500 one-day, \$750 two-days)

(This course is held at in partnership with Morehouse Instrument Company, Inc.)

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 Educating

Webinar #4:

Case Acceptance, Policies and Guidelines

Webinar #5:

Efficiency Improvements

Webinar #6:

Increasing Your Staff without Increasing Your Budget

Webinar #7:

Developing a Statewide Approach to Backlog Management

for Calibration Laboratories

Forensic Conferences

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

March 30 - April 2, 2015: [12th Annual Bode Technical Workshop](#) in Coronado, CA

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.

May 26-29, 2015: [14th Annual DNA Technical Workshop - Bode East](#) in Orlando, FL

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

August 31- September 5, 2015: [The 26th Congress of the International Society for Forensic Genetics \(ISFG\)](#) will be held in Krakow,
Poland.

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

October 6-9, 2015: [14th Annual AFQAM Training Conference](#) will be held in Pensacola
Beach, FL

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

October 18-25, 2015: [Society of Forensic Toxicologists \(SOFT\)](#) in Atlanta, GA.

October 19 - 23, 2015: [Southwestern Association of Forensic Science \(SWAFS\)](#) in Oklahoma City, OK.

October 2015: [Northwest Association of Forensic Scientists](#) in Spokane, WA

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.