



American Society of Crime Lab Directors

"THE CRIME LAB MINUTE" NEWSLETTER

President's Message

ASCLD Symposium Mobile App

There's an app for that!

ASCLD is excited to announce its BRAND NEW Mobile App for the Symposium. To download to your mobile device, go to the App or Play Store and search for "ASCLD Symposium." The app will download directly to your device's home screen - no need to download a directory! By downloading the app you will have access to:

- The full event schedule
- Detailed info about speakers, exhibitors & sponsors
- Important ASCLD Member Documents
- Board & Committee Reports
- Session Evaluations
- Notifications of essential updates

Offsite Event - Seats Available!

Looking for an additional networking opportunity? Join fellow Symposium Attendees on the offsite tour on Tuesday, April 28.

For only an additional \$40 you can participated in the

Illuminated Monument Tour and see some of the Nation's iconic monuments. Busses will pick up and depart from the Marriott and lead you on a tour of some of the hot spots of DC. With stops along the way, you can be sure to get some snapshots to make the memories of the Symposium last all the yearlong.

To add the tour to you or a guest's registration, please click on the link found on your confirmation email to next to "Review, change, or update your registration." If you need further assistance, please call the Kinsley Meetings office at 303.798.3664.

I look forward to seeing everyone next week.

Brady W. Mills

ASCLD President

CLM April 20, 2015

ASCLD Advocacy

The newest round of draft documents from the National Commission have been posted on the regulations.gov website. They are currently open for public comment with comments due May 15th. As I understand the revised process, the NCFS is giving two weeks in advance of each formal meeting for public comments, then there will be discussion of the documents at the NCFS meeting, and then an additional two weeks of comments will be available after the meeting.

The link to view the draft documents is here:

<http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketBrowser;rpp=25;po=0;D=DOJ-LA-2015-0004;dct=N%252BFR%252BPR%252BBO>

Thank you and I hope to see you all in a couple weeks at the ASCLD symposium.

Kindest regards,

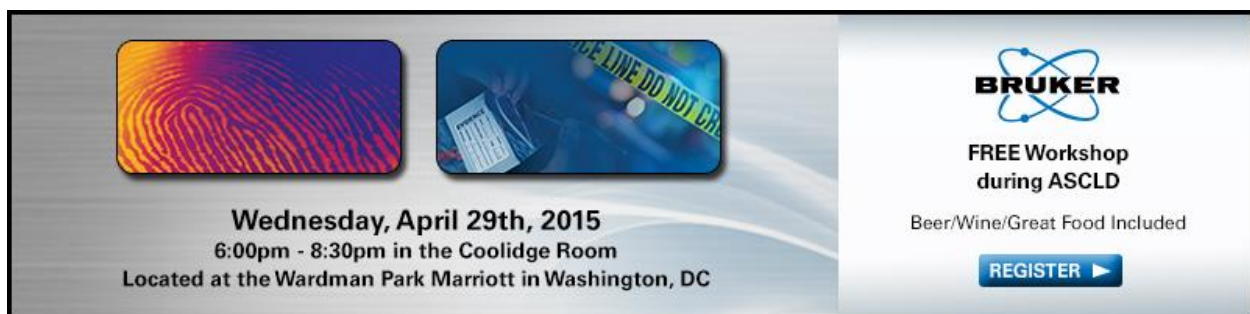
Jeremy Triplett

Click [here](#) to learn more about the Manhattan District Attorneys Funding to Test Backlogged Rape Kits

Completed applications are due by June 1, 2015. We will host an informational webinar on April 20, 2015 to provide further information about the program; applicants are strongly encouraged to participate in that information session.

- Register for the District Attorney's webinar [here](#).
- View the full RFP [here](#)
- Complete a profile and submit your application through our grant application [here](#).

Click [here](#) to learn more about the IACP Forensic Committee's 2015 Vollmer Awards.



Wednesday, April 29th, 2015
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Located at the Wardman Park Marriott in Washington, DC

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[News Around the Globe](#)

[FBI overstated forensic hair matches in nearly all trials before 2000](#)

Washington Post

The admissions mark a watershed in one of the country's largest forensic ... In 2002, the FBI reported that its own DNA testing found that examiners reported ... 500 to 1,000 state and local crime lab analysts to testify in the same ways.



2015 Symposium April 26th-30th, 2015

[Symposium Agenda](#)

The ASCLD Board and Committees have been very busy this year working to represent the ASCLD membership in forensic issues as well as provide training and information regarding changes in the forensic field. Since we want to share what we have been doing with the membership, the board and committee reports have been posted on both the ASCLD website members area files and the symposium mobile app. Please take time to review the reports before the Annual Business Meeting on Thursday, April 30, so you can come prepared with any questions you may have. We will only be presenting highlights of some of the activities at the Business Meeting since there is not enough time to cover everything.

Click [here](#) to view the updated new member candidate list.

The only way to register this year is online, click [here](#) to complete your registration.

[KWS set to commission forensic lab to fight wildlife crimes](#)

spyghana.com

Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) said on Friday it will launch a forensic and genetic laboratory to help it intensify fight against wildlife crimes in the East ...

[Improved crime scene forensics with fungal DNA](#)

Digital Journal

The collected dust samples were taken back to laboratories for DNA ... The implications of the study is that the method could be used as a forensic ...

[Verna forensic lab's lucrative offer fails to rope in qualified experts](#)

Oherald

PANJIM: Despite senior forensic experts from other States showing willingness to join the yet-to-be fully functional forensic science laboratory (FSL), ...

[Blood draws cut into DWI numbers](#)

Springfield News-Leader

If a judge signs off on the warrant, then medical staff at the jail or hospital will draw blood from the suspect and send it to the crime lab to be tested.

[DG directed for report on NAB's training academy, forensic lab](#)

The Nation

The chairman directed training and research division NAB to speed up work on the proper functioning of NAB forensic lab so that all cases are ...

[Greenville DNA lab lets the science talk in criminal cases](#)

Greenville News

He washed away evidence from the crime scene, but he left his DNA. Forensic investigators collected nearly 300 pieces of evidence from the Greer ...

[Leland Police Department gets new forensic equipment](#)

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[Employment Opportunities](#)

[Laboratory Accreditation Specialist 2](#), New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, Albany, NY, Expires: May 15, 2015

[Training Specialist](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: June 15, 2015

[Forensic Analyst- Biology](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: May 31, 2015

[Digital/Computer Forensic Examiner](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: May 31, 2015

LELAND, NC (WWAY) — It's been about a year since Leland Police say they applied for a forensic equipment improvement grant. They say the ...

[Eastern Montana crime lab bill advances in Senate committee](#)

KPAX-TV

BILLINGS - A proposed regional crime lab for eastern Montana is inching closer to becoming a reality, but in a much more cost efficient form.

[New Mississippi crime lab will replace crowded, 'unclean' facility](#)

WAPT Jackson

Mississippi Crime Lab Director Sam Howell said the biggest upgrade is that there will now be space to bring in new, important technology. The facility ...

[State to audit rape kits](#)

Bowling Green Daily News

Currently, every rape kit sent to the KSP lab is tested for the presence of blood, saliva or semen, according to Whitney Collins, state crime laboratory ...

[Tupelo Police eye latent print lab](#)

Leecountycourier

Tupelo Police eye latent print lab ... The Tupelo Police Department has applied for a \$38,000 federal grant to startup a latent fingerprint lab in Tupelo.

[Investigators are learning how to breathe life into cold cases](#)

FOX6 WBRC - MyFoxAL.com

This week, around 50 investigators, crime lab employees and coroners from across the state are in Biloxi, learning about new technology and tools ...

[Crime lab to test if blanket was on Lincoln's deathbed](#)

USA TODAY

(NEWSER) – The Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory is testing unusually old blood samples: some that could be from Abraham Lincoln himself. Today ...

[Digital/Computer Forensic Examiner](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: May 31, 2015

[Forensic Scientist 4 – Latent Fingerprint](#), Idaho State Police, Meridian Idaho, Expires: May 4, 2015

[Crime Lab Director](#), City of Canton, Canton, OH, Expires: May 29, 2015

[Division Director, Forensic Science](#), Kern County, Bakersfield, California, Expires: June 9, 2015

[Analytical Statistician](#), Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, Texas, Expires: June 12, 2015

[Deputy Forensic Toxicologist \(DOH/SLD #55101\)](#), State of New Mexico – Department of Health – Scientific Laboratory Division, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Expires: July 8, 2015

[Forensic Scientist II](#), Orange County District Attorney's Office (OCDA), Santa Ana, CA, Expires: April 24, 2015

[Chief Forensic Toxicologist](#), State of Utah- Department of Health, Tayorsville, UT, Expires: April 19, 2015

[Temporary Part-Time Lecturer in Justice Systems](#), Truman State University – Justice Systems Department, Kirksville, MO, Expires: June 30, 2015

[FORENSIC UNIT SUPERVISOR](#), Washington County Sheriff's Office, Hillsboro, OR, Expires: May 31, 2015

[Additional Director General](#), Punjab Forensic Science Agency, Pakistan (Lahore), Expires: April 30, 2015

[Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice](#), Gannon University, Erie, PA, Expires: June 22, 2015

[Virginia's DNA Data Bank tallies 10000th hit](#)

WDBJ7

Visit the Department of Forensic Science, and you might see a DNA examiner swabbing the inside of a glove, or another removing hairs from a jacket ...

[Colorado bill would add DNA testing for eight misdemeanor convictions](#)

The Denver Post

A bipartisan bill has been introduced that would require mandatory DNA testing on people convicted of eight misdemeanors in Colorado. The bill's ...

[Forensic scientist to speak at Girl Scouts event](#)

The Rock River Times

Forensic scientist Heather May will be the featured speaker for the Girl ... in biology and DNA analysis for the Illinois State Police Rockford Forensic ...

[Scientists suspended as State Police DNA scandal deepens](#)

Albany Times Union

Albany. The State Police moved to fire two forensic scientists implicated in an alleged cheating scandal at the agency's crime laboratory as district ...

[OIG audit finds potential for abuse in FBI forensic kiosks and FBI site hacked](#)

Network World

An Inspector General audit found potential for abuse of the FBI's forensic kiosks that could violate the Fourth Amendment and also mentioned the FBI's ...

[Report: More than 15 months in, pot-infused edibles still confound](#)

The Denver Post

As the Summit County coroner awaits Goodman's toxicology report in the coming weeks, his death — be it related to cannabis or not — served as a ...

[Crime Lab Director](#), Washoe County Sheriff's Office Forensic Science Division, Reno, NV, Expires: May 4, 2015

[Director of Methods and Validation](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: May 31, 2015

[Forensic Analyst- Toxicology](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: May 15, 2015

[Evidence Technician](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: April 30, 2015

[Forensic Analyst- Audio/Video](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: May 31, 2015

[Forensic Scientist 3- Firearm and Toolmark Identification Unit](#), Metro Nashville Police Department- Crime Laboratory, Madison, TN, Expires: June 18, 2015

[Firearms and Toolmarks Lab Supervisor](#), Cuyahoga County Medical Examiners Office, Cleveland, OH, Expires: May 23, 2015

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



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LabCorp Specialty Testing Group

Forensic Training

The application period for admission to the 2015-2016 session of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) National Firearms Examiner Academy (NFEA) is open to all qualified candidates. It is important to note that in addition to personal qualifications, trainees must be assigned to an established firearms section within the State and local agency laboratory. Agencies must also have an experienced firearm and toolmark examiner on staff to mentor and continue training upon completion of the NFEA.

The NFEA provides training for apprentice/entry level firearm and toolmark examiners from Federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. The Academy curriculum is composed of the fundamentals of firearms & toolmark examinations and serves as a basis for the trainee, under supervision, to develop into a qualified firearm and toolmark examiner. The application deadline for the 2015 - 2016 session of the NFEA is August 21, 2015. It is anticipated that the class will start in October 2015 however the training schedule is dependent on the receipt of funding and may be adjusted accordingly.

Additional information and the application form can be found at: <http://www.atf.gov/content/firearms/firearms-enforcement/national-firearms-examiner-academy-course-id-frms-pg-0002>

Questions can be directed to either:
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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 elements will be reviewed. The standard's applicability, origin, purpose and marketplace will be discussed. Some of the more important

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**“Legal” Drug Use through
Chemistry:
An Overview of the Synthetic Drug
Dilemma**

Date: Thursday, April 16 @ 1pm EDT

Cost: FREE

Registration Link:

attendeegotowebinar.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 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:

attendeegotowebinar.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

concepts will be reviewed such as document control, internal auditing, proficiency testing, traceability and measurement and method witnessing.

[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.

[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
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Course for Breath Alcohol Calibration**

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for Calibration Laboratories**

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 made the below webinars available.

[False-Positive and False-Negative Error Rates in Cartridge Case Comparisons](#)

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

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

[ASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 3 – Archival Version](#)

[ASCLD Webinar Series: Case Acceptance Policies and Guidelines – Archival Version](#)

[ASCLD Webinar Series: Developing a Statewide Approach to Backlog Management – Archival Version](#)

[ASCLD Webinar Series: Efficiency Improvements – Archival Version](#)

[ASCLD Webinar Series: How to Increase your Staff without Increasing Budget – Archival Version](#)

[ASCLD Webinar Series: Managing Customer Expectations and Education – Archival Version](#)

[**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.

[**Forensic Conferences**](#)

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.

[ASCLD Webinar Series: Taking the First Steps Toward Backlog Reduction – Archival Version](#)

[ASCLD Webinar Series: The Paradox of Backlog Reduction – How Doing Less Can Be Doing More – Archival Version](#)

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.

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