



American Society of Crime Lab Directors

"THE CRIME LAB MINUTE" NEWSLETTER

President's Message



Dear Colleagues,

This past week President Elect Jeremy Triplett, Director Adam Becnel, and Executive Director Jean Stover traveled to Bellevue, Washington to review our symposium site for next year's symposium. The site visit went very well and we are looking to build an amazing agenda for next year. Stay tuned as we work to solidify the theme, announce the call for abstracts, and make next year's symposium website available.

The next National Commission on Forensic Science meeting is August 10-11th. The newest work products are available for review and comment. I encourage all members to review these documents and post your comments.

<http://www.justice.gov/ncfs/meetings#s6>

On June 30, ASCLD sponsored a webinar titled ASCLD: FBI Allele Frequency Amendments Overview - Managers Perspective and Legal Considerations which was a great success. There was over 450 participants. Tina Delgado from the Federal Bureau of Investigations, Gary Sims of California Department of Justice, Ray Wickenheiser of the New York State Police Crime Laboratory System and Matt Redle, Sheridan WY County and Prosecuting Attorney, presented.

This presentation was designed to assist Crime Lab Management to provide timely assessment, correction, notification, reporting and documentation; enabling Crime Labs to continue to earn and keep public trust. This webinar provided a high level overview of the issue by the FBI including history on the errors, their detection, correction, and the dissemination of information. It also included the laboratory directors' perspective and legal issues that laboratories may need to consider

Click [HERE](#) to view the webinar.

Free Access to Public Safety and First Responder Standards & Guides

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is now providing free access to ASTM standards to public safety professionals and first responders. Allowing agencies to easily identify and incorporate best practices into their operations, this portal includes standards and practice guides on a variety of topics, including:

- Standard Practice for Measurement of Body Armor Wearers.
- Standard Guide for Credentialing Access to an Incident or Event Site.
- Standard Practice for Radiological Emergency Response.
- Standard Guides for Emergency Operations Center Development and Management.
- Standard Test Methods for Evaluating Emergency Robot Response Capabilities.
- Standard Guide for Operational Guidelines for Initial Response to a Suspected Biothreat Agent.

By registering for access, a user will be able to view and download ASTM standards, practices and test methods, which normally cost up to \$49 each; compare them to previous versions; and annotate documents online free of charge.

[Get your free access to the ASTM Compass portal.](#)

[Forensic Training](#)

International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)
Women's Leadership Institute
Branson, Missouri August 2-7,
2015 Click [here](#) for additional information.

2015 Impression, Pattern and Trace Evidence Symposium
August 25 - 27, 2015
San Antonio, TX
Click [here](#) for additional information.

MAFS is announcing a Forensic Anthropology Workshop hosted by the Johnson County Sheriff's Office Criminalistics Laboratory in Olathe, Kansas on September 1st - September 3rd.
Click [here](#) for additional details.

The Forensic and Investigative Science Outreach, at West Virginia University, is offering many onsite forensic science courses and workshops through September 30, 2015, as part of an award from the National Institute of Justice. Click [here](#) for additional information.

Ron Smith & Associates – National Latent Print Examiner Training Academy. October 2015 Camp Shelby, MS
Click [here](#) for more information.

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



Advanced Topics for Human Identification & Data Interpretation

December 1-4, 2015 | Philadelphia, PA

This 4 day course will offer world-class training for experienced forensic biology practitioners, technicians, and technical leaders involved in testing and testimony for forensic serological and human identification related testing. Each day will focus on issues of current interest in the field and conclude with an open dialogue panel discussion. Topics Include: Current issues with variability in the interpretation of complex mixtures; strategies for the implementation of Rapid DNA technology and sexual assault backlog reduction; alternate novel approaches to biological fluid identification; evaluation of statistical models and probabilistic modeling for mixed sample sources; improved methods for recovery of low template DNA; and legal implications of new strategies and developments in the field. Distinguished faculty include: John Butler, PhD, Niels Morling, MD, DMSc, Michael Coble, PhD, Mechthild Prinz, PhD, Jack Ballantyne, PhD, JoAnne Bright, PhD, and other forensic biology professionals.

Register

today: www.ForensicBio2015.Eventbrite.com

Learn

more: www.ForensicScienceEducation.org/FBioCourse

CLM July 13, 2015

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>

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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](#)

[ComparisonsASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 1 – Archival](#)

[VersionASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 2 – Archival VersionASCLD](#)

[Rapid DNA Webinar 3 – Archival VersionASCLD Webinar Series:](#)

[News Around the Globe](#)

[Wildlife Forensics Unmask Poachers and Traffickers](#)

The Epoch Times
Worldwide, the National Fish and Wildlife Forensic Lab in Ashland, Oregon is the only full-service crime lab dedicated to wildlife, meaning it includes ...



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[Employment Opportunities](#)

[Criminalist](#), Boulder Police Department, Boulder, Colorado, Expires: July 31, 2015

[Forensic Scientist II – Biology/DNA](#), Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Las Vegas, NV, Expires: August 12, 2015

[Forensic Scientist I – Biology/DNA](#), Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Las Vegas, NV, Expires: August 12, 2015

[Quality Assurance Specialist](#), DC Government – Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: July 16, 2015

[Forensic Scientist III \(Digital Evidence\)](#), DC Government – Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: July 12, 2015

[Crime Lab Superintendent](#), City of Tucson, Tucson

[Untested DNA kits are a failure, and state's answer isn't multiple choice](#)

The Virginian-Pilot

State officials have documented more than 2,000 kits of untested DNA ... Officials at the state Department of Forensic Science released a report last ...

[Editorial on rape kits gave complexity short shrift](#)

Washington Post

The kits perhaps should be sent to the state crime lab by police and tested anyway because, as the article said, there may be other valuable ...

[Cooks of hazard: Richmond rises to No. 2 in meth labs](#)

Richmond County Daily Journal

Page — who started working in the crime lab 12 years ago and has spent the past decade responding to meth labs — said the chemical hazards ...

[Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner chemist fired over botched test, county retests hundreds of ...](#)

[cleveland.com](#)

Sran told his immediate supervisor and the crime lab's director, Dr. Harmeet Kaur, that the April 6 sample cited in his dismissal letter was his only ...

[DNA helps solve case, highlights backlog](#)

KXAN.com

AUSTIN (KXAN) — DNA evidence in a case more than 1.5 years old lead ... up with processing and entering DNA evidence into a computer system

[13News Now Investigates: Inside Virginia's cyber crime lab](#)

[13newsnow.com](#)

13News Now takes you inside Virginia's computer crime lab. ... The forensic examination of Avitto's computers found 1,200 images and videos ...

[New law requires arrestees in RI to provide DNA samples](#)

WPRI 12 Eyewitness News

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — A new state

Police Department Crime Lab, Tucson, Arizona, Expires: July 30, 2015

[Firearms Examiner \(II and III\)](#), City of Tucson, Tucson, Arizona, Expires: July 26, 2015

[Tenure-track Faculty Position](#), Texas Southern University, Houston, Expires: July 11, 2015

[Forensic Scientist III – Latent Print](#), Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory, Anchorage, Alaska, Expires: July 30, 2015

[Forensic Scientist Supervisor](#), Wisconsin Department of Justice, Madison, Wisconsin, Expires: July 16, 2015

[Forensic Scientist](#), Columbus Police Crime Lab, Columbus, Ohio, Expires: July 17, 2015

[Forensic Scientist I – Postmortem Toxicology](#), MA State Police Forensic Services Group, Maynard, Massachusetts, Expires: July 17, 2015

[Senior Research Forensic Scientist](#), RTI International, Durham, NC, Expires: August 4, 2015

[Criminalist II – DNA Section](#), Boston Police Department Crime Laboratory, Boston, Massachusetts, Expires: September 1, 2015

[Biology / DNA Analyst](#), City of Albuquerque Police Crime Lab, Albuquerque, NM, Expires: July 24, 2015

[Forensic Firearms Examiner I – III](#), The City of Mesa, Mesa, AZ, Expires: July 25, 2015

[Criminalist – Arson/Trace](#), Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation, Ankeny, Iowa, Expires: July 21, 2015

[Firearm / Tool Mark examiner](#), City of Albuquerque Police Crime Lab, Albuquerque, NM, Expires: July 20, 2015

[Forensic Scientist I – Drug Unit](#), Massachusetts State Police Forensic Services Group, Springfield, MA, Expires: July 17, 2015

[Criminalist](#), City of Long Beach, Long Beach, CA, Expires: July 17, 2015

[Forensic Lab Technician \(Biology/DNA\)](#), NLT

law requiring people arrested for violent crimes to provide DNA samples could help solve cold cases and lead ...

[Forensic spray glue might help police preserve remains and identify fatal burns victims](#)

ABC Online

Dr John Berketa of Adelaide University's forensic odontology unit said the ...

"Fingerprints and DNA are destroyed in temperatures of more than 250 ...

[Ethics Complaint Brought Against NY Forensic Science Commissioners](#)

Science 2.0 (blog)

A copy of the the JCOPE complaint was provided to CRIME LAB REPORT

(www.crimelabreport.com), for which I am the Chief Managing Editor.

[After singing its praises, City Auditor suggests moving crime lab](#)

The Denver Post

Add projected growth in the demand for forensic services and budget concerns, Gallagher said, and the lab's "priorities could be at odds with ...

[Wait for forensic results frustrating for local police](#)

Saskatoon StarPhoenix

Waiting for forensic evidence results can be frustrating, say police officers on the Prairies. RCMP labs scattered across the country are tasked with ...

[Fingerprints Gathering Dust At OKC Police Department](#)

News On 6

The department has added two more full time examiners to their team recently, bringing the total number of people running latent prints to five.

[Crime lab earns international accreditation](#)

Richland Source

Mansfield Division of Police Forensic Science Section Laboratory director

Tony Tambasco and crime lab DNA analyst Dawn Fryback are presented ...

[Virginia needs to test its 2369 rape kits](#)

Washington Post

Management Services, LLC, Beltsville, MD, Expires: September 16, 2015

[Quality Assurance Specialist](#), NLT Management Services, LLC, Beltsville, MD, Expires: September 16, 2015

[Quality Assurance Specialist](#), NLT Management Services, LLC, Atlanta, GA, Expires: September 17, 2015

[Quality Assurance Specilaist](#), NLT Management Services, LLC, Walnut Creek, CA, Expires: September 17, 2015

[Forensic Scientist Manager \(DNA\)](#), DC Government – Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: July 30, 2015

[Forensic Scientist Technical Leader \(DNA\)](#), DC Government – Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: July 30, 2015

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

[Supervisor- Biology/DNA section](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: July 31, 2015

[Fingerprint Technician](#), St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department Crime Lab, Saint Louis, Expires: July 31, 2015

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

[Sheriff's Forensic Scientist II/III – Firearm & Toolmark Examiner](#), Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Ventura, CA, Expires: July 22, 2015

[Forensic Laboratory Supervisor](#), Oregon State Police, Springfield, Or, Expires: August 18, 2015

[Forensic Laboratory Director](#), Oregon State Police, Central Point, Oregon, Expires: August 18, 2015

[Firearms Examiner](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: July 31, 2015

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

Congress's final budget is also expected to include \$117 million for DNA testing and increasing crime lab capacity under the Debbie Smith Act, at least ...

[Damaged crime lab may lead to overturned convictions, Jefferson Parish lawsuit says](#)

NOLA.com

The Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office's \$16.8 million crime lab on the West Bank suffered damages due to Hurricane Isaac, according to a lawsuit.

[COMMENTARY: The licensing of forensic analysts in Texas](#)

Monitor

Studies show that a substantial number of failures of crime labs and forensic techniques — such as microscopic hair — involved “junk science,” or ...

[The gun ballistics lab is STL's secret to fighting crime](#)

KSDK

No TV audience has ever seen the inside of the gun ballistics lab. ... "We can compare this to other crimes that may have been done by this firearm," ...

[Sheriff's office low bid: \\$9.8 million](#)

Highlands Today

That would give the county 41,740 square feet, which will include property and evidence, crime scene investigations, the crime lab, and the 75 ...

[Limits at DNA lab add twist to cases](#)

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

The state police crime lab is a finite resource, one plagued in the past by ... but to jurors used to their forensic evidence-heavy TV shows and movies, ...

[Harris County suspends testing of "touch DNA" evidence in property crimes](#)

Houston Chronicle (subscription)

The suspension will not affect the Houston Police Department, which relies on the city's crime lab to perform DNA analysis. The Houston Forensic ...

[Behind the ?backlog?](#)

Bend Bulletin

[Crime Scene Investigator](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: July 31, 2015

[Forensic Scientist III/Quality Assurance Specialist – Latent Print Examiner](#), City of Saint Paul, Saint Paul, MN, Expires: August 11, 2015

[Forensic Scientist II-Latent Print Examiner](#), City of Saint Paul, Saint Paul, MN, Expires: August 11, 2015

[Associate Medical Examiner \(Forensic Pathologist\)](#), GA Bureau of Investigation, Decatur, Georgia, Expires: August 7, 2015

[Quality Assurance Manager – Police Laboratory](#), New York City Police Department, New York, NY, Expires: August 3, 2015

[DIRECTOR: Department of Forensic Sciences \(DFS\)](#), Government of the District of Columbia, Washington, DC, Expires: July 31, 2015

[Crime Lab Quality Assurance Manager](#), Metro Nashville Police Department- Crime Laboratory, Nashville, TN, Expires: July 22, 2015

[Director of Forensic Toxicology](#), NYC Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, New York, NY, Expires: July 21, 201



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They have not yet seen the inside of the Oregon State Police crime lab, where they could be tested for DNA or physical evidence. Some say testing the ...

[Forensic Conferences](#)

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.

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[Accreditation Training](#)

[ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board \(ANAB\)](#)
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ISO/IEC 17020 and Audit Preparation Workshop for Forensic Police Agencies
[October 29-30, 2015](#), Alexandria, VA
Cost: ASQ member \$600, non-ASQ member \$650

ISO/IEC 17025 and Audit Preparation Workshop for Forensic Test Agencies
[October 26-28, 2015](#), Alexandria, VA
Cost: ASQ member \$750, non-ASQ member \$800

For more information about these workshops, contact ANAB 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](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

[American Association for Laboratory Accreditation \(A2LA\)](#)

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