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CFSD Update – Matthew Gammette, CFSD Chair Last week all six member organizations of the CFSD had a member representative at the National Commission on Forensic Science Meeting and several other meetings with federal agencies. The member organizations were able to see the working of the NCFCS and engage with the Commissioners.

In addition, there were several opportunities for the CFSD representatives to get together and discuss issues of immediate importance. CFSD representatives met with management representatives of NIST, DOJ, NIJ, OSTP, and the FBI to discuss areas of mutual interest. All these groups committed to meet more regularly with CFSD and the member organizations on issues of national forensic leadership, research, grants, funding, and quality related issues. Task groups have already been formed coming out of many of these meetings to put in action some great ideas for collaboration. We will keep you posted on many of these agenda items coming soon. These meetings were very positively received by these federal agencies.

We want to express our thanks to the very busy executives and staff at these federal agencies for their time in meeting with us and their dedication to forensic science.

We discovered through these meetings that ASCLD and CFSD are very involved in many initiatives of these federal agencies and we also learned that CFSD now represents over 21,000 memberships in our six forensic organizations.

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3-2-1 Bylaws Vote Update – Jeff Salyards, Ethics and Bylaws Committee Chair Our vote to amend our Bylaws to specify requirements for Board of Directors eligibility requirements (nicknamed 3-2-1) failed to reach enough responses to establish a quorum. As a result, this vote has failed. It's important to note that of the votes received, over 90% were in favor of passing this amendment.

As a result, we intend to reintroduce this topic during our Symposium in April 2016 for an in-person vote.

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Registration for the Leadership Academy 2016 has opened. Click [here](#) to view for additional information about the Leadership Academy, as well as the links for registration.

Registration for the Leadership Academy 2016 also includes registration for the ASCLD Symposium. Attending the symposium is a great way to maximize your leadership training

opportunity.

Any questions, please email or give a call to Director Kris Deters at [Kristine.deters@state.mn.us](mailto:Kristine.deters@state.mn.us) and 651-793-2994. Additional information about the symposium is also located on the ASCLD Symposium website.

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Next Teleconference: January 22, 2015



## **Forensic Training**

March 14-18 2016 the Maryland State Police will be hosting a the Forensic Management Academy presented by West Virginia University. This one week premier business program was designed for forensic professionals to strengthen their management competencies and be better prepared to meet the increasing demands of forensic laboratories. Contact Martina Bison-Huckaby at [martina.bison-huckaby@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:martina.bison-huckaby@mail.wvu.edu) or [\(304\)293-7926](tel:(304)293-7926) for additional information.

The course registration is \$2,250 and the enrollment link is [http://wvu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_41L3klo749uz3pZ](http://wvu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_41L3klo749uz3pZ)

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Ron Smith & Associates Training

### **December 2015**

Introduction to the Science of Friction Ridge Examination  
Location: Glendale, CA



Postmortem Interpretive Toxicology

Where: Philadelphia, PA  
When: January 25-29, 2016  
Course Fee: \$1,500

The Center for Forensic Science Research & Education presents its 4<sup>th</sup> annual in-depth course in interpretive postmortem toxicology. This is one of the most challenging areas of forensic science, given the complex range of considerations that need to be applied in performing analysis, and reporting and interpreting results. Factors from choice of samples, collections tubes, postmortem redistribution, analytical approach, drug-drug interactions and tolerance all play a part in providing accurate and reliable interpretive input for the pathologist or medical examiner.

Register today:  
<http://forensicscienceeducation.org/postmortem->

Class Dates: 12-14-2015 thru 12-18-2015

Tuition: \$600.00 | Hours: 40

Understanding Exclusion and Sufficiency Decisions

Location: Clearwater, FL

Class Dates: 12-14-2015 thru 12-18-2015

Tuition: \$600.00 | Hours: 36

Digital Crime Scene and Evidence Photography

Location: Rio Rancho, NM

Class Dates: 12-15-2015 thru 12-17-2015

Tuition: \$400.00 | Hours: 24

### **January 2016**

Introduction to the Science of Friction Ridge Examination

Location: Bethlehem, PA

Class Dates: 01-18-2016 thru 01-22-2016

Tuition: \$600.00 | Hours: 40

### **February 2016**

Essential Ridgeology Concepts

Location: Bourne, MA

Class Dates: 02-08-2016 thru 02-12-2016

Tuition: \$600.00 | Hours: 40

Forensic Examination of Violent Crime Scenes

Location: Cumming, GA

Class Dates: 02-16-2016 thru 02-18-2016

Tuition: \$400.00 | Hours: 24

Fundamentals of Crime Scene Examination and Evidence Collection

Location: Grand Forks, ND

Class Dates: 02-22-2016 thru 02-26-2016

Tuition: \$600.00 | Hours: 40

### **March 2016**

Scientific Analysis (ACE-V): From the Laboratory to the Witness Stand

Location: Dallas, TX

Class Dates: 03-07-2016 thru 03-11-2016

Tuition: \$600.00 | Hours: 40

[interpretive-toxicology/](#)

Learn

more: [www.ForensicScienceEducation.org/FBioCourse](http://www.ForensicScienceEducation.org/FBioCourse)



Shimadzu's triple quad GCMS-TQ8040, providing exceptional sensitivity, selectivity, and specificity for detection and quantitation of targeted drugs in the presence of background interferences, is the most powerful choice for your toxicological applications. It enables the analysis of more than 400 compounds in one run, and features automatic method creation, scan/SIM acquisition mode, and an MRM optimization tool.

The Smart Forensic Database includes hundreds of compounds with optimized transitions and collision energies, CAS registry numbers and retention indices (RI). The database supports simultaneous high-sensitivity analysis of samples using GC-MS/MS, eliminating the need to configure complicated analysis conditions.



IntegenX, headquartered in Pleasanton, California, is the market leader of Rapid human DNA identification technology. IntegenX

Introduction to the Science of Friction Ridge Examination

Location: Melbourne, FL

Class Dates: 03-21-2016 thru 03-25-2016

Tuition: \$600.00 | Hours: 40

Palm Print Comparison Techniques

Location: Bethlehem, PA

Class Dates: 03-22-2016 thru 03-24-2016

Tuition: \$400.00 | Hours: 24

New courses and class locations are added daily so be sure to check the website at:

[www.RonSmithandAssociates.com/Training](http://www.RonSmithandAssociates.com/Training)

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The Houston Forensic Science Center offers a variety of training opportunities.

**February:**

Crime Scene Investigation class will provide participants with hands-on instruction in a unique training environment, a house specifically designed to teach such courses. Click [here](#) for details.

One-day Sig Sauer Pistols. Armorer Certification. Click [here](#) for details.

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On-demand Webcast: The Public Health Challenge of Synthetic Cannabinoids

This one day symposium, recorded live on September 30th, 2015, addresses different aspects of synthetic cannabinoid use, including pharmacology, clinical symptoms, assessment and treatment of synthetic cannabinoid use and laboratory testing related to these compounds. Click [here](#) for additional information.

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technology platforms integrate advanced fluidics, optics, and biochemistry capabilities to produce sample-to-answer products for DNA-based human identity testing for forensics and law enforcement applications.



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The Forensic Technology Center of Excellence

Presents

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Technical Discussion

On-Demand (Approximately 75 Minutes)

Click [here](#) for registration information.

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The American Society of Crime Lab Directors, along with RTI, have made the below webinars available.

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

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

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

[VersionASCLD](#)

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

[Webinar Series:](#)

[Criminalist Trainee/I/II \(recruiting for one position – open at all levels\)](#), Washoe County Sheriff's Office Forensic Science Division, Reno, Expires: February 1, 2016

City of Thornton, [Criminalist II/Senior](#) •  
Thornton, CO, Expires: January 11, 2016

Union County NJ [Laboratory Director](#) •  
Prosecutor's Office,  
Westfield, Expires: January 1, 2016

[Toolmarks & Forensic Scientist – Firearms](#) •  
Virginia Dept. of Forensic Science, Roanoke,  
VA, Expires: January 5, 2016

[Forensic Science Expertise Opportunities](#) •  
[\(DNA, Toxicology/Chemistry,](#)  
National [Latent Prints & Toolmarks/Firearms](#)  
Forensic Science Technology Center, Atlanta,  
GA and/or various OCONUS locations based  
on government requirements, Expires: March  
11, 2016

[Assistant/Associate Professor of Forensic](#) •  
Department of Forensic Science, [Science](#)  
College of Criminal Justice, Sam Houston  
State University, Hunstville,  
Texas, Expires: December 31, 2016

Texas [Forensic Scientist I-III, DNA](#) •  
Department of Public Safety, Austin,  
TX, Expires: December 23, 2015

Solano County, [Forensic Laboratory Director](#) •  
Fairfield, CA, Expires: January 12, 2016

Kansas Bureau [Supervisor – Biology Section](#) •  
of Investigation Forensic Science Laboratory,  
Topeka, Kansas, Expires: January 6, 2016

Kansas [Supervisor – Chemistry Section](#) •  
Bureau of Investigation Forensic Science  
Laboratory, Topeka,  
Kansas, Expires: January 6, 2016

[Forensic Scientist – Questioned Documents](#) •  
Virginia Dept. of Forensic Science, Roanoke,  
VA, Expires: January 31, 2016

Fort [Forensic Scientist – Firearm Examiner](#) •  
Worth Police Crime Laboratory, Fort Worth,



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## [News Around the Globe](#)

[Officials ask UNA to reopen forensics lab to help clear evidence backlog](#)

whnt.com

"The letter that we got from the forensics lab was six months," Williamson said. "When we talked to them, they say six months to a year, and that's not ...

[Delay in Resolving Rape Cases Due to Lack of](#)

Texas, Expires: March 8, 2016

[Forensic Scientist – Trace Evidence](#) •  
Miami Valley Regional Crime ,[Examiner](#)  
Laboratory, Dayton, OH, Expires: January 22,  
2016

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

[Postdoctoral Research Associate –](#) •  
University of Illinois at Chicago, ,[Genomics](#)  
Chicago, Illinois, Expires: March 1, 2016

State of Wisconsin ,[Toxicologist, Senior](#) •  
Department of Justice, Madison,  
WI, Expires: December 28, 2015

Harris County Institute of ,[Chief Toxicologist](#) •  
Forensic Sciences, Houston,  
Texas, Expires: December 31, 2015

City and County of Denver- ,[Forensic Scientist](#) •  
Police Department Crime Laboratory, Denver,  
Colorado, Expires: December 31, 2015

Bode Cellmark Forensics, ,[Senior Scientist](#) •  
Inc., Lorton, Expires: February 23, 2016

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

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

Penn State, ,[Non-tenure faculty position](#) •  
Forensic Science, University Park,  
PA, Expires: December 31, 2015

[Assistant/Associate Professor of Forensic](#) •  
Sam Houston State University, ,[Science](#)  
Huntsville, TX, Expires: December 31, 2015

[Laboratory Manager I – Forensic Chemistry](#) •  
Delaware Division of Forensic Science, ,[Unit](#)  
Wilmington, DE, Expires: February 27, 2016

### [Enough Forensic Labs](#)

The Quint

Surrounded by eminent people like Shabana Azmi and Javed Akhtar, Asha Devi the mother of the December 16, 2012 gang-rape and murder victim in ...

### [Nevada lawmakers approve funds to test backlog of rape kits](#)

Elko Daily Free Press

Most untested evidence collection kits in Nevada are in Las Vegas, where police forensic lab director Kimberly Murga said she's now on track to test ...

### [The case for handheld in smarter narcotics identification](#)

Officer.com (press release) (registration) (blog)

Since then, however, only 35 cases total have gone to the state lab, helping ... In 2014, the National Forensic Laboratory Information System (NFLIS) ...

### [Forensics dept expansion could speed up probes](#)

Times of India

Cyber Forensics Laboratory will have separate wings for cyber, mobile and ... kits will be collected at crime scene and tested immediately in the lab

### [After settlement, Douglas County crime lab boss will resign and get \\$195320](#)

Kearney Hub

Earlier this year, the Douglas County Attorney's Office distributed a memo to defense attorneys about crime lab problems, including allegations by the ...

### [Forensic science reform is finally here. But will we get it right?](#)

Washington Post

These criticisms get stronger when you consider that most of the crime lab ... The latter is a problem that creeps into all forms of forensic analysis. ... of DNA testing showed us that many of the forensic "sciences" we thought to be ...



LabCorp Specialty Testing Group

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

#### **Bode's newest offerings include:**

[Bode's Annual DNA & Investigators Conference](#), November 9-12, 2015 in Old Town Alexandria, providing DNA training on the latest techniques and technologies to the forensic scientific community.

[Sexual Assault Kit Backlog Reduction Program](#) streamlines processes to eliminate backlogs of untested sexual assault kits.

[Bode Buccal 2™](#) is uniquely designed to improve DNA databanking collecting and automate processing. The Bode Buccal 2 is a **DIRECT COLLECTION SYSTEM** that requires minimal training. There is **NO Transfer Step Required**.

[Independent Validation Services](#) are customized to meet your laboratory's needs. Validation services provide completely unbiased analysis on your equipment, chemistries, or process.

## **[Forensic Conferences](#)**

February 22-27, 2016: [American Academy of Forensic Science](#) – Las Vegas, NV

March 14-15, 2016: [Genetics in Forensics Congress](#) – London

April 3-8, 2016: [International Association for Chemical](#)

[County budget approved for 2016; includes new jail, forensic lab](#)

Columbus Dispatch

The general fund also will provide \$44 million next year toward a new jail and a combined morgue and forensic lab. The 23-acre site for the new jail is ...

[New DNA testing bill drawing fire from ACLU](#)

KMOV.com

Linda Black (R-Park Hills) believes collecting and testing the DNA samples could lead to solving open cases that have gone cold. The policy would be ...

[Everyone thought DNA evidence would make a difference to rape convictions - but we were wrong](#)

The Independent

In the last decade vast improvements have been made in forensic science towards developing sophisticated DNA tests for sexual violence cases.

[UT devotes new land for bodies, forensic training](#)

WBIR-TV

The University of Tennessee is devoting new ground in Morgan County to continue the school's ground-breaking reputation in crime scene forensic ...

[Edmond genealogy society to meet at UCO's Forensic Science Institute](#)

NewsOK.com

EDMOND — Wayne Lord and Kama King will present an interactive lab on human osteology, forensic anthropology and identification techniques and ...

[Two mobile forensic units for police](#)

Times of India

The government of India had sanctioned 10 crore, under the 11th Five-year Plan, to set up a regional forensic laboratory and two mobile forensic units.

[Nevada lawmakers approve funds to test backlog of rape kits](#)

Las Vegas Sun

Most untested evidence-collection kits in Nevada are

[Testing](#) – Orlando, FL

May 5-7, 2016: [2nd Annual Middle East Congress of the International Association of Law and Forensic Sciences \(IALFS\)](#) – Istanbul, Turkey

May 17-20, 2016: [Mid-Atlantic Association of Forensic Scientist \(MAAFS\)](#) – Richmond, VA

May 28-June 3, 2016: [The Association of Firearm and Tool Mark Examiners](#) – New Orleans, LA

Aug 7-13, 2016: [International Association for Identification](#) – Cincinnati, OH

Sep 18-23, 2016: [International Symposium on the Forensic Sciences](#) – Auckland, New Zealand

Oct 3-7, 2016: [Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientist \(MAFS\)](#) – Branson, Missouri

Oct 10-14, 2016: [15th Annual AFQAM Conference](#) – Little Rock, AR

## **Accreditation Training**

**ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board**

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**ISO/IEC 17020 and Audit Preparation Workshop for Forensic Police Agencies**

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Cost: ASQ member \$750, non-ASQ member \$800



in Las Vegas, where police forensic lab director Kimberly Murga said she's now on track to test ...

[Fox finalizes members for Sexual-assault Evidence Task Force](#)

KULR-TV

When the investigating agency or prosecutor has determined that the evidence should be submitted to the state crime laboratory for processing, that ...

[Britain could be forensic science world leader, says chief scientific adviser](#)

The Guardian

Britain could be forensic science world leader, says chief scientific adviser ... The advance of science in almost every discipline means that forensic ... cristatus, the great crested newt, has left a trace of DNA in a particular pond.

[State eyeing software to track rape evidence](#)

Wicked Local

Under existing state guidelines, local police are then required to transport evidence to the crime lab as soon as possible. However, a 2013 study by ...

[Forensic science reform is finally here. But will we get it right?](#)

Washington Post

As noted in Friday's links roundup, the Justice Department announced this month that it will only use evidence from accredited crime labs around the ...

[Some states review flawed hair-analysis convictions - but so far, not Montana](#)

Helena Independent Record

Spurred by the FBI's admission that its forensic work involving hair analysis -- and its training of state crime lab workers -- has been deeply flawed, ...

[We the people: Forensic scientists to give genealogical presentation in Edmond](#)

NewsOK.com

Dr. Wayne D. Lord and Dr. Kama King will present an

For more information about these workshops, contact ANAB at 703-836-0025, ext 208. To register, please click on any of the dates above.

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[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](#)

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

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

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[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.

interactive lab on human osteology, forensic anthropology and identification techniques and ...

[Connecticut forensic crime lab clears most of 12000-case backlog, with fresh approach](#) New Haven RegisterWork was also outsourced to such locations as Bode Cellmark Forensics in Virginia and Integrated Forensic Labs in Texas. A case management ...

[SD slowly clearing rape kit backlog](#) Sioux Falls Argus LeaderSouth Dakota's state crime lab is slowly clearing a backlog of untested sexual assault evidence kits that could help investigators connect dots to catch ...

[Grant to help eliminate sexual assault backlog](#) Texas ExaminerRepresentatives of the Jefferson County Crime Lab requested the authority to apply for the grant at Commissioners Court on June 1. The request and ...

[Synthetic Drug Use in Virginia Varies Dramatically Depending on Where You Live](#) NBC4 WashingtonDetectives originally thought the small candy had been dosed with the synthetic hallucinogen NBomb, but Lt. Stotlemeyer told the I-Team the crime lab ...

[Forensic Dig is No Mere Walk in the Park](#) John Jay NewsStudents will be examining the bones in the forensic anthropology lab, classifying and measuring each bone and trying to identify the sex, age and ...

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<http://for-sci-law-now.blogspot.com/2015/11/marching-toward-improved-latent.html>