



American Society of Crime Lab Directors

"THE CRIME LAB MINUTE" NEWSLETTER



Dear Colleagues,

This last week, we published a position statement on Rapid DNA. Please see a link to the statement here: <http://www.asclcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/ASCLD-Position-Statement-RAPID-DNA.pdf>

As you know, Rapid DNA instruments permit a very timely generation of a full DNA profile directly from biological material. As our field of forensic science matures, we are moving more and more toward providing timely investigative assistance, harnessing the power of databases to provide new leads to cases. There is another side of our mission that is not often talked about which is at the absolute core of what we do, and that is providing and demonstrating the quality of our work. Our accreditation and quality system infrastructure is absolutely critical to ensure what we do is done right, systematically with documentation that withstands carefully scrutiny. Our findings are backed with not only scientific expertise, but a rigorous quality system that is fully audited and beyond reproach. Our quality system is a foundation for the public trust we have earned and work to keep.

Innovative technologies such as Rapid DNA offer our society a landmark opportunity to take a leap forward in public safety and defending rights. Identifying an individual quickly, while they are still at a booking station or border, is an incredible opportunity to increase the effectiveness of our existing system. With our expertise and quality infrastructure, Crime labs must be proactive and lead the effort to maximize opportunities provided by technology. Through our Rapid Task Force, we are putting together draft documents to assist you in building a solid and uniform set of best practices to support this effort. Please work with us to ensure we do this effectively, but most importantly that we do this right.

Ray Wickenheiser
ASCLD President

Dear Colleagues,

As referenced in my President's Message in the Crime Lab Minute, attached are a set of questions and resources provided to us by senior forensic advisor Ted Hunt. DOJ is soliciting our feedback on these questions to formulate a report on forensic needs assessment. Please provide your responses to asclddirector@gmail.com by COB November 30th.

Your input on the needs of forensic science is critical. Please let us know what you think so your needs, thoughts and ideas can be included.

Ray Wickenheiser
ASCLD President

[NAFL Listening Session Questions](#)

[Listening Session Resources](#)

Shaheen, Cornyn Call on DOJ to Provide Guidance on Boosting Support for Forensic Labs in Efforts to Combat Opioid Epidemic

(Washington, DC) – Today, U.S. Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and John Cornyn (R-TX) [led a letter](#) with a bipartisan group of 30 senators to U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions, asking him to provide Congress with information detailing how the Department of Justice (DOJ) is supporting and prioritizing forensic science service providers across the nation as a part of a broader approach to combat the opioid epidemic.

“The opioid crisis knows no boundaries; it reaches into homes in every community in every region of this country. Stopping the flow of these drugs is critical to ending the crisis, but to do so requires the ability to trace the drugs to their source. This demands a forceful and vigorous effort by our forensic science community,” **wrote the senators.**

The senators continued, “The current opioid crisis has overwhelmed the nation’s collective laboratory systems with more than a 6000% increase in the last four years, according to National Forensic Laboratory Information System (NFLIS) data provided by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors. Case backlogs and turnaround times are growing. Dangerous emerging drugs are not being scheduled to make them illegal, and deaths likely associated with drug overdose are not being investigated completely by medical examiners and coroners.”

The bipartisan coalition of senators call on the DOJ to provide a comprehensive list to Congress within 30 days, detailing how the Department is supporting and prioritizing forensic science service providers, and to also explain how the Department is including grant programs and technical assistance for providers at the state, county and local levels to help combat the public health crisis. The forensic science community plays a critical role in communities affected by the opioid epidemic. Labs and other forensic science service personnel help local law enforcement and federal agencies trace drugs to their source by helping to analyze evidence, find importers, manufacturers and distributors, and to determine causes of death in overdoses.

Senator Shaheen, the lead Democrat on the Appropriations Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Subcommittee, and Senator Hassan [introduced legislation](#) to help the State Police Forensic Laboratory and Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in New Hampshire and their counterparts across the country that are dealing with dramatically increased demands and serious backlogs as a result of the opioid epidemic. Earlier this month, Senator Shaheen [sent a letter to President Trump](#) with a group of 19 senators, calling on the President to support additional funding necessary to combat the opioid epidemic. Senator Shaheen has been a leader in Congress on combating the opioid crisis, and [was instrumental in efforts to obtain emergency funding](#) through the 21st Century Cures Act that was signed into law by President Obama last year. Earlier this year, [she helped secure over \\$700 million](#) in additional opioid treatment resources. Shaheen recently helped unveil legislation that would [provide \\$45 billion to respond to the opioid crisis](#), which is the largest response bill to combat the epidemic to date.

The bipartisan group supporting Senators Shaheen and Cornyn’s letter include Senators Maggie Hassan (D-NH), Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Cory Booker (D-NJ), John Boozman (R-AR), Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Thad Cochran (R-MI), Susan Collins (R-ME), Christopher Coons (D-DE), Mike Crapo (R-ID), Ted Cruz (R-TX), Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Al Franken (D-MN), Chuck Grassley (R-IA), Orrin Hatch (R-UT), James Inhofe (R-OK), Angus King (I-ME), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), James Lankford (R-OK), Patrick Leahy (D-VT), Joe Manchin (D-WV), Ed Markey (D-MA), Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Rob Portman (R-OH), James Risch (R-ID), Mike Rounds (R-SD), Marco Rubio (R-FL), Thom Tillis (R-NC), Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) and Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI).

The letter can be read in full [here](#).

45th Annual ASCLD Symposium

Advancing Forensic Science requires leadership, which includes taking initiative, motivating employees, and applying resources creatively to the complex problems presented by today’s forensic casework and issues. Leaders lead by example and encouragement, building on success and learning from their past experiences and that of others.

Please join us in Atlanta, Georgia, May 20-24th for the 2018 ASCLD Symposium where you will learn about exciting initiatives to advance forensic science. New and experienced managers and directors will be presented with innovative tools to sharpen their leadership skills. Presentations from experts and leaders, both inside and outside the forensic science community, will cover various aspects of leadership. Our goal is to invigorate you with techniques and information to increase your leadership capacity in both life and occupation.

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- [Forensic Latent Print Analyst](#), United States Postal Service, Dulles, VA, Expires: December 5, 2017
- [Forensic Scientist Fingerprint CS_12](#), Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: November 30, 2017
- [Forensic Scientist Technical Leader CS_14 \(Fingerprint\)](#), Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: December 14, 2017
- [Latents Prints Section Supervisor](#), Virginia Dept. of Forensic Science, Richmond, VA, Expires: December 19, 2017
- [Crime Laboratory Manager](#), City and County of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA, Expires: November 28, 2017
- [DNA Supervisor](#), Oregon State Police, Clackamas, OR, Expires: November 27, 2017

- [Assistant/Associate/Full Professor in Forensic Science](#), Arizona State University, Glendale, Arizona, Expires: January 31, 2018
- [Assistant/Associate Professor](#), University of New Haven, West Haven, Connecticut, Expires: February 8, 2018
- [Assistant Biometric Records Manager](#), Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, Largo, Florida, Expires: February 8, 2018
- [Assistant/Associate Professor](#), University of New Haven, West Haven, Connecticut, Expires: February 8, 2018
- [Forensic Chemist](#), InCadence Strategic Solutions, Forest Park, GA, Expires: January 31, 2018
- [Biometric Records Manager](#), Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, Largo, Florida, Expires: December 25, 2017
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- [Senior Firearm/Toolmark Examiner \(Senior Criminalist – Firearms\)](#), Tarrant County Medical Examiner Criminalistics Laboratory, Fort Worth, TX, Expires: January 5, 2018
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- [Senior Chemist \(01603\)](#), ORAU, Charlottesville, VA and OCONUS, Expires: January 2, 2018
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- [Forensic Coordinator, Assistant Professor](#), Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, TX, Expires: December 1, 2017
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- [Forensic Examiner DNA 3 \(#01377\)](#), ORAU, Ft. Gillem, GA (& OCONUS), Expires: December 31, 2017
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- [Forensic Examiner Latent Print 3 \(#01374\)](#), ORAU, Ft. Gillem, GA (& OCONUS), Expires: December 31, 2017
- [Forensic Chemist \(#01373\)](#), ORAU, Oak Ridge, Expires: December 31, 2017
- [Laboratory Manager/Theater Liaison \(#01365\)](#), ORAU, Ft. Gillem, GA (& OCONUS), Expires: December 31, 2017
- [Laboratory Manager/Theater Liaison](#), MISS, Oak Ridge, Expires: December 31, 2017
- [Forensic Examiner – Firearms & Toolmarks \(#01378\)](#), ORAU, Ft. Gillem, GA (& OCONUS), Expires: December 31, 2017
- [Crime Lab Director](#), Office Of Attorney General, Bismarck, ND, Expires: November 30, 2017
- [Forensic Scientist I-Firearms/Toolmarks/Ballistics](#), Nassau County Medical Examiner Division of Forensic Services, East Meadow, NY, Expires: February 2, 2018
- [Forensic Scientist II-Firearms/Toolmarks/Ballistics](#), Nassau County Medical Examiner Division of Forensic Services, East Meadow, NY, Expires: February 2, 2018

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- [Forensic Scientist IV-Firearms/Toolmarks/Ballistics](#), Nassau County Medical Examiner Division of Forensic Services, East Meadow, NY, Expires: February 2, 2018
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- [Forensic Scientist IV-Trace Evidence](#), Nassau County Medical Examiner Division of Forensic Services, East Meadow, NY, Expires: February 2, 2018
- [Forensic Scientist Trainee-Chemistry/Controlled Substances](#), Nassau County Medical Examiner Division of Forensic Services, East Meadow, NY, Expires: February 2, 2018
- [Forensic Scientist Trainee-Firearms/Toolmarks/Ballistics](#), Nassau County Medical Examiner Division of Forensic Services, East Meadow, NY, Expires: February 2, 2018
- [Forensic Scientist Trainee-Latent Prints](#), Nassau County Medical Examiner Division of Forensic Services, East Meadow, NY, Expires: February 2, 2018
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https://mx.usembassy.gov/forensic-laboratories-puebla-receive-international-accreditation-merida-initiative-support/?_ga=2.60427364.870387431.1504891253-1830199091.1480522450

https://mx.usembassy.gov/helping-consolidate-mexicos-new-criminal-justice-system-support-forensic-sciences/?_ga=2.107258955.870387431.1504891253-1830199091.1480522450

https://mx.usembassy.gov/united-states-mexico-join-forces-ensure-correct-identification-secure-handling-fentanyl/?_ga=2.5571706.870387431.1504891253-1830199091.1480522450

Performance Measures for Protective Equipment by Jane Northup

The elements of a Chemical Hygiene Plan (CHP) have been the subject over the last few weeks. The first installment was on the need for SOPs (Standard Operating Procedures). The second installment was on Criteria for Implementing Control Measures. This installment will be the third recommendation:
A requirement to ensure that fume hoods and other protective equipment are functioning properly and

identify the specific measures the employer will take to ensure proper and adequate performance of such equipment.

Laboratory Safety Equipment

1. Chemical Fume Hoods

Laboratory air should be continuously replaced. An exchange rate of 6 to 10 air changes per hour is normally adequate general ventilation if local exhaust systems such as hoods are used as the primary method of chemical exposure control. Air flow should be directed from non-laboratory areas into laboratories and then exhausted out of the building.

In the laboratory the chemical fume hood is the primary means of controlling inhalation exposures. Hoods are designed to retain vapors and gases released within them, protecting the laboratory employee's breathing zone from the contaminant. This protection is accomplished by having a curtain of air move constantly through the face (open sash) of the hood. The face velocity should be approximately 100 linear feet per minute. Chemical fume hoods can also be used to isolate apparatus or chemicals that may present physical hazards to employees. The closed sash on a hood serves as an effective barrier to fires, flying objects, chemical splashes or spattering and small implosions and explosions.

When using a chemical fume hood keep the following principles of safe operation in mind:

- Keep all chemicals and apparatus at least six inches inside the hood (behind sash).
- Hoods are not intended for routine storage of chemicals. Materials stored in them should be kept to a minimum. Stored chemicals or apparatus should not block vents at the rear of the hood or alter airflow patterns. If the air returns are blocked contaminated air may be blown back into the laboratory and not exhausted up the ductwork. Personnel working at the front of the hood could receive an inadvertent chemical exposure from the fumes that are blown back.
- Keep the hood sash at a minimum height (2-3 inches) when not manipulating chemicals or adjusting apparatus within the hood. Keep the sash at a minimum of 4-6 inches if the hood does not have a flow bypass. A bypass hood provides an auxiliary air supply that provides make-up air when the sash is closed. The book "Prudent Practices" (National Academy Press, 1995) provides an excellent discussion of hood operation.
- Do not allow objects such as paper wipes to enter the exhaust ducts. This can clog ducts and adversely affect their operation. In some cases it would be appropriate to have a large-meshed screen at the back of the hood to prevent paper wipes and other small debris from being sucked up the hood exhaust duct. If the exhaust fan becomes clogged the hood will fail to function properly.
- The user must check that the hood is functioning properly before each use. It is a good idea to permanently affix a "telltale" to indicate air flow if the hood does not have an air-flow gauge.
- Sink drains in hoods must not be used to dispose of hazardous chemical waste. A protective berm or a sink drain plug is recommended to prevent inadvertent flow of chemicals into the hood sinks. If water cooling lines must drain to the sink special sink drain plugs can be used. Use appropriate secondary containment of apparatus and chemicals when using the fume hood to prevent discharge to the sink drain.
- The user must follow the chemical manufacturer's or supplier's specific instructions for controlling inhalation exposures with ventilation (chemical fume hood) when using their products. These instructions are located on the products SDS and/or label. However, it should be noted that these ventilation recommendations are often intended for non-laboratory work environments and must be adapted to suit the laboratory environment, as well as the specific procedure or process.

2. Ductless Chemical Fume Hoods

Ductless chemical fume hoods (hoods which recycle air to the laboratory after passing it through a filter) are now being offered by a variety of manufacturers. Manufacturers claim that these devices are safe and extremely energy efficient because no air is exhausted from the laboratory. These systems typically have a particulate filter and/or a charcoal filter for the removal of organic vapors. These systems must be used with extreme caution.

The primary safety concern with these devices is their filtering mechanism. Charcoal filters are not 100% efficient at removing organic vapors. Thus, some organic vapor will always be returned to the laboratory atmosphere. Charcoal filters have a limited ability to adsorb organic vapors and become saturated in a matter of months. Most hoods do not have a method for detecting when the filters are saturated and breakthrough of organic vapors begins. Those that have monitors depend on non-specific chemical sensors, which will respond at different concentrations for different substances.

Applications where ductless chemical fume hoods might be appropriate include the control of particulate and nuisance odors. Ductless hoods should not be used to protect laboratory workers from toxicologically significant concentrations of hazardous chemicals. A careful assessment of the suitability for a particular project must be conducted before purchasing this type of hood. The user must provide the manufacturer with a list of the potential chemicals to be used in the ductless hood and their anticipated quantities of usage prior to purchase to determine the appropriate type of unit that should be purchased.

Where ductless hoods are installed their use must be monitored to ensure that usage does not change over time and that proper procedures are followed. A laboratory supervisor or safety officer should maintain a run-time log as part of the laboratory documentation that indicates the type and quantity of chemical that has been used and its duration. The log should include a record of maintenance and cartridge change. In addition a service contract should be purchased from the vendor to perform the annual hood certification and perform any needed maintenance. The run-time log will determine the appropriate information for the hazardous waste label that will be required for disposal of the filters. All hazardous waste disposal of the hood cartridges must be to an EPA-permitted facility.

3. Glove Boxes

The ventilation in a negative pressure glove box must be at least 2 volume changes/hour and the pressure must be at least 0.5 inches of water. Thoroughly check a positive pressure glove box for leaks before each use. In either case if the exit gases are hazardous they should be trapped or passed through an appropriate filter before they are released into the hood.

4. Eyewashes and Safety Showers

Whenever chemicals have the possibility of damaging the skin or eyes, an emergency supply of water must be available. All laboratories where hazardous chemicals are handled and could contact the eyes or skin resulting in injury must have readily available access to eyewash stations and safety showers. As with any safety equipment, these can only be useful if they are accessible and operational, therefore:

- Keep all passageways to the eyewash and shower clear of any obstacle (even a temporarily parked chemical cart).
- Eyewashes must be checked routinely by laboratory personnel to be certain that water flows through them. If the eyewashes are plumbed to a drain allow them to run for several minutes once per week to clear out the supply lines, remove dust and prevent bacterial contamination. Eyewashes should have protective covers that come off when the water is turned on.
- Showers should be checked routinely to assure that access is not restricted and that the pull chain is within reach.
- The water flow through the safety showers must be tested to ensure sufficient flow (approximately 30 gallons per minute). Safety showers (and eye washes that are not plumbed to a drain) should be inspected annually

5. Fire Safety Equipment

Fire safety equipment must be readily accessible to the laboratory and must include an appropriate size and type of fire extinguisher (generally type ABC) for the type and quantity of chemicals stored in the laboratory. Other equipment may include fire hoses and automatic extinguishing systems. Fire extinguishers should be located within 35 feet of high hazard laboratories and 70 feet for other laboratories. NFPA Guide 10 provides specifications for portable fire extinguishers.

NFPA Website:

<http://www.nfpa.org/codes-and-standards/all-codes-and-standards/list-of-codes-and-standards/detail?code=10>

OSHA Fact Sheet:

<https://www.osha.gov/Publications/laboratory/OSHAfactsheet-laboratory-safety-chemical-hygiene-plan.pdf>

CHP Template:

http://www.dsps.wi.gov/Documents/Industry%20Services/Forms/Public%20Sector%20Employee/Template-Chemical_Hygiene_Plan.pdf

Examples of CHPs:

University of California, Santa Barbara: <http://www.ehs.ucsb.edu/labsafety-chp>

University of Rhode Island: <http://web.uri.edu/ehs/files/ChemicalHygienePlan.pdf>

Crime Lab Safety Plans:

Raleigh/Wake City County, Bureau of Identification: <https://www.forensicmag.com/article/2004/06/osha-and-forensic-laboratory>

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



In 2018, the Forensic Science Training Institute will be offering a week-long course in Advanced Fabrics Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Training on March 19-23.

The class size is limited to twelve, so please register early to ensure your seat.

For registration and full details on the course requirements, visit the Forensic Science Training Institute website here: <http://www.cedarcrest.edu/forensic/16/1.htm>

Recorded Training:

Episode 9 Podcast!! Just Blood Spatter

In episode nine of Just Science, funded by the National Institute of Justice's Forensic Technology Center of Excellence [Award 2016-MU-BX-K110], we spoke with Dr. Marc Smith, from the Georgia Institute of Technology. Dr. Smith's NIJ funded research in blood spatter has connected computational fluid dynamics with empirical studies to improve the understanding of blood spatter onto solid, slanted surfaces. His work looks at many variables, including droplet size, speed, surface roughness and wettability. [Listen and Subscribe HERE.](#)

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- [Taking the First Steps Toward Backlog Reduction](#)
- [Managing Customer Expectations and Education](#)
- [How to Increase your Staff without Increasing Budget](#)
- [Efficiency Improvements](#)
- [Developing a Statewide Approach to Backlog Management](#)
- [Case Acceptance Policies and Guidelines](#)

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- [Rapid DNA: The QAS and NDIS](#)
- [Rapid DNA: Arizona DPS and Richland County, SC](#)
- [Rapid DNA: Booking Stations and CODIS](#)

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SWGDM Interpretational Guidelines

<https://forensiccoe.org/webinar/ascl-d-webinar-dna-standards-and-guidelines/>

Proposed Quality Assurance Standards (QAS) changes

<https://forensiccoe.org/webinar/ascl-d-webinar-series-dna-standards-and-guidelines-webinar-part-2/>



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January 8-12, Largo, FL

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January 8-10, Largo, FL

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January 16-18 (Online)

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January 29 - February 1 (Online)

[ISO/IEC 17020 and Audit Prep for Forensic Agencies](#)

April 11-12, San Francisco, CA

Quick Links to ANAB

[Principles of Internal Auditing and Measurement Uncertainty](#)

November 27-29, 2017, Indian Rocks Beach, FL

ANAB offers training courses to forensic agencies on ISO standard requirements and concepts. Please click on the course title below for more information, including upcoming public training dates.

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[Forensic Measurement Confidence - Web-based \(MC100\)](#)

[Practical Applications for Forensic Measurement Confidence \(MC150\)](#)

[Forensic ISO/IEC 17025 Preparation for Testing Laboratories \(Web-based\)](#)

[ISO/IEC 17020 and Audit Preparation for Forensic Agencies](#)

[Roadmap to Transition: Forensic AR 3028 - NEW!](#)

2018 National Institute of Justice Forensic Science Symposium

Forensic Science in the News

[UK judges to get scientific guides](#)

"Thanks to the link with the two Royal Societies, we have access to top notch scientists who have been prepared to give time voluntarily to answer the questions in the terms that ordinary judges are asking them," he told BBC News.

[Scientific evidence primers launched in courts today](#)

The primers – Forensic DNA analysis and Forensic gait analysis – are designed to assist the judiciary when handling forensic scientific evidence in the courtroom. The project is a collaboration between the judiciary, the Royal Society and the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

[Austin Police Department hires new forensic lab director](#)

According to an internal email obtained by KVUE, Dr. Dana Kadavy starts work next week. She was previously the director at Signature Science here in Austin.

[Police arrest 2 over Shell staff's murder using forensic science](#)

The Commissioner of Police in Rivers State, Mr. Zaki Ahmed, who disclosed this, weekend, in Port Harcourt, said the Police relied on DNA samples and pieces of other evidence to arrest one of the alleged killers, one Nwankwor, who worked in the same Shell premises with the deceased.

[After CNN investigation, Puerto Rico asks funeral homes to help identify hurricane deaths](#)

Héctor M. Pesquera, secretary of Puerto Rico's Department of Public Safety, issued a statement Monday night imploring local funeral home directors to provide the government with more information about possible hurricane-related deaths.

[Hand Sanitizer Alters the Results of Breathalyzer Tests in New Experiment](#)

Alcohol-based hand sanitizers make frequent appearances in law enforcement offices—they're often found next to the fingerprinting machines, for example. But they emit vapors just like regular alcohol that could disperse through the air and even enter the mouth. A new study confirms that these vapors can cause the breathalyzer to error out—or even report a positive reading.

[Dangerous drug fentanyl on rise in Tennessee](#)

Earlier this year, the Tennessee Department of Health issued a health advisory on fentanyl. Fentanyl is a powerful drug used legally to treat extreme pain, but it has found its way to the illegal drug market and is killing people.

[KSP Crime Lab backlog keeping thousands of cases in limbo](#)

Thousands of cases are in limbo across Kentucky right now, all because of a state backlog. The evidence is sitting at the Kentucky State Crime Lab sometimes for months and months before the cases can move forward.

[Free to repeat? Crime lab backup blamed for delayed trials](#)

There are Wisconsin Department of Justice officials who blame judges who allow suspects to make bail. Offering a differing opinion are officials such as former Sheboygan District Attorney Joe DeCecco who said delays at the Wisconsin State Crime Lab prevent cases from moving forward.

[Harris County Crime lab providing automotive paint analysis](#)

The Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences is now providing automotive paint analysis services to its submitting law enforcement agencies, which includes the Harris County Sheriff's Office. The new service is fully accredited, and the laboratory began accepting automotive paint evidence on Nov. 1.

[Dixie State crime lab earns national recognition](#)

The university's Digital Forensics Crime Lab, a leader in cutting-edge technologies and processes within the digital forensics field, according to a DSU news release, is now recognized as a National Center of Digital Forensics and Academic Excellence by the Department of Defense Cyber Crime Center.

[Panel to look at testing issues for Alaska marijuana](#)

A committee will look at issues regarding the testing of cannabis products amid inconsistency in potency results from different labs, Alaska's top marijuana regulator said.

[Forensic testing scandal may ruin 10,000 crime cases](#)

Two former employees at a forensic science laboratory used by police forces across the country have been arrested over alleged data manipulation that could jeopardize convictions. Dozens of prosecutions have already been dropped.

[Wyo. lawmakers advance pot bills to budget session](#)

The Wyoming Legislature's Joint Judiciary Committee voted to narrowly advance two different draft bills to the 2018 budget session relating to the possession of marijuana and other products infused with its intoxicating agent, tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC.

[Kiel man accused of operating RV meth lab arrested for strangulation, due in court](#)

A Kiel man arrested in October on suspicion of operating a methamphetamine lab inside a mobile home in rural St. Nazianz was arrested Tuesday after allegedly strangling a woman.

[The forgotten history of Milwaukee's police station bombing, the largest single loss of police life until 9-11](#)

But the lessons of the bombing have current resonance: a terror attack; an ethnic minority despised for its ideology; and a justice system — and wider community — looking at all members of a group as the same, rather than as individuals.

[Cincinnati drug dealer ordered to pay for fentanyl overdose victim's funeral](#)

A Cincinnati man was sentenced Monday to nearly 17 years in prison and ordered to pay funeral costs for a teen who died of a drug overdose.

[Local Pennsylvania Police Use Rapid DNA Hit for First Time, Nabbing Alleged Killer at Hospital](#)

Rapid DNA is seen as the major new avenue of criminal investigation by some. Several companies are marketing "rapid DNA" tools—and it was a major focus of last month's International Symposium on Human Identification conference in Seattle. The Rapid DNA Act of 2017 was signed into law in August. Its intent: to allow CODIS profiles to be generated within 90 minutes, as opposed to the weeks it can currently take in some cases.

[Inmate Dies After Meth-laden Kiss: Girlfriend Gets 2 Years](#)

Melissa Ann Blair and Anthony Powell shared a long kiss at the end of a visit last year at the Oregon State Penitentiary and she passed seven tiny balloons filled with methamphetamine into his mouth. Two of the balloons ruptured in Powell's stomach a short time later and he died of methamphetamine toxicity, prosecutors have said.

[Investigators Say D.B. Cooper Letter Confirms Suspect, FBI Cover-up](#)

The only unsolved case of skyjacking in U.S. history remains unsolved, but a team of investigators is confident it has identified the culprit, his co-conspirators, and new evidence covered up by the FBI for 46 years.

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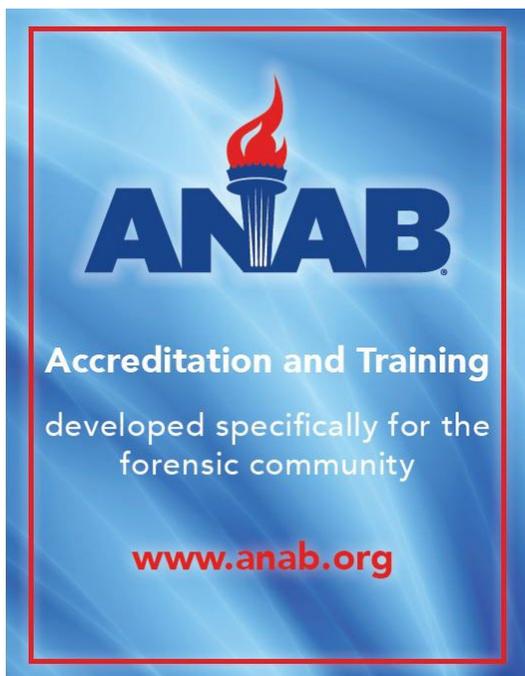
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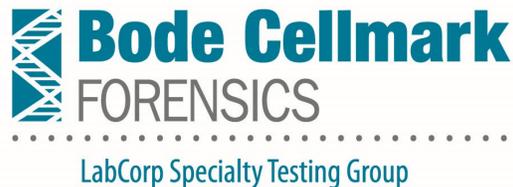
- [NFPA 921:2017 Guide for Fire and Explosion Investigations](#) has been added to the OSAC Registry
- The Friction Ridge Subcommittee has submitted [Guideline for the Articulation of the Decision-Making Process Leading to an Expert Opinion of Source Identification in Friction Ridge Examinations](#) as a draft standard to the American Academy of Forensic Sciences/American Standards Board (AAFS/ASB).

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Genetics in Forensics Congress

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March 19th to 23rd, 2018

Course Instructors

Dr. Mark Reynolds
Mr. Edmund (Ted) Silenieks

Introduction

This course is designed primarily for practitioners who routinely examine blood stained clothing and other textiles and are required to assess, interpret, and report on bloodstain patterns as part of those examinations. The course is delivered through a combination of "face to face" instruction and self-directed learning. A minimum 80 hours of structured learning activities is required, inclusive of a 40 hour "face to face" residential component. The course will review the underpinning principles of BPA, and apply these principles to the analysis and interpretation of bloodstains on clothing and other textiles.

When examining clothing, the practitioner must be mindful of influences such as the fibre type, texture, treatments, all of which may affect the final appearance of bloodstains. The primary focus of the course is to develop those skills required for the examination of bloodstain patterns found on clothing items, including the use of microscopy to discriminate between spatter and transfer bloodstains



FORESIGHT 20/20
Greetings from the Project FORESIGHT team. We invite you to join us and submit data for the past fiscal year. FORESIGHT is a business-guided self-



Establishment of an Office of Forensic Sciences and a Forensic Science Board Within the Department of Justice
Revision 2/14/17

http://thecfso.org/advocacy/20170214_CFSO_OFS_Proposal_Rev.pdf

Formed in 2000, CFSO is an association of six forensic science professional organizations: American Academy of Forensic Sciences; American Society of Crime Lab Directors; International Association for Identification; International Association of Forensic Nurses; National Association of Medical Examiners; and Society of Forensic Toxicologists - American Board of Forensic Toxicology. These professional organizations together represent more than 21,000 forensic science professionals across the United States.

[Read the CFSO Newsletter here.](#)

Grant Assistance for DNA

Federal Grant Assistance for Rapid DNA	State Grant Assistance for Rapid DNA
<p>Rapid DNA is included in two Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Authorized Equipment Lists (AEL):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 07BD-02-DNRR - Analysis, DNA/RNA Detection • 09MY-01-DNAK - Kit, DNA Tools <p>These AEL's are in these FEMA grants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operation Stonegarden • Port Security Grant Program • Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program • Transit Security Grant Program • Urban Areas Security Initiative Program • Homeland Security Grant Program • State Homeland Security Program <p>Grants.gov discusses these FEMA Grants and other Federal Grant opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some of these are submitted through your State - see other side of this card <p>How to find applicable Grants:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On Grants.gov, under Search Grants <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Keyword search with terms: DNA, identity, biometric, security, mass casualty, etc. b. Use checklists to limit number of grants, e.g., Eligibility, Category c. Select a grant by Opportunity Number View Grant Opportunity page for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Synopsis - key information, e.g. dates, FOC ii. Package - under Actions-Apply provide email to get info on application package 2. On Grants.gov, under Search Applicants: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Use Register to apply for Workspace as either Organizational or Individual b. Get your DUNS number from your organization's finance office or call DUNS at: 1-866-705-5711 c. Use Apply tab under Applicants for Workspace instructions d. Complete required forms e. Submit and track application 3. Get alerts for new or revised grants at: app07.grants.gov/search/subscribeAll.do 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Find contact information for your State Emergency Management (EM) Office at: www.fema.gov/emergency-management-agencies 2. Call or go to the website of your State EM Office. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Request information on FEMA and other Federal grants. b. Request a contact in the EM Office for grants. 3. If EM Office cannot help, find a contact who works with grant applications in your State. Key offices to contact: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Administration b. Finance c. Budget 4. Identify appropriate grant(s). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Apply under all applicable grants. b. Comply with Open-Close times. 5. Request proper forms. 6. Complete forms. Cite the proper FEMA AEL Item ID. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 07BD-02-DNRR - Analysis, DNA/RNA Detection • 09MY-01-DNAK - Kit, DNA Tools 7. File forms on time 8. Periodically monitor <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Call or email your State contact b. Call or email the contact given in the grant announcement 9. Request feedback on your application and apply the next year. Many are successful on their 2nd or 3rd year <p>Contact the Rapid DNA vendors for assistance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANDE (NetBio): www.ANDE.com sales@ANDE.com 817-705-4055 • IntegenX www.IntegenX.com sales@Integen.com



evaluation of forensic science laboratories across the globe. The participating laboratories represent local, regional, state/provincial, and national agencies. Faculty from the WVU College of Business and Economics provide assistance, guidance, and analysis. We link financial information to work tasks and functions. Laboratory managers can use these functions to assess resource allocations, efficiencies, and value of services—the mission is to measure, preserve what works, and change what does not. **FORESIGHT is open to any forensic laboratory that completes and submits a LabRAT form. There is no charge for participation.** Attached you will find an example of an individualized report prepared for a participating laboratory.

To participate, simply complete the attached LabRAT workbook and submit to Paul Speaker at email paul.speaker@mail.wvu.edu. Please send any questions to the same email address. For additional information, please visit the program web site <http://be.wvu.edu/forensic/foresight.htm>. We are targeting a submission date of December 15, 2017.

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NIJ Forensic Science R&D Reports for ASCLD Crime Lab Minute Vol 11

These research reports have been submitted by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) especially for their relevance to crime laboratory activities. ASCLD has not reviewed nor does it necessarily endorse the findings of this research.

[NIJ-FBI Fingerprint Partnership Identifies 200 Missing Persons](#)

In March of this year, a new collaboration began between the National Institute of Justice and the FBI Laboratory. Fingerprints from unidentified missing persons are sent to the FBI where a new technology, known as Next Generation Identification, along with enhanced processing protocols, is improving the odds of identification. Identifications are increasing even with poor quality prints or with those that have been searched in the past.

[National Best Practices for Sexual Assault Kits: A Multidisciplinary Approach](#)

The National Institute of Justice recently released a report on National Best Practices for Sexual Assault Kits: A Multidisciplinary Approach in response to the Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Reporting (SAFER) Act of 2013, which focuses on the accurate, timely, and effective collection and processing of DNA evidence in sexual assault investigations. A practitioner working group developed 35 recommendations that provide a roadmap for collecting, transferring, preserving, storing and analyzing sexual assault kits. The recommendations apply to medical professionals, members of law enforcement, victim advocates, prosecutors and laboratories. A coordinated, collaborative and multidisciplinary approach to sexual assault investigations helps reassure and support victims of sexual violence, encourages victim engagement and increases the potential for just legal resolutions.

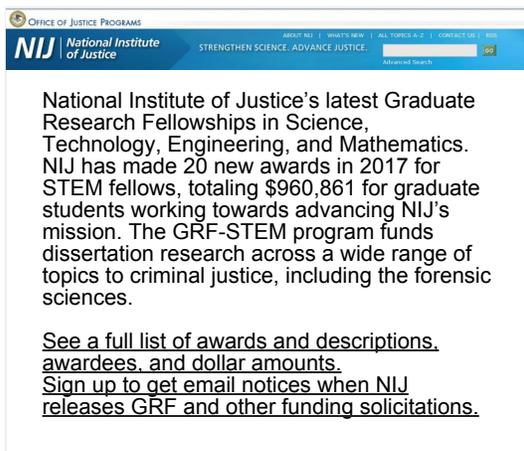
[The Fingerprint Sourcebook is Now Available in Spanish](#)

NIJ has released a Spanish-language version of The Fingerprint Sourcebook, which aims to be the definitive resource on the science of fingerprint identification. The Sourcebook was prepared by the International Association for Identification and topics covered include the anatomy and physiology of friction ridge skin; techniques for recording exemplars from both living and deceased subjects; AFIS; latent print development, preservation and documentation; equipment and laboratory quality assurance; perceptual, cognitive and psychological factors in expert identifications; and legal issues.

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Canadian Forensic Science Journal

[Forensic Identification Using Individual Chemical Signatures](#)

NIJ-funded researchers developed an approach to translate chemical signatures recovered from personal objects such as phones into a lifestyle sketch of the owner, using mass spectrometry and informatics approaches.

[Quantifying Error Rates for the Measurement of Human Skeletal Remains](#)

NIJ-funded researchers revised forensic anthropology procedures to include an "error metric" for the measurement of human skeletal remains. This article summarizes findings from that study.

[Designing Methods to Identify Evolving Designer Drugs](#)

This article describes an NIJ-supported research project focused on issues of resolution and discriminatory capabilities needed to increase the reliability and selectivity of forensic evidence and analytical data for new bath salt-type drugs of abuse.

[Standardized Process Developed for Identifying Dyes in Fibers](#)

This article summarizes a method with the twofold purpose of producing a novel, reliable, and useful microfluidic system for fabric dye extraction and increasing the knowledge needed to guide criminal justice policy and practice related to the forensic analysis of dyed fabric.

[The Most Important Features for an Effective Sexual Assault Response Team](#)

Sexual Assault Response Teams (SART) hold the promise of improving victim experiences, increasing prosecution rates, and reducing the prevalence of sexual assault. To understand how an effective SART works, NIJ-funded researchers studied the structure and operations of SARTS across the United States.

[Identifying Ignitable Liquids in the Aftermath of A Fire](#)

In a wide-ranging analysis of the effects of weathering and biological degradation on ignitable liquids, NIJ-supported researchers at the University of Central Florida's National Center for Forensic Science studied and classified 50 liquids in the Ignitable Liquids Reference Collection database.

[Scale Modeling in Fire Reconstruction](#)

After reviewing scaling theory used in fire research, this project developed scaling rules for design fires and enclosure material boundaries, followed by the full-scale testing of a gas burner, heptane pool fire, pine wood crib, and polyurethane foam, and the scaling theory was applied to the full-scale scenario and a 1/8 scale compartment.

[Evaluation of the Use of a Non-Contact 3D Scanner for Collecting Postmortem Fingerprints](#)

Historically, the recording of postmortem fingerprint impressions from decedents is a manual and labor-intensive process. 3D scanners are potentially an important tool to help forensic scientists address the challenges of postmortem fingerprint recovery due to the contactless scanning capabilities, as well as the ability to scan complex surfaces and capture scale. This NIJ-supported study evaluated the potential for using a contactless, 3D fingerprint scanner to capture examination-quality postmortem fingerprints and facilitate rapid identification of the deceased.

[Evidential Value of Particle Combination Profiles on Common Items of Evidence](#)

This project used the analytical tools and statistical methods developed in previous research funded by NIJ to measure the evidential value of very small particle (VSP) profiles found on four common types of physical evidence: handguns, cell phones, drug packaging, and ski masks.

[Method Development and Validation of Toolmark Imaging, Virtual Casing Comparison, and In-Lab Verification using a GelSight-Based Three Dimensional Imaging and Analysis](#)

Stemming from a previous project that developed a 3D surface topography imaging and analysis system for casings based on the GelSight scanning technology and custom feature-based image comparison, this NIJ-supported project aimed 1) to develop the ability to scan and compare firing pin impressions; 2) to examine the use of the imaging and analysis technology in a live lab experiment; and 3) to investigate Virtual Microscopy, the use of measured 3D surface topographics as a substitute for physical casings.

NIFS Newsletter --
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Dear Colleagues,

The ANZPAA NIFS Research and Innovation Strategy and Roadmap are now available for download from the ANZPAA NIFS website:

<http://www.anzpaa.org.au/forensic-science/our-work/projects/research-and-innovation-project>

The Roadmap details the priority areas of focus for research and innovation in forensic science, identified by the Australia New Zealand forensic science community. Each priority area of focus has been aligned to a strategic policing priority, to highlight the importance of forensic science research and innovation initiatives in the broader law enforcement environment. It is anticipated that this document will be a resource for the forensic science community to focus research and innovation initiatives towards end user requirements and reduce duplication of effort by identifying opportunities for collaboration.

The specific project questions under each area of focus are detailed in a separate document that is updated annually by ANZPAA NIFS in consultation with the forensic science community. This document is not available on the website but anyone interested in obtaining a copy of the current project questions can do so by contacting ANZPAA NIFS (secretariat.nifs@anzpaa.org.au).

The Strategy has been developed to provide a mechanism for ANZPAA NIFS to provide funding and in-kind support for externally managed projects that aim to address one or more of the Roadmap questions. Applications for ANZPAA NIFS support are accepted on a continuous basis and application requirements are detailed in the Strategy.

If you have any questions about the documents please do not hesitate to contact the ANZPAA NIFS team.

Kind regards,

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