



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIME LABORATORY DIRECTORS

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President's Message

During 2017-2018, the ASCLD Opioid Task Force (OTF) committee worked on a number of white papers, position statements, and informational documents for the ASCLD crime laboratories and stakeholders. The documents are published on the [ASCLD Opioid Resource Center](#) web page, and include topics such as analysis, safety, instrumentation, and networking resources. For example, as we and many of our first-responder and law enforcement partners implement Narcan®/Naloxone policies, the OTF recommended including availability of Narcan everywhere drug evidence may be handled: field, evidence areas, response vehicles, etc. Training and direct access to Narcan is especially vital for those that may come into contact with fentanyl and its analogs. [Message](#)



President's Corner

The ASB is currently accepting applications for openings in the consensus bodies. In order to maintain a specific balance across interest categories, the ASB is soliciting members only in these interest categories. [Message](#) [Click here for a detailed description of the Interest Categories.](#)

The application for membership can be downloaded from the Consensus Body informational area of the ASB website. Please complete the application by September 14, 2018 and send it to asb@aafs.org.

First Responders Video

A recent publication in *Journal of Analytical Toxicology* entitled: *The Opioid Epidemic: Moving Toward an Integrated, Holistic Analytical Response* is a valuable read to understand the “big picture” solutions needed in the opioid crisis (article link [here](#)). Also published this week are a live cast video (8/30/18 2PM EST) from the Department of Justice and Homeland Security on *Fentanyl: The Real Deal* (link [here](#)), and an earlier *Fentanyl Safety Recommendations for First Responders* ([link](#)).

FENTANYL[®]

SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

* For the purposes of this document, fentanyl, related substances, and synthetic opioids (herein after referred to as fentanyl*) includes fentanyl analogues (e.g., acetylfentanyl, acylfentanyl, carfentanyl, furanylfentanyl), novel synthetic opioids (e.g., U-47700), and other drugs that may be mixed with these substances.

- The abuse of drugs containing fentanyl[®] is killing Americans. Misinformation and inconsistent recommendations regarding fentanyl[®] have resulted in confusion in the first responder community.
- You as a first responder (law enforcement, fire, rescue, and emergency medical services (EMS) personnel) are increasingly likely to encounter fentanyl[®] in your daily activities (e.g., responding to overdose calls, conducting traffic stops, arrests, and searches).
- This document provides scientific, evidence-based recommendations to protect yourself from exposure.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Fentanyl[®] can be present in a variety of forms (e.g., powder, tablets, capsules, solutions, and rocks).
- Inhalation of airborne powder is MOST LIKELY to lead to harmful effects, but is less likely to occur than skin contact.
- Incidental skin contact may occur during daily activities but is not expected to lead to harmful effects if the contaminated skin is promptly washed off with water.
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is effective in protecting you from exposure.
- Slow breathing or no breathing, drowsiness or unresponsiveness, and constricted or pinpoint pupils are the specific signs consistent with fentanyl[®] intoxication.
- Naloxone is an effective medication that rapidly reverses the effects of fentanyl[®].

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NMS Labs in collaboration with the Department of Justice, Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF), and the Center for Forensic Science Research and Education (CFSRE) at the Fredric Rieders Family Foundation, ... [Report](#)

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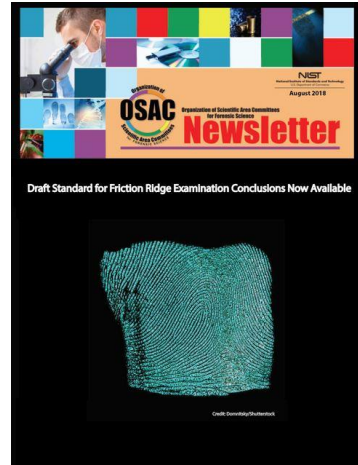
NIJ's existing Forensic Science Technology Working Group - [Learn more about this group and review the operational requirements they have developed annually since 2013.](#)

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OSAC News

The OSAC Friction Ridge Subcommittee recently released their [draft standard for friction ridge examination conclusions](#) to the AAFS Academy Standards Board (ASB) to continue through the standards development process. This document provides substantial improvements to the SWGFAST recommendations... [OSAC 2018 Newsletter](#)



The Organization of Scientific Area Committees (OSAC) for Forensic Science has released its [2018 Annual Report](#).



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- International Association for Identification
- American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law
- National Association of Medical Examiners
- American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors
- Society of Forensic Toxicologists and American Board of Forensic Toxicology

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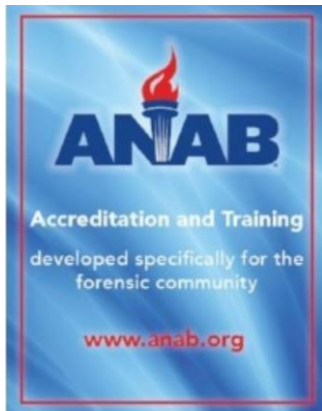
[Special Edition - Opioid Bills](#)

Please find pending legislation regarding the opioid crisis. This is NOT an appropriation of funding and these bills are only the ones that have passed one body of the Congress as of June 22, 2018. The Congress intends to roll many of these bills into a single Opioid Bill that will move forward

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.

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You are being asked to participate in a research study on forensic reporting practices. The purpose is to understand how forensic results are being reported in crime laboratories right now. The [survey](#) is being administered by [The Center for Statistics and Applications in Forensic Evidence \(CSAFE\)](#).

[Link](#) Or copy and paste
https://ucisoe.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_emPjzxm8gZj0Pyd

DNA Analysis Methods

Cedar Crest College's accredited forensic science program is conducting a survey to determine current methods of presumptive and confirmation testing in laboratories to guide our research efforts and curriculum.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DNAanalysismethods>

We greatly appreciate your assistance; please let me know if you have any questions.



SWGDRUG

SWGDRUG Drafts

<http://swgdrug.org/>

Two draft documents have been approved by SWGDRUG to seek public comments for 60-days. . Comments will be accepted through October 13, 2018.

[Text Link](#)

Iowa State University Forensic Science Study

Stephanie Madon

Invitation to Participate in a Forensic Science Study

I am a professor of psychology at Iowa State University, and the Principal Investigator of a federally-funded research study that aims to **quantify the validity of cartridge case** ...More about the Study

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