



*"Excellence through leadership in forensic science management"*

## About Us

The American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors (ASCLD) is a nonprofit professional society of crime laboratory directors and forensic science managers dedicated to providing excellence in forensic science through leadership and innovation. The purpose of the organization is to foster professional interests, assist the development of laboratory management principles and techniques; acquire, preserve and disseminate forensic based information; maintain and improve communications among crime laboratory directors; and to promote, encourage and maintain the highest standards of practice in the field.

## AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIME LAB DIRECTORS



### Global Outreach

Member of the Board of Directors of the International Forensic Strategic Alliance  
<http://www.ifsa-forensics.org>

International forensic science diplomacy effort that represents ASCLD members in international affairs

Creates opportunities for crime laboratory directors, managers, and supervisors to collaborate across the global forensic science community. These opportunities include sharing information, identifying improvements to ASCLD as an organization, and working with our international partners to implement programs and services for ASCLD members.

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## Why become a member of ASCLD?

### Benefits

- Networking with established leaders in the forensic community
- Information exchange between laboratory directors, managers, and supervisors
- Access to research and file sharing resources on the ASCLD website [www.asclcd.org](http://www.asclcd.org)
- Receive the latest news and updates in the industry via the weekly Crime Lab Minute newsletter and the annual Executive Education Digest

## Training and Education

### Webinars

Current Events/Topics, New Technology, and Laboratory Management  
[www.asclcd.org/training](http://www.asclcd.org/training)

### ASCLD Leadership Academy

High quality training for current, new, or future managerial personnel in forensic science laboratories  
[www.asclcd.org/academy](http://www.asclcd.org/academy)

### Forensic Research

ASCLD seeks to advance the core of forensic science by closing technology gaps and enable future forensic technologies by identifying research, development, technology, and evaluate needs and priorities within the forensic community.

ASCLD identifies, engages, and collaborates with laboratories, other government agencies, industry and academia responsible for developing, sourcing, and executing forensic research.

### Forensic Science Advocacy

ASCLD maintains a national network of regional points of contact that distribute and collect information on policies and practices to ASCLD members. Member of the Board of Directors of the Consortium of Forensic Science - [www.thecfso.org](http://www.thecfso.org).

ASCLD takes action to influence or produce systemic change for forensic science and scientists. Changes may be pursued in legislation, government policy, or the policies and practices of agencies that affect our profession.

## About ASCLD

### History

The organization began with a meeting of a group of thirty crime laboratory directors in Quantico, Virginia that occurred in the fall of 1973 and currently has over 600 members representing local, state, federal, and international crime laboratory directors, managers, and supervisors.

The Society is composed of crime laboratory directors, managers, and supervisors from the United States and around the world.

Membership consists of biologists, chemists, document examiners, physicists, toxicologists, and law enforcement officers, who provide leadership in a crime laboratory, as well as educators and instructors in forensic science.

### Mission

To promote the effectiveness of crime laboratory leaders throughout the world by facilitating communication among members, sharing critical information, providing relevant training, promoting crime laboratory accreditation, and encouraging scientific and managerial excellence in the global forensic community.

### Annual Symposium

The ASCLD Symposium is an industry-leading conference designed for leaders and managers in the forensic laboratory space. The symposium boasts workshops and plenary talks designed around all aspects of forensic science, but particularly focuses on enhancing leadership and management in a forensic laboratory.