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- 2012 Annual Meeting Information and Updates!!
- 2012 Annual Meeting Registration form and Call for Papers
- A NEW "Today in Forensic Science" and Cover Story!
- Updated Employment and Training Opportunities

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NEAFS President's Message

I have been very fortunate to share my position on the NEAFS Board of Directors with a group of people that I truly respect and admire. I have said it before but it bears mentioning again that the people that serve this organization truly care about the direction that we are heading. They sacrifice their time and often their own funds to ensure that NEAFS is one of the strongest regional forensic organizations in the United States. At this point I would like to highlight one area where the hard work and dedication of these individuals has resulted in tremendous benefits for the organization; our current financial status.

For the past several years, the NEAFS Board of Directors has been working very hard to place this organization on a sound financial foundation. Thanks to the efforts of several past and current board members, the hard work of our past and present Corporate Sponsorship Chairs (particularly **Ray Van Orden**, **Andrea Belec**, **Erica Nadeau(Blais)**, and **Tiffany Ribadeneyra**), and the generosity of our sponsors, the Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists are enjoying a very healthy financial situation.

It bears mentioning that this healthy financial status has not always been the norm. In the not too distant past, this organization was operating on a very tight budget where funding the annual meeting was a struggle in and of itself. There were some uncertain moments in the past where we were not sure if we would have the funds to cover all of our expenses if the bill collectors came calling at the wrong time. This, of course, was not a comfortable way to operate. Something needed to be done to turn things around.

Starting with the efforts of past Presidents **Jennifer Limoges**, **Tammi Jacobs-Shulman**, and **Dennis Hilliard**, several initiatives were enacted to begin moving the organization towards fiscal solvency. Some of the measures at that early point included operating within our means when planning the annual meeting and an aggressive campaign to bring in more corporate sponsorship. This seemingly simple formula proved to be very successful and has been followed ever since. Since that initial push, numerous additional cost saving measures have been enacted to further increase our operating reserves. Current Treasurer **Kevin MacLaren** and Director **Samantha Chernoguz**, with their green initiatives during their tenures as Publications and Membership Chairs respectively have saved the organization literally thousands of dollars a year. During the course of my tenure on the Board, it has not gone unnoticed that many current and past board members have voluntarily travelled to meetings at their own expense which has amounted to considerable further savings. The savings in travel costs have now been amplified with the recent move towards online meetings for at least some of the quarterly board functions. All of this has added to the fortunate situation that we now find ourselves.

Thus far, members have been benefitting from this relatively comfortable financial situation in an indirect fashion. We have kept dues down, registration costs for the annual meeting can be viewed as a bargain, and there have been some scattered training opportunities that have been subsidized. In place of these relatively small but significant measures, we would like to develop more direct opportunities for our members to take advantage of.

For several years, we have been contemplating the most responsible ways that we could give some of this money back to the membership. Considering the current fiscal climate, funding for just about anything is getting more difficult to come by. Laboratories are scaling back on their training budgets, grant processes are getting more competitive, and more is being asked of each of us as practicing forensic scientists. It is our hope that we will be able to provide some relief from these trying times. Based on our discussions, this relief would come in the form of certification scholarships, sponsorship for workshops, meeting and training registration grants, and student research grants.

As we have done in the past, the board has once again made the decision to set aside a limited amount of money for ABC certification scholarships. Regular members who would like to take the examination would be eligible to receive funds to cover the registration costs for the examination. The scholarships will be available on a first come first served basis. In order to receive funds, the scholarship applicant must successfully complete the exam prior to be reimbursed.

As I am writing this, our new Education Chair **Peter Valentin** is helping our friend at the Maine State Crime Laboratory **Gretchen Lajoie** put together a three day **Rope and Cordage Workshop** that is scheduled to take place early in the fall at Gretchen's lab in Maine. This workshop will feature lectures from industry leaders and includes tours of two different rope manufacturing facilities. Registration for this workshop will be **FREE** for NEAFS members on a first come, first served basis.

Our membership is drawn from many different forensic disciplines. It would therefore be a difficult process to organize the variety of training opportunities that would be required to cover our entire membership. With this in mind, we are in the currently developing an application and review process for NEAFS training grants that would be available to all of our voting members. In the short term, a limited number of such grants would be available and they would be disbursed based on time of submission and need. We are hoping to see this program continue as long as funding is available and develop into something that more members can take advantage of. The funds that would be provided could be used to offset registration costs for either non-NEAFS related professional meetings and/or forensic related training. Even though only a few members would receive the funding in any given year, all of our members would benefit. As a requisite for receipt of funds, the grant recipient would be required to provide a synopsis of the event attended in the NEAFS newsletter.

Beyond providing funds for training, we will continue to fund scholarships for students in our region that demonstrate excellence in their forensic studies. In addition to the scholarships, Past President **Peter Diaczuk**, in one of his final acts as President, established the **Carol De Forest Student Research Grant**. I am pleased to say that the fund for this grant, seeded by a generous donation from **Dr. Peter De Forest** and contributed to by numerous members, is continuing to grow. NEAFS Director, **Samantha Chernoguz** has established the guidelines, selected her committee, and has been diligently reviewing applications. Looking towards the future, we are very excited about the prospects that the Carol De Forest Research Grant Award holds. This represents an excellent opportunity for students in our region to apply for

much needed research funding. It is important to note that as part of the grant process, any awardees would be required to present results at our annual meeting and write a summary for inclusion in our newsletter. This has the double effect of helping to further strengthen our meeting program and add valuable content to our publication. Members will have the opportunity to see and/or read about what is going on at the leading edges of the field. These projects will also serve to solidify our interactions with our academic counterparts. Our student base is a valuable resource and the future of our organization. With this kind of support, we will be doing our part to strengthen the field for the future.

Additional details regarding all of the opportunities mentioned above are either on the website, or will be announced very soon. So, be sure to keep one eye on the website (www.neafs.org) and the other eye on your e-mail.

Last but not least, this is your organization. In order to equitably distribute resources, we need your input. If any of our members have ideas/suggestions for training or any opportunities that might benefit our membership, please let us know. We are always looking for new ideas and fresh perspectives.

Best Regards,

Vinny Desiderio





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NEAFS 2012 Annual Meeting Update

November 12-17, 2012

With less than six months remaining until the NEAFS 2012 Annual Meeting, things are really starting to come together. Since our last newsletter, many events have been added and confirmed that we're excited about.

In this newsletter, you'll find our Call for Papers inviting everyone to present. Whether an interesting case or a newly validated method – we want to hear from you! We're all scientists, if it's something you worked on and fascinated you, we all want to learn about it! If you've never presented before and have some jitters about speaking in front of a group, please drop me a line. I'm happy to connect you with someone in NEAFS that can give you some coaching prior to the meeting!

We've also included the NEAFS Annual Meeting 2012 Registration Form and our hotel is now accepting reservations for NEAFS. I know it seems very early to be thinking about a meeting in November but if you can't register just yet, print it out as a reminder and stash it somewhere where you won't forget. (*Pssst...I usually print it out and place it on my desk blotter on top of September so I don't forget to register!*) Melissa Balogh is returning as Registration Chair and the earlier folks register, the easier her job is. My friends, this is a really time and labor intensive position within our organization. Please do what you can to accommodate her!

Read on to hear about some of our planned events....

Workshops! With Tuesday being our primary workshop day, four workshops will be offered. A day of Method Validation that goes beyond the basics is offered for Toxicologists and Drug Chemists. For the Biologists among us, we have a day to discuss techniques of Probabilistic Genomics. Remember last year's General Session speaker Ron Kelly who related to us his experiences searching the Unabomber's cabin? He's coming back to NEAFS this year to give a full day workshops on Explosives. And we're also bringing back the team that organized the "Surviving a DNA Cross Examination" to cover more expert witness testimony training in an expanded workshop. Tuesday is also the day for our Educator's Forum, now known as the Forensic Science Education Forum. As mentioned above, Tuesday is our *primary* workshop day but not our only one. Friday, we are also holding an ASCLD/LAB Measurement Uncertainty workshop that will fulfill the all of the 200-level prerequisites. There will also be a student-only Interviewing Workshop on Friday afternoon after the Student Forum to help prepare our future forensic scientists for the working world.

Scientific Sessions will be held mostly on Wednesday followed by the traditional Welcome Reception and Poster Session held in our Exhibition Hall. Tiffany Ribadeneyra and Maria Tsocanos are hard at work organizing our vendor exhibition and fundraising with our corporate sponsors to help defray the costs of the meeting. Several of our longstanding vendors have already sent in their payments and I'm pleased to announce that we've already received payment for our first "Platinum" level sponsor – Agilent. Next time your Agilent representative stops into your lab, please thank them for their continuing support. With Tiffany and Maria's hard work, I'm certain they won't be the only Platinum sponsor but it's always exciting when the first one rolls in! Wednesday night, I'm working on a special treat of a speaker – not completely confirmed as I write this but someone who worked intimately with forensic scientists and law enforcement for many years and then went on to write about it....stay tuned! More updates to be seen on the website in the weeks and months to come!

Thursday brings us our General and Plenary sessions with speakers giving some insight and helping us with the battle of incorporating new scientific technologies more successfully into the courtroom along with some of the stories behind how some important laws were developed. Of course, NEAFS wouldn't be complete without some intriguing case studies from high profile cases. Maybe even one about a crime at a former NEAFS host hotel! After three days of workshops and talks, I hope you will all join me at the President's Reception for libations, good food, good friends and some dancing. Jim Wesley is returning as our favorite DJ so we know it's going to be a fabulous time.

Friday morning, many of us will journey home but not to be overlooked is the Student Forum in the morning and the Student Interviewing Workshop in the afternoon as well as an all-day ASCLD/LAB Uncertainty and Traceability workshop.

Over the past weeks and months, I've had the good fortune of hearing from many of our NEAFS colleagues; some just dropping a quick line to say hello and ask how meeting plans were going, others offered much welcomed advice and guidance. The day before I sat down to write this update, I had the good fortune of being able to see a few of my NEAFS colleagues, it was just wonderful to see them if only for a few moments. They were in Albany for a Technical Working Group meeting and I hadn't seen them since Newport. The Program Chair position is daunting, yes, but it struck me just how fond I am of NEAFS members and that I truly want to succeed in providing you – the membership – workshops and scientific sessions, a "meeting" that is worthy of this organization. If you don't feel like this about NEAFS yet, consider volunteering – we have innumerable opportunities where you can help. Yes, it will absolutely help me (thank you!) but trust me – it will help you too. You will bond with this amazing circle from which you will gain professionally and more importantly, personally.

Enjoy the coming summer months and stay tuned for additional updates. As always, please feel free to drop me a line at albneafs@gmail.com should you have any questions about the meeting or if you'd like to figure out a volunteering opportunity suited for you!

See you in Saratoga!

Andrea



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“Bodemeister” and “I’ll Have Another” will be in Saratoga this year – will you?



2012 NEAFS Annual Meeting

Saratoga Springs, NY

November 12-17, 2012

www.thesaratogahotel.com

Want more information or interested in Volunteer Opportunities?

email albneafs@gmail.com

Call For Papers – NEAFS 2012 Annual Meeting

Scientific Session: ☐Criminalistics ☐Biology ☐Toxicology ☐Drug Chemistry
☐Combined Criminalistics/Biology

Presentation Type: ☐Oral ☐Poster

Title:

Authors and Affiliations:

Submitting Author Contact Information

Name _____

Telephone _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Abstract Instructions:

Please include a typed abstract (250-500 words) as a separate sheet in a Word format.
If you are entering your submission for consideration for the Peter R. Deforest Collegiate Award, submit one copy to the relevant session chair and one copy to the Collegiate Competition Chair. All forms and abstracts must be submitted to the session chairs listed below ***no later than Friday, September 7, 2012.***

AV Requirements:

☐PowerPoint/Projector ☐Overhead Projector ☐TV/DVD/VCR
☐Other

Session Chair Contact Information:

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ANNUAL MEETING --- November 12-17 , 2012

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Last Name:

Organization/Agency:

Street:

State: Zip Code:

Phone:

Email:

Spouse name:

Member Number:

ABC Status: Diplomate: ☐ Fellow: ☐ Technical Specialist: ☐ Affiliate: ☐ Exam Committee: ☐ Board Member: ☐

Mail your completed form and registration fee to:

NEAFS Registration

PO Box 8372

Trenton, NJ 08650

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City:

Fax:

See additional page for informational details. To qualify for Early Registration, a completed registration form and full payment must be postmarked no later than October 22, 2012. After this date, ALL registrations will be considered Regular Registrations.

II. SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS - REGISTRATION FEES

For Student Reduced Rate Registration, a copy of your FALL 2012 course schedule must be submitted; otherwise, you will be charged the full applicable meeting registration rate. The reduced student rates do not include a luncheon ticket for the Thursday Luncheon. If students would like to receive a meal at the luncheon, tickets are available at the regular luncheon rate (See Section IV Below).

Please note that there will be a \$20 surcharge for all on-site registrations.

November 12-17, 2012, Tuesday - Friday Sessions

Early Registration

Postmarked by 10/22/2012

Regular Registration

Postmarked after 10/22/12

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Non-Member	\$180.00 - <input type="checkbox"/>
Student Member	\$ 65.00 - <input type="checkbox"/>
#Student Non-Member	\$115.00 - <input type="checkbox"/>
#Spouse of Member / Non-Member	\$ 90.00 - <input type="checkbox"/>

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DAILY REGISTRATION

#Member / Active Applicant

Wednesday Only

\$ 75.00 - ☐

Thursday Only

\$ 75.00 - ☐

Friday Only

\$ 35.00 - ☐

#Non-Member

\$125.00 - ☐

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\$ 75.00 - ☐

#Student Member

\$ 38.00 - ☐

\$ 38.00 - ☐

\$ 25.00 - ☐

#Student Non-Member

\$ 63.00 - ☐

\$ 63.00 - ☐

\$ 50.00 - ☐

#Spouse of Member / Non-Member

\$ 63.00 - ☐

\$ 63.00 - ☐

\$ 50.00 - ☐

SECTION II TOTAL: \$

Three-day Registration includes one Thursday Luncheon Ticket.

Additional fee to attend Luncheon on Thursday

III. WORKSHOP SESSIONS - REGISTRATION FEES

Workshops are filled on a first-come-first-served basis. Workshops are subject to cancellation. Check www.neafs.org for updates on dates and times. **Note-Full day or full meeting registration is required to attend any functions beyond the workshops on Tuesday or the ASCLD Uncertainty Workshop on Friday.**

<u>Workshop Title</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Non-member</u>
Method Development and Validation (Tuesday, November 13)	\$35 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$65 <input type="checkbox"/>
Explosives (Tuesday, November 13)	\$35 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$65 <input type="checkbox"/>
Probabalistic Genotyping (Tuesday, November 13)	\$35 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$65 <input type="checkbox"/>
Expert Witness Testimony (Tuesday, November 13)	\$35 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$65 <input type="checkbox"/>
ASCLD Uncertainty (Friday, November 17)	\$75 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$120 <input type="checkbox"/>
Interviewing Workshop (Friday, November 17, 1-5pm)	\$25 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$45 <input type="checkbox"/>

SECTION III TOTAL: \$

IV. LUNCHEON (Thursday): One Ticket is included with Three-Day Registration (except for those who register at the reduced rate as a Student or Spouse).

NOTE: If you have a food allergy, inform the hotel staff directly.

☐ Yes, I will be attending the luncheon on Thursday.

ADDITIONAL PURCHASE of Luncheon Ticket

☐ No, I will not be attending the luncheon on Thursday.

of Tickets: X \$50.00 = \$

PAYMENT: Check - ☐ Money Order - ☐ PAYPAL (Oct 22st Deadline) - ☐

Check #

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: (Sum of II, III and IV) \$

To give the Annual Meeting organizers a more accurate idea of individual session attendance, please check if you are considering any of the events below. *This is for estimation purposes only and in no way binding.*

- ☐ ABC Exam (Tuesday, November 13)
☐ Forensic Science Education Forum (Tuesday, November 13)
☐ Student Forum (Friday, November 17, 9am-12pm)
☐ Student Committee (Time/Date TBA)

The exhibitors and sponsors you meet at the NEAFS Annual Meeting play a vital role in keeping meeting costs reasonable while still enabling us to improve session and workshop quality. Simply put, without Corporate Sponsors the NEAFS Annual Meeting would be too cost prohibitive to convene. Every year we field requests for an Attendee List to allow exhibiting companies to forward marketing and new product information. NEAFS is one of the only organizations that does not automatically provide this information. We would like to offer this information to our valued (and valuable) sponsors this year. Please sign/print your name if you *refuse* to release this information. _____.

HELPFUL TIPS -- REGISTRATION

(www.neafs.org)

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WE MAY NEED TO CONTACT YOU, THEREFORE, PRINT LEGIBLY AND INCLUDE AN EMAIL ADDRESS OR TELEPHONE NUMBER.

ANNUAL MEETING / WORKSHOP REGISTRATION: For Early Registration, the Registration Chairperson must receive a completed registration form and full payment no later than October 22, 2012. After this date, ALL registrations will be regular registrations. Registration is not accepted via email or fax, *unless* PayPal is utilized as form of payment. You will not receive confirmation of your registration status.

If using PayPal, PAYMENT and COMPLETED Registration FORM

MUST BE SENT to: registration@neafs.org

Note- A Paypal account is not necessary to use this feature.

You can make a one-time credit card payment.

WORKSHOPS: Workshop attendance requires an additional fee. Workshop(s) are ***not*** included with Annual Meeting Registration. Workshops are filled on a first-come-first-served basis. The Program Chair reserves the right to cancel any workshop if timely registrations are not received for the minimum number of participants. If a workshop is cancelled, notification and full refunds will be made. You may not register for more than one workshop if the workshops are held during the same time frame.

NEAFS MEMBERS PAYMENT INFORMATION (in U.S. dollars): NEAFS Tax ID # 51-0213291

Purchase Orders or Vouchers are ***NOT*** accepted unless accompanied by full payment. Accepted forms of payment, during Early Registration only, are via PayPal, check, or money order. Payment via Paypal may be made on the NEAFS website up until October 22nd, 2012 (<http://www.neafs.org/annualmeeting/annmeeting.htm>)

CANCELLATION / REFUNDS: If you cancel your Workshop or Meeting Registration, your written, signed, and dated request must be mailed to the NEAFS Registration Chairperson at the mailing address provided above. If you cancel, your registration fees will be refunded, as follows: postmarked no later than October 22nd, 2012, full refund, less \$20 processing fee; postmarked between October 23rd - October 30th, 2012, 75% refund; postmarked between October 31st - November 12th, 2012, 50% refund. No refund requests will be honored if postmarked after November 12th, 2012.

SPOUSE: Reduced rate registration is available to a spouse (lay person) only with a fully paid registered attendee. The reduced rate (spousal) registration permits attendance during scientific sessions, all breaks, and receptions.

LUNCHEON: Tickets for attendance at the Thursday Luncheon are included with FULL MEETING (MEMBER/NON-MEMBER) REGISTRATION ONLY. Please indicate on your registration form if you will or will not be attending. If attending the Luncheon, your registration packet will include a luncheon ticket that must be presented to the Officials at the door for entry to the Luncheon. If you have a food allergy, please inform the hotel staff directly. Additional luncheon tickets may be purchased separately.



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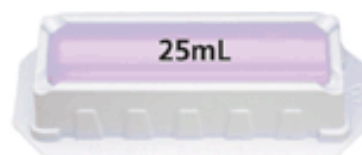
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From the Cover

The cover photograph shows a selection of cartridge primers randomly chosen to show the variety that may be encountered in modern small arms ammunition. The type shown is the Boxer type (named after its designer), which is characterized by having the anvil as an integral part of the primer construction. The impact sensitive primer compound is crushed between the primer cup and the anvil when the firing pin strikes, initiating the reaction that culminates in the discharge of a projectile.

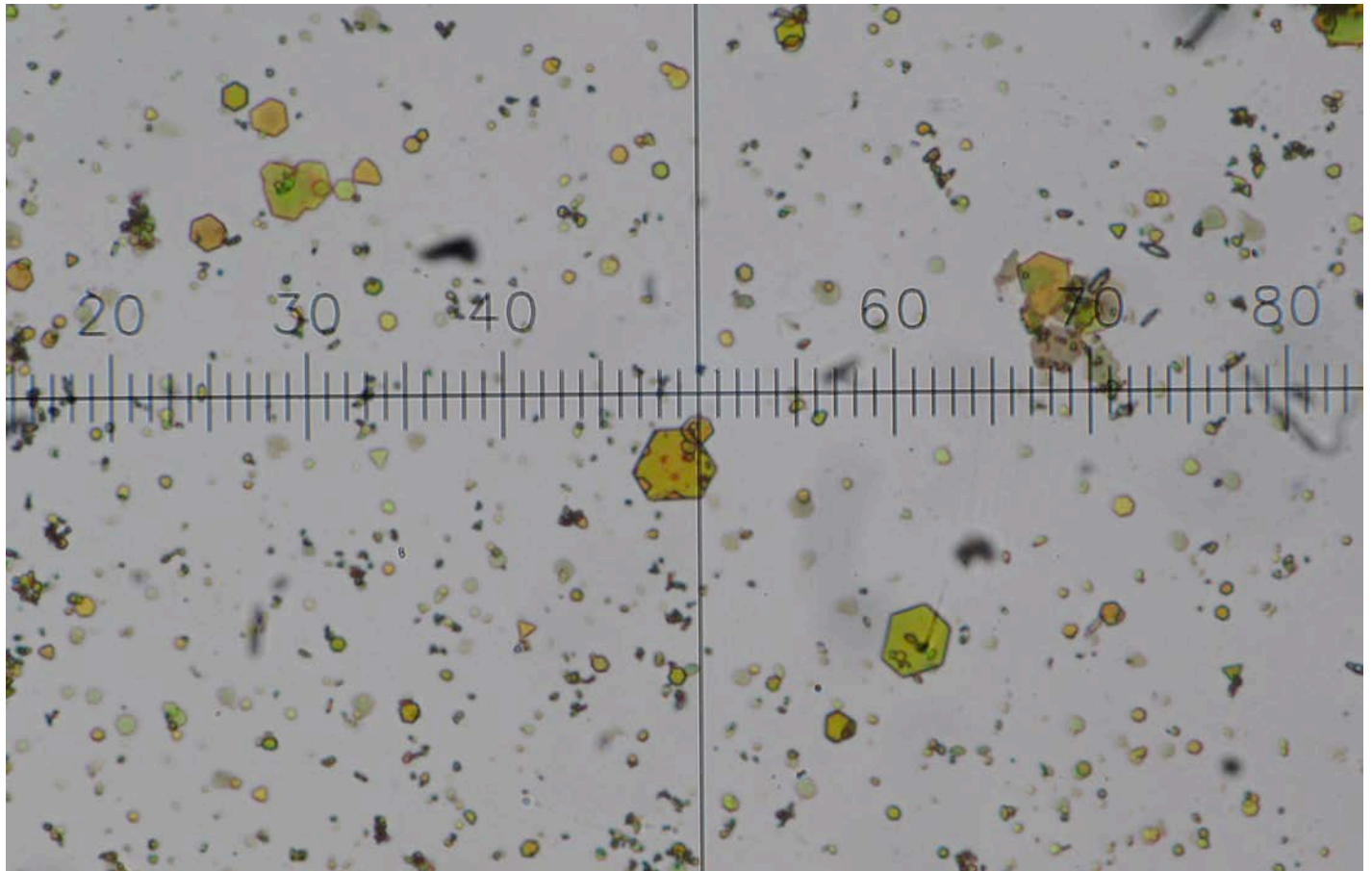


The photo above is a primer that has been disassembled for the purposes of clarity (do NOT try this at home!). This particular primer happens to have a sealer applied by the manufacturer after assembly. Careful removal of the trilobal anvil reveals a yellow powder residing in the cup. The yellow color is characteristic of lead styphnate, a common ingredient in modern primers, which acts as the initiator in the carefully designed mixture.



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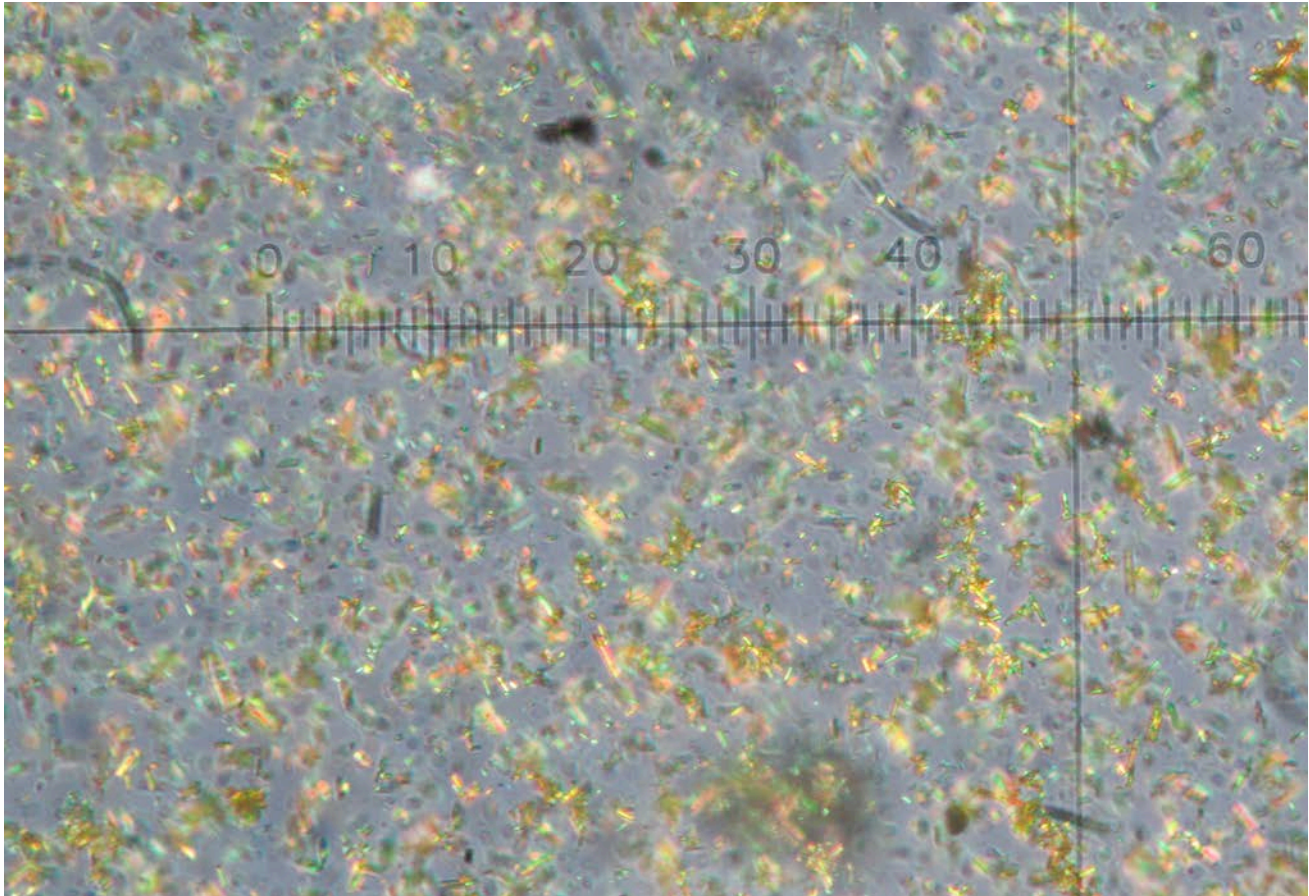


Following the procedure as written by Chamot and Mason in the “Handbook of Chemical Microscopy” (vol. 2), insoluble lead iodide is precipitated upon addition of KI. Viewed using a polarized light microscope, the crystals appear as hexagonal plates confirming the presence of lead.



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Polarized Light Microscope (PLM) confirms several ingredients are present.

The complex nature of the primer compound can be appreciated when viewed with crossed poles on the PLM. A typical formulation consists of an initiator such as lead styphnate, a sensitizer such as tetracene, an oxidizer such as barium nitrate and a fuel such as antimony sulfide (being an oxygen deprived molecule, lead styphnate is also partially consumed as a fuel during the burning process).

Note that the sources for the characteristic tri-component primer residue particle have just been named: lead, barium and antimony.

Other formulations exist, including some that are lead free, to address environmental concerns. One such formulation substitutes diazodinitrophenol for lead styphnate as the initiator. Widespread adoption of lead free ammunition will suggest new research into primer residue identification as inventories of lead-containing ammunition diminish.





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In my never-ending quest to promote NEAFS and add to the Membership, here I stand by the Crime Scene response vehicle of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF). The decal on the door is the official emblem of the JCF and their motto is to Serve, Protect and Reassure. Their mission statement is the maintenance of law and order, the protection of life and property, the prevention and detection of crime and the preservation of peace. I have the privilege of working some very talented officers and forensic scientists there in an ongoing training program that includes firearm examination and shooting scene reconstruction.



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While in Jamaica I am taking advantage of the tropical climate and intaking more than my daily requirement of fruit-containing nutrients (not to mention the great flavor of freshly picked mangos).



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Another benefit from one of my trips was meeting a famous insurance company representative who suggested saving a bundle by switching my insurance to the one represented by my little friend shown here!



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During a practical shooting scene reconstruction exercise, one the elite members of the JCF firearm section, Corporal Mullings demonstrates to her colleagues the test for the presence of lead at a suspected bullet hole.

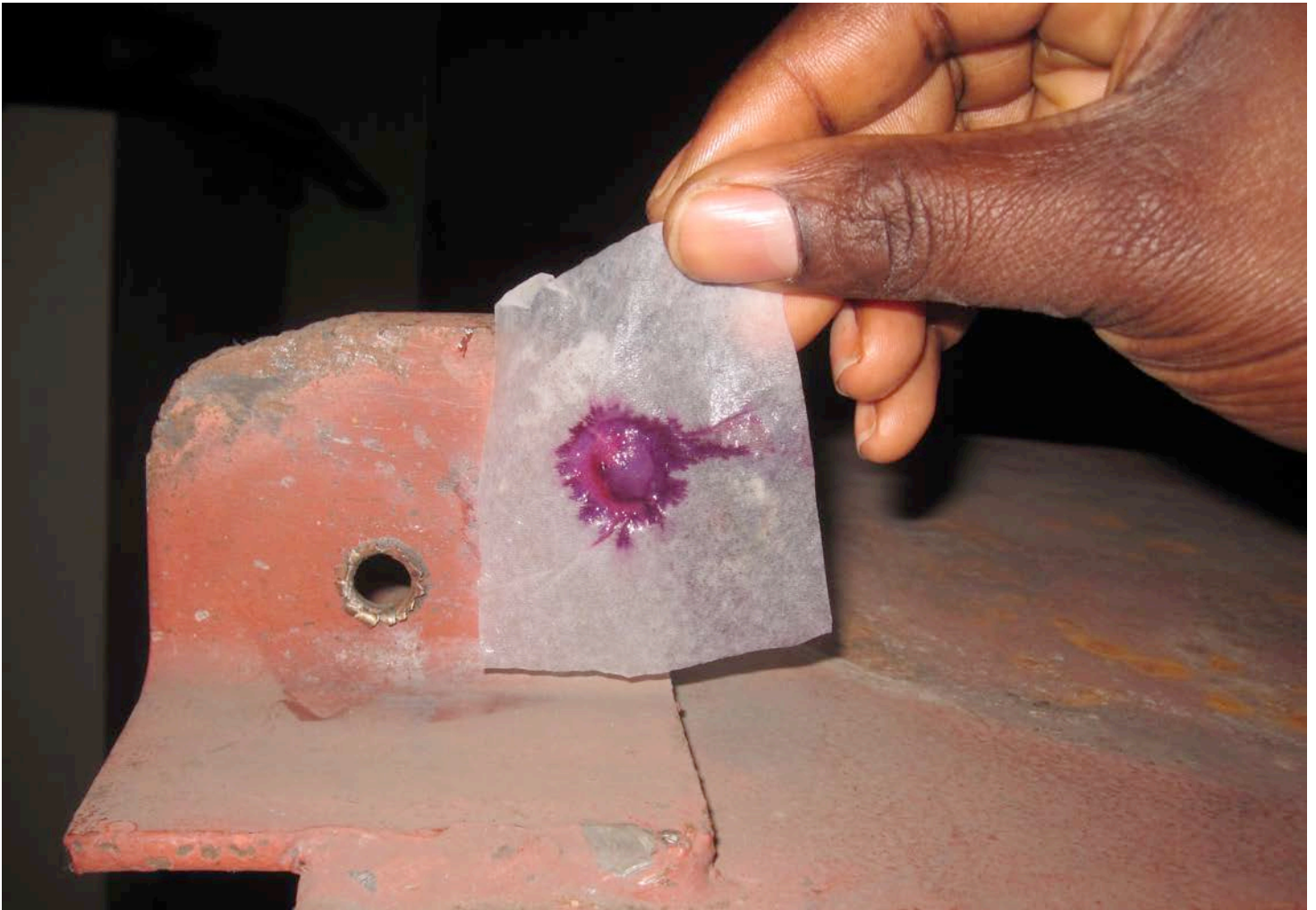




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After solubilizing metallic lead, if present at the suspected bullet hole or impact site, the swatch is treated with sodium rhodizonate first and then with dilute hydrochloric acid for the confirmatory reaction that produces the distinctive purple color. The test is sensitive and affords a very convenient way to identify the presence of lead in the laboratory and in the field.





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The ASTEE reception and award ceremony coincided with the AAFS meeting in Atlanta. Vinny Desiderio received recognition as outgoing (and founding) ASTEE President from current President Chris Taylor as he is presented with a very special microscope made entirely of glass. The inscription reads "In appreciation for your outstanding and dedicated service" (RI = 1.515).





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The photograph does not do justice to the elegance and detail of the microscope mounted in the center of the wooden frame. The microscope is attractively positioned in front of the ASTEE logo.





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Thomas Hopen was the proud recipient of the second annual Edmond Locard Award for Excellence in Trace Evidence. Thom is a superb microscopist and forensic scientist who has a reputation as a great instructor of workshops and courses in microscopy. He is very active in the Georgia Microscopical Society and often returns to familiar territory to give presentations at Inter/Micro. Congratulations Thom!



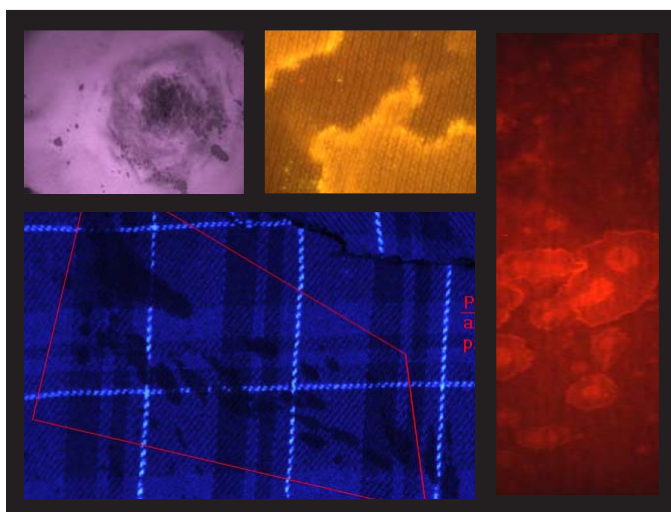
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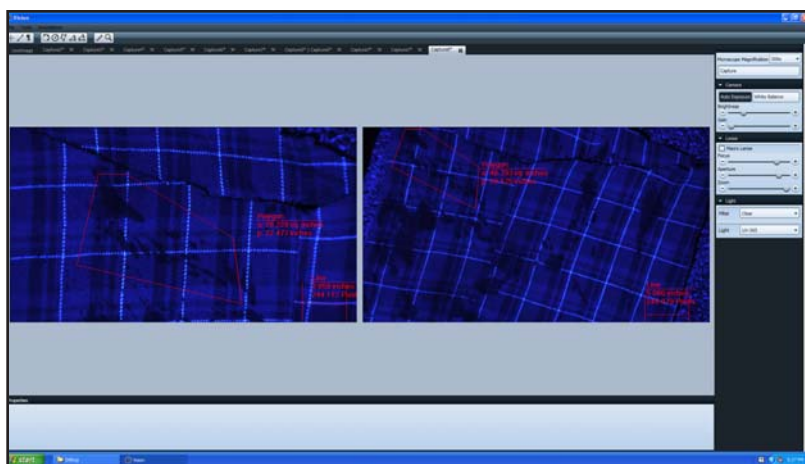
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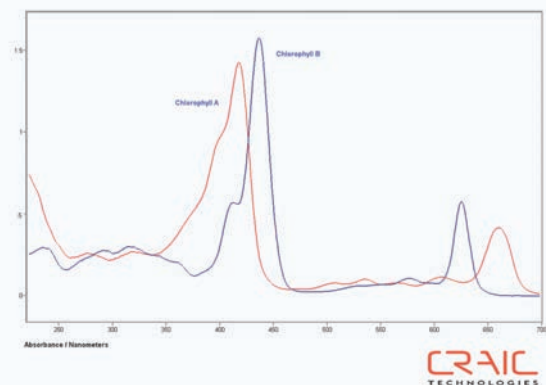
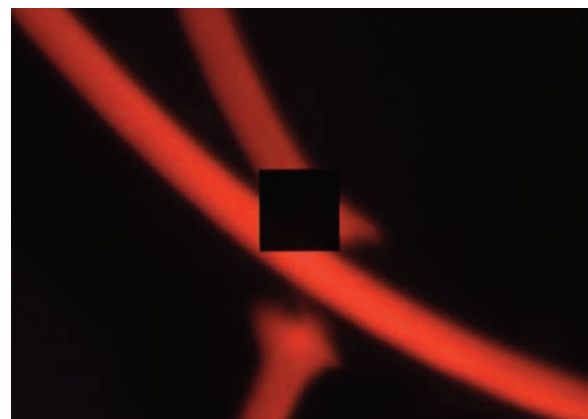


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Training Opportunities

June 2012

The Spring 2012 Bloodstain Evidence Institute Corning, New York

June 18-22 2012

This will very likely be the last year the Institute will offer a Basic Bloodstain Pattern Program. For information on this educational program contact: Dr. Herbert Leon MacDonell, Director, BLOODSTAIN EVIDENCE INSNTITUTE, Post Office Box 1111, Corning, New York 14830; (607) 962-6581; forensiclab@stny.rr.com

October 2012

The Fall 2012 Bloodstain Evidence Institute Corning, New York October 1-5 2012 This will very likely be the last year the Institute will offer a Basic Bloodstain Pattern Program. For information on this educational program contact: Dr. Herbert Leon MacDonell, Director, BLOODSTAIN EVIDENCE INSNTITUTE, Post Office Box 1111, Corning, New York 14830; (607) 962-6581; forensiclab@stny.rr.com

23rd International Symposium on Human Identification Nashville, TN October 15-18, 2012

For information visit www.ishinews.com

If you have training in the field of forensic science and would like to have it posted on the NEAFS web site, contact the NEAFS webmasters: jobs@neafs.org Posting Instructions Please include the following in your submission: course title, location, dates and times, a short description and a direct link to the course posting. Submitted postings must be 50 words or less, we will not be responsible for editing course postings, please use postings on this page as a guide to formatting.



FORENSIC EXAMINATION OF ROPE SEPTEMBER 12 – 14, 2012

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY HEADQUARTERS
FALLEN HEROES CONFERENCE ROOM
45 COMMERCE DRIVE
AUGUSTA, ME 04333

The Maine State Police Crime laboratory, the Cordage Institute, Yale Cordage, Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists and American Society of Trace Evidence Examiners present a 2 ½ day training workshop covering topics associated with the forensic examination of rope.

This training is provided **free of charge** to NEAFS and ASTEE members. Non-members may attend for \$175 per registrant.

The course has a maximum number of participants of 15. A minimum of 8 must attend for the course to run.

AGENDA:

History of Rope	Rope Terminology	Rope Construction
Uses/ End Products	Forensic Examination	Knot Identification and Tying
	Hands-on Deconstruction of Rope	

MANUFACTURING FACILITY TOURS:

Yale Cordage in Saco, Maine
Orion Ropeworks Inc in Winslow, Maine

INSTRUCTORS:

Dave Richards, Technical Director, Cordage Institute
Keith Buzzell, Head of Engineering, Yale Cordage

LODGING:

A block of rooms has been reserved at The Senator Inn, Augusta, Maine for September 11 -14. Rooms must be reserved prior to August 28, 2012 to be guaranteed a room at the government rate of \$77 per night plus 7% tax. All rooms come with a complimentary hot breakfast.

TRANSPORTATION:

Personal transportation is recommended since the hotel is not within walking distance of the training facility or the manufacturing facilities.

MEALS:

Light snacks will be provided at the training site however, participants are responsible for their own meals. A cafeteria is located on-site.



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REGISTRATION

NAME: _____

NEAFS MEMBER

ASTEE MEMBER

NON-MEMBER

TITLE: _____

AGENCY: _____

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PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

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PAYMENT, IF APPLICABLE, SHOULD BE MADE TO NEAFS:

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Employment Opportunities

**Forensic Science Faculty
University of Great Falls
Great Falls, Montana
DOQ \$32,000-45,000 (Fall & Spring Semester)**

The University of Great Falls has a tenure track teaching position open. This position requires teaching 12 credits per semester (fall & spring) in the following areas: basic forensic sciences, fingerprints, bloodstain pattern analysis, trace and impression evidence, arson and explosives, forensic DNA analysis, forensic pathology, and topics related to evidence documentation, crime scene processing, and recovery/reconstruction. For more information on this position, please click this link. [Forensic Science Faculty](#)

**San Bernardino County
Criminalist III-DNA Technical Leader
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\$76,731.20 - \$98,155.20 Annually**

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The Sheriff's Department is accepting applications for Criminalist III-DNA Technical Leader to perform the more complex Criminalist III duties of DNA analysis and review of DNA casework, in addition to accountability for DNA laboratory quality assurance requirements; responsibility includes methods and procedures, technical problem solving, and technical oversight of the DNA laboratory, in accordance with the FBI DNA Quality Assurance Standards for Forensic DNA Testing Laboratories, Combined DNA Index System (CODIS), and the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors - Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD-LAB) requirements.

Posted 05/15/12

**Anoka County Sheriff's Office
13301 Hanson Blvd. NW, Andover, MN 55304
Tri County Regional Forensic Laboratory
Forensic Scientist II - Drug Chemistry 2012
Salary range: \$52,182 - \$75,852**

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Posted 05/15/12



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Employment Opportunities

Anoka County Sheriff's Office
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Tri County Regional Forensic Laboratory
Forensic Scientist III-DNA Technical Leader 2012
Salary range: \$57,565 - \$83,691

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Posted 05/15/12

Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Dept.
Forensic Scientist I-Toxicology
Salary Range: \$4,988.53- \$7,384.00 monthly

Closing Date: June 20, 2012

For more information and to apply, please visit <https://lvmpd.peopleadmin.com/postings/1308>

Posted: 05/08/12

Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Dept.
Forensic Scientist II-Toxicology
Salary Range: \$5,506.80- \$8,153.60 monthly

Closing Date: June 20, 2012

For more information and to apply, please visit <https://lvmpd.peopleadmin.com/postings/1320>

Posted: 05/08/12



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Employment Opportunities

UMass Medical School, Worcester, MA Manager, Drugs of Abuse Lab

We are currently seeking a Manager for the Drugs of Abuse Lab who plans, supervises, and participates in functions of the Drugs of Abuse Laboratory, which is responsible for the security and analysis of legal evidence to be submitted to the criminal court.

The Manager develops and establishes new methods of drug analysis, manages daily lab activities, and ensures accuracy and precision of analytical procedures and instrumentation including the validity of data generated.

The ideal candidate will have a BS in Chemistry and 5 years in drug analysis and knowledge of analytical chemistry and its application to drug analysis to include 2 years supervisory experience.

For additional information, please go to www.umassmed.edu and search "Careers" for listing 19495 or <https://careers-umms.icims.com/jobs/19495/job>.

Posted: 05/08/12

Attorney General, Division of Criminal Investigation, Crime Laboratory – Cheyenne, WY Principal Forensic Analyst - Quality Assurance Manager Salary range: \$5,511 - \$6,483 Per Month Recruitment ID: 19827

The Quality Assurance Work Unit Leader provides supervision and guidance to all of the working units of the State Crime Laboratory to ensure compliance with the accreditation quality standards of the International Standards Organization requirement #17025. These standards provide for compliance with 450 different quality requirements ensuring that the scientific testing done in the State Crime Laboratory meet the legal requirements of the criminal justice system.

*Please view the Class Specifications (Class Code PSFC12) and the State required Minimum Qualifications for this vacancy at: <http://statejobs.state.wy.us/lookup.aspx>

For more information or to apply online go to

<http://statejobs.state.wy.us/JobSearchDetail.aspx?ID=19827> or submit a State of Wyoming Employment Application to the Human Resource Division, Emerson Building, 2001 Capitol Avenue, Cheyenne, WY 82002-0060, Phone: (307)777-7188, Fax: (307)777-6562, along with transcripts of any relevant course work.

Posted: 04/18/12

Promega Genetic Identity Director of Genetic Identity

To apply and view a complete job description visit

https://promega.silkroad.com/epostings/index.cfm?fuseaction=app.jobinfo&id=23&jobid=217020&company_id=15945&version=2

Posted: 04/12/12



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Employment Opportunities

New York City Police Department Criminalistics Manager, Police Laboratory

The NYPD is seeking a Criminalistics Manager to oversee the Latent Print Development Unit, the Intoxicated Driver Testing and Blood Alcohol Units, and the Questioned Documents Unit in the Criminalistics Section of the Police Laboratory. For a complete job description and qualification requirements visit aafs.org and search [current job openings](#) for "Criminalistics Manager, Police Laboratory." Resume and cover letter may be submitted to Administrative Staff Analyst Georgia Alexiou, New York City Police Department, Employment Section, Room 1014, One Police Plaza, New York, NY, 10038. Or email empsec@nypd.org.

Posted: 04/12/12

Ohio Northern University Assistant/Associate Professor of Biology in Forensic Science Full-time/Tenure-track eligible

The primary teaching responsibility will include lecture and laboratory instruction for students of the forensic biology major as well as courses in drug chemistry, forensic toxicology, and environmental toxicology. Student advisement and service to the department, school, and university are expected. The successful candidate will also be expected to start a research program appropriate for participation by undergraduate students. The curriculum of the forensic biology major is compliant with and fulfills both the FBI QAS of the Forensic/CODIS Databasing Laboratories and Forensic Science Education Program Accreditation Commission (FEPAC) accreditation standards of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. There are between 50 to 60 forensic biology students presently. Other duties include advising and are assigned by the department chair. To apply, please go to <http://jobs.onu.edu/postings/1421> and complete an online application. EOE.

Posted: 04/02/12

City of Phoenix Forensic Science Section Supervisor Salary: \$69,243 - \$103,376 annually Job Code 62950, ID #5430, 09-26-11, LN, Benefits Code: supv

The Forensic Science Section Supervisor position supervises and manages the activities of the Police Department's Forensic Science Laboratory and performs highly specialized forensic science evaluations in the areas of controlled substances, toxicology, forensic biology, firearms and tool marks, trace/comparative analysis, arson analysis, questioned documents, evidence processing, quality assurance, and latent comparative.



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Employment Opportunities

Forensic Scientist II

Salary: \$46,301 - \$69,243 annually

Job Code 62920, ID #5427, 09-26-11, LN, Benefits Code: supv

Forensic Scientists apply the physical sciences to the investigation of crimes by performing laboratory analyses on physical evidence. Incumbents could work in various facets of this classification.

Forensic Scientist III

Salary: \$53,851 - \$80,434 annually

Job Code 62930, ID #5428, 09-26-11, LN, Benefits Code: supv

Forensic Scientists apply the physical sciences to the investigation of crimes by performing advanced laboratory analyses on physical evidence in the areas of Evidence Processing, Latent Prints, Crime Scene Response, Forensic Biology, Controlled Substances, Questioned Documents, Trace/ Arson, Toxicology, and Firearms. Incumbents could work in various specialties of this classification and may be required to provide expert witness testimony in court regarding various facets of the classification.

Forensic Scientist IV

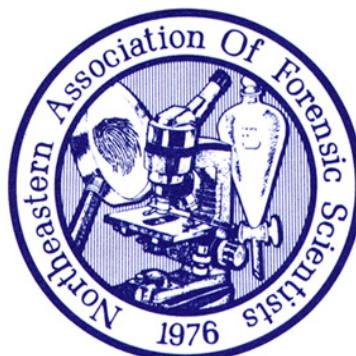
Salary: \$65,853 - \$98,197 annually

Job Code 62940, ID #5429, 09-26-11, LN, Benefits Code: supv

The Forensic Scientist IV classification applies the physical sciences to the investigation of crimes by performing laboratory analyses on physical evidence in the areas of Evidence Processing, Latent Prints, Crime Scene Response, Forensic Biology, Controlled Substances, Questioned Documents, Trace/ Arson, Toxicology, and Firearms. Incumbents may supervise and may be required to provide expert witness testimony in court regarding various facets of the classification.

For more information, or to apply for any of the above positions, please click on the [link](#), scroll down and click on the specific job title.

Posted: 03/28/12



NEAFS Board of Directors Minutes
1/21/2012 – Attendees from Remote Locations

On call: Andrea Belec, Erica Blais, Samantha Chernoguz, Vince Desiderio, Beth Goodspeed, Kimberly Gorel, Kevin McLaren, Larry Quarino, Maria Tsocanos

I. The meeting was called to order at 10:12 by President Desiderio.

II. Installation of officers

Executive Secretary – Kimberly Gorel

President Elect – Andrea Belec

Secretary – Larry Quarino

Treasurer – Kevin McLaren

Director – Erica Blais

Director – Samantha Chernoguz

Director – Beth Saucier Goodspeed

Motion – Erica, Second – Andrea

Vote was unanimous.

III. Appointment of executive staff

A. Awards Chair - Henry Maynard – *unanimous vote*

a. Committee Members – David Fisher, Elizabeth Duvall

B. Certification Chair - Michael Portner – *unanimous vote*

a. Exam Committee – Amy Duhaime

b. Member At-Large – Ralph Ristenbatt

C. Ethics Chair – Dave San Pietro – *no vote necessary*

a. Committee Members – Laura Tramontin, Peter Diaczuk

D. Membership Chair – Holly O'Connor – *unanimous vote*

a. Committee Members – Susan Flaherty, Helen Leung

E. Membership Dues Chair - Sheauling Kastor

F. Publications Chair – Ed Kovacs – *unanimous vote*

a. Webmaster – Keith Mancini – *unanimous vote*

G. Registration Chair – Melissa Balogh – *unanimous vote*

a. Committee Members – Betty Bleivik, Christine Chiesa, Angela Vialotti

H. Exhibits Chair/Corporate Liaison – Tiffany Ribadeneyra – *unanimous vote*

a. Committee Member – Maria Tsocanos

I. Merchandise Chair – Lola Murray – *unanimous vote*

Education Chair and Site Chair are currently open with solicitations from membership with on-line vote to occur.

IV. Secretary's Report – Andrea Belec

Motion – Samantha, Second – Erica. Report accepted as amended.

V. Treasurer's Report - Kevin Mc Laren

Kevin reported that the ending balance for 2011 was \$169,604.09 despite an overall net loss of \$43,890.59. The 2011 Annual Meeting Balance was -\$2001.25. Kevin also reported that the organization has raised \$7,500 for the Carol De Forest student research fund.

Motion – Samantha, Second – Andrea. Report accepted.

VI. Director's Reports

A. Samantha – Samantha provided the framework for the Carol De Forest research grant including a design for the application process and student and institutional criteria. In addition to the framework, discussion centered on dates for solicitation and submission dates as well as the possible need for waivers from applicants regarding organizational liability and institutional review for human subjects. The BOD determined that funding request should not exceed \$2,500 with the organization reserving the right to fund a lower amount. Samantha will provide a draft of the research application for comment from the BOD within a week.

B. Erica – Erica discussed a potential design for an on-line membership directory.

C. Beth – No report.

Motion – Andrea, Second – Larry. All Director's Reports accepted.

VII. Executive Secretary Report - Kim Gorel – No report.

VIII. Committee reports

A. Awards (Submitted by Henry Maynard, Presented by Vincent Desiderio)

Report discussed the timeline for the 2012 George W. Neighbor Jr. Memorial Scholarship.

Report also suggested a meritorious service award given each year at the annual meeting. The suggestion was supported by the BOD. Motion – Larry, Second – Andrea. Unanimous vote to proceed with the award.

B. Certification – No report.

C. Education (Beth Saucier Goodspeed)

Beth discussed the proposed rope workshop. Vincent stated that he will ask Gretchen (Maine State Police) for proposed dates and budget. Beth also spoke about the Educator's Forum at the 2011 meeting. The Forum had 21 attendees and feedback from attendees was excellent. Attendees commented that they liked the format of the discussion panels. Beth also commented that the membership needs to be solicited for additional members to the Committee. Motion – not recorded, Second – not recorded. Report accepted.

D. Ethics – No report.

E. Membership (Submitted by Holly O'Connor, Presented by Vincent Desiderio)

Applications accrued between August 2, 2011 and January 21, 2012 include four for Associate Member and one upgrade from Associate to Regular Member.

The report also asked about the procedure for accepting a member into Emeritus status. The BOD confirmed that those seeking this status pay yearly dues and fill out an application.

Dues notices to be sent out first week of February.

F. Publications – No Report
Deadline for next newsletter February 1

G. Registration – No Report

H. Exhibits/Corporate Liaison - Maria Tsocanos for Tiffany Ribadeneyra
Review of 2011 sponsorship total including booth space and donations: \$ 43,126.05

Exhibitor packages with booth, electrical and sponsorship information almost ready to be sent out. Special attention will be paid to exhibitors who have come in the past but did not attend 2011 meeting in hopes of getting them to rejoin in 2012.

In order to provide an attendee list to exhibitors, requesting an "opt-out" statement to be put on registration form essentially giving us permission to distribute attendee information to vendors. ALB to put together statement.

The ABC will be receiving a free booth again at the 2012 annual meeting.

NEAFS has opted out of utilizing Lead Retrieval Devices again this year.

Motion to accept Exhibits/Corporate Liaison Report made, seconded and accepted.

I. Merchandise (Submitted by Lola Murray, presented by Vincent Desiderio)

Researching alternatives for logo designs and pricing.

Interested in introducing more accessories targeted at college students.

Contacting student who placed custom order in 2010 who never received item and determining what we can do to compensate.

Motion to accept Merchandise Chair Report made, seconded and accepted.

J. Site Chair – No Report

K. Program Chair – Andrea Belec

Planning for 2012 meeting underway: Session Chairs are all in place and currently have four workshops in the works: Explosives, Method Validation (Drug Chemistry and Toxicology), Expert Witness and Familial DNA.

Workshop Day is Tuesday, November 13.

Technical Sessions on Wednesday, November 14, General Session is Thursday, November 15

Student Forum and Student Interviewing Workshop on Friday, November 16

Motion to accept Program Chair Report made, seconded and accepted.

IX. Old Business

By Laws Revision – to be reviewed by a Resolution Committee, possibly to be led by Laura Tramontin. Kim Gorel to speak to Laura about this.

X. New Business

2013 site has been chosen as the Cromwell Crowne Plaza, very reasonable room rate and should be able to provide all meals with money we are saving on accommodations.

Next NEAFS BOD Meeting scheduled for Saturday, April 21 via GoTo Meeting, 10am.

Meeting Adjourned 1:48 pm.



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**NEAFS 1st Quarter Financial Report
January 1, 2012 - March 31, 2012**

BOD Meeting April 21, 2012

Balances Forwarded from 4th Quarter 2011	
Checking Account	\$25,476.39
Savings Account	\$144,127.70
PAYPAL	\$0.00
Total	\$169,604.09

Savings / Checking Accounts	
INCOME	
Membership	\$2,325.00
Savings Account Interest	\$92.43
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,417.43

Carol De Forest Research Grant	
Balance as of 01/01/12	\$1,500.00
Contributions 01/01/12 - 03/31/12	\$6,780.00
Balance as of 03/31/12	\$8,280.00

PAYPAL Account	
INCOME	
Balance as of 01/01/12	\$0.00
Registration / Dues Income	\$7,597.75
Vendor Income	\$1,356.09
Carol De Forest Research Grant	\$760.00
TOTAL	\$9,713.84
Funds Transferred to Banking	\$0.00
PAYPAL ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$9,713.84

Ending Balances March 31, 2012	
Checking Account	\$22,654.80
Savings Account	\$152,563.93
PAYPAL	\$9,713.84
Total	\$184,932.57

SAVINGS /CHECKING Accounts	
EXPENSES	
2011 Meeting Expenses	\$660.36
Membership Expenses	
PO Box	\$160.00
Registration Chair Expenses	
PO Box	\$101.00
WebSite Expenses	\$142.80
2012 ABC Representatives	\$1,265.97
Treasurer Expenses	\$30.61
AAFS Journal Subscriptions	\$425.00
Yahoo	\$35.85
CHASE Deposit Item Fee	\$1.20
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,822.79

Respectfully Submitted
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NEAFS Treasurer



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