



New Forensic Toxicology Standard from the AAFS Standards Board

The AAFS Standards Board (ASB) is pleased to announce the publication of ANSI/ASB Standard 053, *Standard for Report Content in Forensic Toxicology*, First Edition, 2020.

This document delineates the requirements for reporting results from forensic toxicology analyses. Specifically, it is intended for the subdisciplines of human performance toxicology (e.g., driving-under-the-influence of alcohol or drugs and drug-facilitated crimes), postmortem forensic toxicology, non-regulated employment drug testing, court-ordered toxicology (e.g., probation and parole, drug courts, child services), and general forensic toxicology (e.g., non-lethal poisonings or intoxications). The document does not apply to the reporting of breath alcohol testing results.

ASB documents are available for download in the [Published Documents](#) portion of the ASB website.

ASB Documents Open for Public Comment

The ASB encourages all interested parties to provide comments on documents in progress. The following documents are available for Public Comment:

- Recirculation* – ASB Standard 024, *Canine Detection of Humans: Location Check Using Pre-scented Canines*, First Edition (Comment Deadline, August 24, 2020)
- Recirculation* – ASB Standard 054, *Standard for a Quality Control Program in Forensic Toxicology Laboratories*, First Edition (Comment Deadline, October 5, 2020)
- ASB Standard 096, *Standard Method for the Examination and Documentation of Ammunition and Ammunition Components*, First Edition (Comment Deadline, September 7, 2020)
- Recirculation* – ASB Standard 119, *Standard for the Analytical Scope and Sensitivity of Forensic Toxicological Testing of Blood in Medicolegal Death Investigations*, First Edition (Comment Deadline, September 7, 2020)
- Recirculation* – ASB Standard 120, *Standard for the Analytical Scope and Sensitivity of Forensic Toxicological Testing of Blood in Impaired Driving Investigations*, First Edition (Comment Deadline, September 7, 2020)
- Recirculation* – ASB Standard 121, *Standard for the Analytical Scope and Sensitivity of Forensic Toxicological Testing of Urine in Drug-Facilitated Crime Investigations*, First Edition (Comment Deadline, September 7, 2020)
- ASB Standard 135, *Anthropology Scene Detection and Processing*, First Edition (Comment Deadline, September 7, 2020)
- ASB Standard 136, *Forensic Laboratory Standards for Prevention, Monitoring, and Mitigation of DNA Contamination*, First Edition (Comment Deadline, September 28, 2020)

**Please note that comments on a re-circulation will only be accepted on revised sections of a document, comments made to text not revised from the original public comment period will not be accepted.*

The documents, comment template, and additional information can be accessed through the [Notification of Standard Development and Coordination](#) section of the ASB website.

In Memoriam: Peter V. Tytell, BA

The ASB Forensic Document Examination Consensus Body and the AAFS Questioned Documents section is sad to announce the passing of member Peter V. Tytell of New York after a long illness. Peter was known to many in the forensic arena, having been an active participant for numerous years in the Academy (Ordway Hilton Award), the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) (Forensic Sciences Award and Award of Merit), the Academy Standards Board (ASB), the Scientific Working Group for Forensic Document Examination (SWGDOC), the Organization of Scientific Area Committees (OSAC), and the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners (Albert Osborn Award of Excellence). [Click here to read the full AAFS News Feed Article.](#)

73rd AAFS Annual Scientific Meeting Goes Virtual!

AAFS wants to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to participate in the 2021 AAFS Annual Scientific Meeting and believes that early planning of a virtual annual meeting is the best path forward. The AAFS BOD and key staff have been meeting with technology companies that have the ability to conduct most components of the meeting virtually. We are in the final selection and contractual process. Please read the article on the [AAFS web site](#) for additional information. And, please consider submitting an abstract – the revised deadline is September 30.

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*We are excited to announce the 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting will be **virtual**. Please consider submitting an abstract – the revised deadline is **September 30**.*