

Customs and Border Protection Updates

The US Customs and Border Protection has alerted ASCLD to a monthly phone call about drugs being seen by CBP. As CBP provides a first line of defense for the United States, these calls present early warnings of what might be coming to state and local crime labs. This teleconference is called the Scientific Trends Online Network Exchange (STONE) and is organized through the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) network. The goal of the teleconference is for the forensic community of chemists, toxicologist, medical examiners, etc., with a law enforcement nexus to call in to hear about what is being seen regionally or nationally. Federal, state, local, tribal, and international participants with a law enforcement nexus are invited to attend. Requests to join the STONE call have to be cleared through Mike Snyders of the HIDTA. Again, participants need a law enforcement nexus. Mike can be reached at mrsnyders@nhac.org The presenter on the STONE call is Dr. Mike McCormick, Science Officer, Laboratories & Scientific Services Directorate US Customs and Border Protection. Mike McCormick can be reached at Michael.M.McCormick@dhs.gov

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