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**ASCLD Recognizes Laboratories for Superior Operations**

**GARNER, NC:** The American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors (ASCLD) announced fifteen forensic laboratories as recipients of the Foresight Maximus Award, a distinction recognizing the top performing forensic laboratories in the world based on Foresight business metrics.

*The 2021 Foresight Maximus award was presented to fifteen participant laboratories operating at 90% or better of peak efficiency.*

- Bexar County Criminal Investigation Laboratory, San Antonio, TX
- Arkansas State Crime Laboratory, Little Rock, AR
- Chandler Police Department Forensic Service Section, Chandler, AZ
- City of Tulsa Police Department Forensic Laboratory, Tulsa, OK
- Forensic Science Department, Organismo de Investigación Judicial, San Joaquín, Flores, Heredia, Costa Rica
- Fort Worth Police Department – Digital Forensic Lab, Fort Worth, TX
- Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation Criminalistics Laboratory, Ankeny, IA
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- Office of Chief Medical Examiner, Department of Forensic Biology, New York, NY
- Phoenix Police Department Laboratory Services Bureau, Phoenix, AZ
- Pinellas County Forensic Lab, Largo, FL
- St. Louis County Police Crime Laboratory, Clayton, MO
- Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Nashville, TN

"ASCLD is pleased to continue our partnership with Project FORESIGHT by recognizing top performing forensic science laboratories with the

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FORESIGHT Maximus Awards," commented ASCLD President Erin Forry. "Laboratories that choose to participate in Project FORESIGHT do so because they believe in continuous improvement and use the data they obtain to improve quality and efficiency in their operations. Maximus Award winning laboratories are organizations performing at the highest level, improving efficiency, reducing turnover, and reconsidering strategic priorities to improve their contributions to the justice system in their communities. We congratulate them for their dedication to improving forensic science."

About Foresight: Started in 2007 by a cooperative agreement between the West Virginia University College of Business and Economics and the National Institute of Justice, the [Foresight](#) program is a business-guided, self-evaluation of forensic science laboratories, which began with local, regional, state, and national agencies in North America. Over the years, the program has expanded to include several laboratories in Europe. Economics, accounting, finance, and forensic faculty from WVU provide assistance, guidance, and analysis. The process involves standardizing definitions for metrics to evaluate work processes, linking financial information to work tasks, and functions.<sup>1</sup> The program has grown over time and its success had led to numerous journal publications, countless laboratory efficiency improvements across the U.S. and a supplementary program with funding by the Laura and John Arnold foundation to examine the interface between Foresight metrics and Laboratory Information Management Systems. Based on the success of the program and the gains seen by forensic laboratories, ASCLD has sought to begin recognizing peak performing laboratories at its Annual Symposium.

About ASCLD: 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. Founded in 1974, 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.

<sup>1</sup> [FORESIGHT: A Business Approach to Improving Forensic Science Services](#), Forensic Science Policy & Management: An International Journal Volume 1, Issue 2, 2009, Max M. Houck, Richard A. Riley, Paul J. Speaker, & Tom S. Witt, pages 85-95.