



ASB Newsletter – September 25, 2020

Two New Forensic Standards from the ASB!

The AAFS Standards Board (ASB) is pleased to announce the publication of two new American National Standards.

- ANSI/ASB Standard 035, *Standard for the Examination of Documents for Alterations*, First Edition, 2020

This document establishes the minimum required procedure(s) used by Forensic Document Examiners (FDE) in the examination of documents for alterations.

- ANSI/ASB Standard 077, *Standard for the Developmental and Internal Validation of Forensic Serological Methods*, First Edition 2020

This standard provides requirements for developmental and internal validations of forensic serological methods to evaluate body fluids, stains, or residues related to forensic investigations.

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 Best Practice Recommendation 050, *Best Practice Recommendation for Photographic Documentation of Footwear and Tire Impression Evidence*, First Edition (Comment Deadline, November 2, 2020)
- Recirculation* – ASB Standard 054, *Standard for a Quality Control Program in Forensic Toxicology Laboratories*, First Edition (Comment Deadline, October 5, 2020)
- ASB Standard 076, *Standard for Training and Certification of Canine Detection of Human Remains: Human Remains on Land*, First Edition (Comment Deadline, October 26, 2020)
- Recirculation* – ASB Standard 125, *Organizational and Foundational Standard for Medicolegal Death Investigation*, First Edition (Comment Deadline, November 2, 2020)
- Recirculation* – ASB Standard 130, *Standard for Training in Forensic DNA Amplification Methods for Subsequent Capillary Electrophoresis Sequencing*, First Edition (Comment Deadline, October 26, 2020)
- Recirculation* – ASB Standard 131, *Standard for Training in Forensic DNA Sequencing using Capillary Electrophoresis*, First Edition (Comment Deadline, October 26, 2020)
- ASB Standard 136, *Forensic Laboratory Standards for Prevention, Monitoring, and Mitigation of DNA Contamination*, First Edition (Comment Deadline, September 28, 2020)
- Recirculation* – ASB Standard 137, *Standard for Examination and Documentation of Footwear and Tire Impression Evidence*, First Edition (Comment Deadline, November 2, 2020)
- ASB Standard 140, *Standard for Training in Forensic Human Mitochondrial DNA Analysis, Interpretation, Statistical Evaluation, and Reporting*, First Edition (ASB Comment Deadline, November 2, 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](#) portion of the ASB website.

News from the AAFS

73rd AAFS Annual Scientific Meeting Goes Virtual!

Meeting Theme: *One Academy Pursuing Justice Through Truth in Evidence*

Abstract deadline has been extended to September 30, 2020. Click [HERE](#) for more information on how to submit an abstract.

#forensicscienceweek on Social Media

We hope you followed along this week on both the Academy and the ASB social media platforms! Please take a moment to visit our pages and become one of our new Followers. In addition to the Academy Facebook® page, we have launched a Twitter® feed and both Academy and ASB LinkedIn® pages.

Contribute To the ASB

Your contribution will help ensure the ASB's success in establishing standards and best practices for the forensic science community. Your contribution may be tax deductible as an ordinary and necessary business expense for federal income tax purposes. [Make a donation.](#)

ASB updates from ANSI Standards Action

To view a summary of items of interest to ASB members in ANSI Standards Action, visit the [ANSI Standards Action Weekly Report](#) folder on the ASB Workspace page. Please contact asb@aafs.org if you have difficulties logging on to the Workspace site.

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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](#).*