Outline

• What is the Ad Hoc Rapid DNA Task Force?
• Mission, goals, objectives
• Membership
• Subcommittees
• Initiatives
• Deliverables/outcomes
Rapid DNA Task Force

• Need for coordinated multilevel multi-jurisdictional coordination
• Initiated and lead by ASCLD
• Core of lab directors
• NIJ and RTI
• Expansion to include additional stakeholders
• Inclusive
ASCLD as enabler

- Provides coordination and oversight
- Use of website for document repository and exchange
- Facilitates communication; conference calls and annual meeting
- Brings together crime lab leadership
- Each Rapid DNA Task Force member represents their jurisdiction and area of expertise independent of ASCLD
- Inclusive rather than exclusive
Membership

- Crime lab leadership; Directors and managers (ASCLD)
- Federal, local and state crime labs
- Wide area of coverage to represent many states and jurisdictions
- Include labs who have been forward with their implementation
- SWGDAM members and technical expertise
- Homeland Security
- ASCIA, AAFS; regional forensic organizations; many representatives wear several hats
- Vendors/private industry as invited guests
Commitment

• Monthly teleconference calls
• Updates to ASCLD Board
• In person meetings such as this
• ASCLD Annual Meeting
• Additional assignments as developed in subcommittees
Mission, Goals, Objectives

• We are our own greatest resource
• Use current programs’ experiences
• Providing and gathering existing documentation and resources
• Best practices
• Develop model policies and procedures
• Uniform standards and requirements
• Form a network or practical working labs cooperating together
• Benefit by moving together as a greater whole
Three Sub-committees

• Oversight Ray Wickenheiser (ASCLD President) and Matthew Gamette (ASCLD President Elect)
• Subcommittees as they relate to Crime Labs
  • 1. Law Enforcement (external) – Brian Hoey
  • 2. Mass disaster victim ID – Jeremy Triplett
  • 3. Crime Labs (internal) – Kris Deters
• Twenty-nine members thus far representing every level of government and 15 states
• Meeting in Washington DC August 15-17
Law Enforcement (external)

- Brian Hoey (Chair) (MO); Executive: Jan Girten (CO), Brady Mills (TX), Stephanie Stoiloff (FL), Vince Figarelli (AZ), Tom Callahan (FBI, SWGDAM), Janel Smith (AZ), Peter Wistort (NY)
- Liaison between Crime Labs and Law Enforcement
- Scientific support
- Education and training
- Accredited system for court/legal system requirements
- Implementation of RDIS and connection to State DNA Databanks
Mass disaster victim ID

- Jeremy Triplett (Chair) (KY); Executive: Tim Kupferschmid (NY), Patty Aagaard (FBI, SWGDAM), Amanda Sozer (SNA), Chris Miles (DHS), Melanie Glass (DHS), Stacey Bolinger (MO), Gina Wells (KY), Mark Smith (AZ)

- Mass disasters and major cases strike anywhere at any time
- Hurricane Katrina, 9-11, Clinton Correctional Escape (NY), Boston bombing
- Activation of resource “nodes” outside the disaster area
- Fabric of coordinated national support
Crime Labs (internal)

- Kris Deters (Chair) (MN); Executive: Brooke Arnone (AZ), Mike Garvey (PA), Jay Henry (UT) Committee: Jeff Nye (MI), Bruce Houlihan (CA), Howard Baum (NY), Robert Taylor (CA), George Li (FBI, SWGDAM), Todd Bille (ATF, SWGDAM), Eugene Lien (NY, SWGDAM)

- Validation and further testing in the controlled accredited lab environment
- Examination of optimal internal uses
- Implementation into crime lab analytical flow
- Quick sample processing without disruption of case flow
Deliverables/outcomes

- Uniformity and interoperability
- Fit for purpose (accreditation, justice system, laws)
- Best practices through shared learning experiences
- Education and outreach
  - Law enforcement partners
  - Crime labs
- Higher level policy and laws (if applicable)
- Forms and procedures (operational level)
Effective

• Inclusive, transparent, practical, coordinated = effective
• Ensure this is done right (if done wrong, program is in jeopardy)
• Include all stakeholders with practical and accurate information
• Respect for rights and coordinate with state’s laws
• Highlight need to develop new laws or modify existing laws
• Enable a coordinated roll out with quality at the forefront
• We are our own best resource
Questions?

Thank-you for your kind attention

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