

# Transcript

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**FD** **FTU, DFS (DFS)** 0:25  
Thank you. Vicky, can you hear us?  
I.

**NR** **Nicole Roehm** 0:31  
Yes, I can. Can you hear me?

**FD** **FTU, DFS (DFS)** 0:37  
Yes.

**NR** **Nicole Roehm** 0:38  
Yes, great.

**FD** **FTU, DFS (DFS)** 1:10  
They want me to stay here.  
Afterwards.  
Nikki, can you give us a test again?  
If we do that, I may still yes, thank you.

**NR** **Nicole Roehm** 1:33  
Can you hear me?  
Thank you.  
Yeah. Thank you.

**FD** **FTU, DFS (DFS)** 1:49  
They they did it on.  
They got all their stuff.  
But.  
Yes.  
Are you sure?  
Down a little bit so I can chat some.

Yep.

Thank you.

Let's take.

As I was saying, I may end up, you know, just rather being, you know.

Barely.

Watching each other for some reason.

OK.

I don't know what it is, but OK, who's that?

But everything I'm gonna say.

Right.

And they won't. Well, very good.

Thank you for coming.

Yes. So I got a reminder of that.

No, by today.

It's.

Saturday night.

I have something you have to hear. Wait.

I don't need it.

I like my cow.

I think I need my cow.

Yeah.

I went into.

The wrong. Yeah, we were like, I got ran out of the computer.

Yeah. Yeah, so.

I would be able to go in.

To see that's actually still in Haven then.

We changed our portfolios.

I'm thinking how is it different?

From how we have looked at what's in what's happening, what's going on, what's going on in New York City?

Estimate right?

Yeah.

Yeah. So.

I'm Terry I.

'M like, well, you know.

Yeah, I started thinking, I apologize.

I'm sorry.

Yeah, yeah.

OK.

Yes, yes.

I made a mark there.

I mean, you were before.

I mean, I couldn't say, you know exactly.

But.

It's been.

Trying to make up for it.

We should be having another.

Conversation.

Just tell me if it's not in their way.

Sometimes that's.

OK.

OK.

It seems like good morning everybody.

OK. Or is it better to mine in fact?

Good morning.

I'd like to call to order.

Let's get started on our savv meeting.

For roll call I can see obviously that I've got the call just Nicole Ream on the TV bring it on.

Sarah Varamillo and Claudine and AKA CP and I never attempt your last name.

Thank you. Don't, Carter.

So we are all here.

Yes, ma'am.

Thanks again everybody and good morning again.

Thank you for making your presence.

In this meeting of the Scientific Advisory Board, the Department of Forensic Science, you're joining us virtually welcome as well.

We hope to see you in person in the future meetings.

Last meeting, I promised to give you an update regarding composition of the Scientific Advisory Board.

I am happy to report that three new members were interviewed by the Mayor's Office on Talent acquisition and there were.

They are being considered by.

The Council of the District and.

It is a night in fragrant. It is manually that there are going to be approved before Council goes into recess at the end of June.

So hopefully.

By our next Sunday advice report meeting.

Three members.

Having said that, we have a pack agenda and I want to take what you're time.

We have our Members, we have our DFS managers, all their personnel from DFS person virtually and we have.

Yes, that are appending.

So in order to save everybody time and respect their time, we're going to go on our agenda.

And so can chair personal the Advisory Board.

Take a leap.

Thanks.

So do you move to my next slide?

We had 4/4 topics.

Will we left back in March?

We were asked our thoughts on bringing the firearm section back and as a group, everyone of us believe that your firearm section, your lab needs a firearm section.

You really think it does need to come back?

Do you recognize it's going to take work? Starting it from scratch? Also in this day and age, where it's very difficult to lure.

A trained farmer over.

One of the things that popped out in our we didn't talk, we said emails.

The name that was thrown out to us was Mr. Carroll sitting back here.

I did not realize he would be here.

That they thought that we all kind of thought that he is an excellent resource and would be able to help you.

All significantly in that process.

But you asked the question, should the firm section come back?

And we truly feel as a group that yes, it does need to come back.

Anybody wanted to come expound on that?

I don't mind.

We've been our stakeholders.

We counsel as well as Executive office of the mayor that we are waiting for the report by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, because that report will help us navigate the guidelines of suggestions, standards and so on and so forth.

And now that is your suggestion. Let me let me put Mr. Carl, if he doesn't mind, to offer his two cents regarding the this report.

And if we should start working on the reconstitution of firearms before the report, after the report based on on his experience as a as a practitioner.

I'll talk to dsid. Good morning.

We've been, we've been promised that this report any day now for the past several years. So I don't know when.

I don't know when that's gonna be, but I I don't see a reason to delay reconstituting the firearm unit for that.

I believe it's something that you can do. You can begin doing time.

I believe that report may be helpful.

But I I I don't believe it's necessary.

And we don't want to put you in the spot where our guest and we have some limitations regarding some answers, but.

While since we don't have a good answer for why the third term, what would be your suggestion for static stones like that?

I mean get that stood big.

Display the report.

What's on before that before comes out?

The minimum steps.

But I believe it is a very difficult challenge.

It's a difficult situation to start from zero and build up is not an easy task and you have to start with something.

So it's going to be a matter of assessing what you have in place.

I.

I don't know what you're currently having place in terms of the leftover policies and procedures from the past that can be reviewed. I imagine you have those.

At at some point, though, in order to effectively reconstitute the unit.

You're going to need to hire a highly experienced, highly recom.

Mended.

And it is a challenge and I believe it proven to have one or more consultants guide you through that process because of course if you if you hire someone, you're relying on one person potentially if you do nothing else.

To reconstitute the unit the way that you'd like it to be reconstituted.

So I think it's always proven to have more than one brain involved in that process. So having one or more consultants to guide you through that.

It's going to be a long, slow process and as you know, in order to do case work, you need at least 2 qualified examiners.

And so if you if you are able to recruit more than one experienced examiner, I think that would be before you start trying to train the house.

But that there might be limitations with that.

What? What you're able?

I know you've been affected in doing that in friction Ridge discipline, so if you're able to do something similar, I think that would be that, you know, that would be one week.

There are plenty of standards within the discipline.

I again, I don't think you need this report to get started, but it might.

It might caused you to make some adjustments down.

I don't think that that's it's gonna be so significant that it derail the process it comes from.

S.

One last question.

Firearms.

Position practitioner.

What do you expect in terms of that report standpoint, James, substantively?

Your practice.

What are your expectations that there is no wrong answer? Yes, it.

It's it's difficult because obviously the report hasn't been released.

I would say I I don't expect it to be too immediate.

Get drastic changes, but without seeing enforcing that's speculative at this point.

You know there there has been. There was some rumor out there about what the report will say, but but it's rumor and I I prefer to wait for.

I appreciate that because we got.

Thank you. Absolutely.

All right.

But John spar.

Row.

All right, the second point.

Well, anybody else have anything?

I haven't been through this that process, so having the firearm unit.

The attrition just lost my entire firefight unit.

And exactly, she said.

They had to hire one firearm person and train up an entire unit and bring on another trained person, and we used the.

Firearms account.

The ATF at the firearm cadet called the.

It took a long time.

It took us over a year.

Utilized our state lab to work our cases in the interim.

But it's it's at least a year and a little bit to get it up and running and you know it was just a very slow process.

So we did.

You know we're credited, you know.

The unit has disappeared one day and we never got, so it's a long time. I think when you decide, bring it back and start the process. You said it took you a little bit of time to find the time it took us over a year with hiring and.

Every so, by the time I hired a trained examiner and he basically was the the unit manager.

And then we had to hire people.

We had to hire some, some of whom were trained. Some weren't.

So then we had to be more fortunate to get them into the ATF classes to put firearms examiners.

So we got that was.

Wonderful opportunity for them to get trained.

And so that took a lot of pressure off the bus to do the training. And then anybody who didn't get into the training trained in the house. And so but that entire process with between hiring and all that.

We started from the hiring process.

All the way through probably took us two years, but once we had people in place

and through all the training, I would say I'd say a good two years.  
That's that's what we were estimating as well, conservatively, 24 months  
optimistically. And if you're starting someone from scratch, the process of training, if  
you have a brand new person, it takes time.  
So that's what's what's up.  
Tonight.  
So I mean, we are.  
It was already accredited before, so even like we didn't change our protocols, we  
didn't change anything.  
We were.  
We were already credited for, so we just we're we didn't do anything different.  
We just when they came to do our assessment.  
But it wasn't like a new IT was a new to our scope.  
It was already in our scope, so just verify.  
So I'm optimistic we'll start.  
The process now.  
May 2026.  
See what's possible.  
And assessment in December.  
Because that's how we're set. I would say that.  
I think you're.  
2027 that would give you plenty of breathing room.  
Rather than trying to force something and get those expectations when it doesn't  
happen.  
I think it's better to take your time and and build it up the right way versus trying to  
trying it.  
Understood. Thank you.  
One of the other questions we were left with at the end of the meeting you've been  
asked about fire Department, Fire Department General.  
I wasn't sure.  
And I should have asked.  
You may actually work in the evidence of working firearms, because I am very much  
in support of working out of your trace section or whatever your chemistry section  
working entirely evidence. I'm not so sure about working fire scene. If I would put  
them to you. Kind saying if.

They're not evidence. I don't have a problem with it.

The fire seems very difficult to be very compressed, but I wouldn't set yourself up for this isn't something we really discussed so.

I haven't had an experience with sea.

Looking for the accelerometer.

The currency itself.

Do you need an estate?

So we have our section.

Yeah. Yeah, it's the trace canvas trace.

Yes.

Because the question was raised.

The performance here.

The main issue is the district. Not only.

Parsing.

I'm so busy all day.

Regular occurrence then, as it happened in other jurisdictions.

Not that I work for the Department of Forestry Science. When I was in South Dakota, Michigan.

But I wasn't at the GO center in Lake County, Michigan.

But spelled it.

Arson. I won't say Spellman, but it's not enough current.

S.

Various.

But that's not the case in addition.

Our biggest issue at the lab.

Refinery evidence was getting it through to the to the mindset of the ones submitting evidence that you can't put it in plastic. You can't put it in paper, you need to use a metal.

We gave a break cans before that we had some very large.

What that plastic is they can use very large for larger.

Addition options.

Happy to help anybody if you do decide you want to go that route. Welcome to Kentucky. On behalf of Jeremy on that.

But he allows me to do that.

To come visit and see how we do it and what we do when our not just policies and

procedures, but also evidence exception.

Doctor love. You had asked at the end of last meeting about communications between.

**NR** **Nicole Roehm** 24:23

But communications between hey, Laura, real quick before you get off of the fire debris piece.

**FD** **FTU, DFS (DFS)** 24:26

It's.

**NR** **Nicole Roehm** 24:31

Can I add something?

**FD** **FTU, DFS (DFS)** 24:34

Bring it on.

**NR** **Nicole Roehm** 24:36

The other piece, I'm an alignment with everything Laura has, but I know we work really closely in Wisconsin with our arson investigators and we even have like an arson investigation school that our trace examiners help run.

To talk about like what Laura talked about with packaging, you know, we usually use the empty fresh new paint cans or whatever they're called.

But it actually works out very well, because the arson investigators are usually really well trained in evidence collection.

Like it?

They can do crime scenes at a whole elevated level, at least in our experience. Then, like standard investigators, like if an agent or things like that.

So I think it would also be great to find out and leverage what arson investigators you guys have in the district and who overlaps whom.

I imagine ATF and things like that would be involved, but that's a very good partnership to consider building if you're going to go the route of fire debris, because that really will help streamline it once it gets to the lab.

And we've just had a lot of good success with that, that partnership between the arts

and investigators, the state fire Marshall and and the trace examiners in the crime lab setting.

**FD** **FTU, DFS (DFS)** 25:45

Like very good point.

**NR** **Nicole Roehm** 25:46

Like very important. That's it.

**FD** **FTU, DFS (DFS)** 25:51

Yes.

Alright then. Doctor Love with the communication between you and the DFS.

We really feel that the intent should be made as I do, but we really felt the intent of the SAB is to advise to help and to advise.

So we would like to know when you're validating something new, even if it's just a quick, let's look at it, let's.

Read through it.

Get stamping approval. We feel if the earlier you can do that.

At 1:00 we have.

Experience on the SAB that you have right now is immense and very broad and we all have.

Locked down different rabbit holes head first.

And so we know sometimes the the dangers that are out there and if the faster you can get us in, get our sample approval or you know advice on. Yeah, it looks great, but do this or do that or you're making sure that.

The the customers that it's gonna affect are aware of the reasoning and some of the information that may need to go out with it.

We really feel that that would be.

Wonderful. But we also just feel it provides support for what you all are doing with the SAB. With all our years of knowledge.

Can help.

And that they approve.

So we push it back.

You've got the SA vehicle and no, this is this is common.

This is normal.

This is the best way to go.

Anything you've got, don't worry about following us and e-mail, we'll we will adapt.

We know there's a little bit of a difficulty with, you know, the open meetings and but I think you've got different experts that if it's, you know, a biology topic, then we find the biologists on the board. If it's chemistry, we find the chemists lake prints pranks and.

I got fire in my brain.

You know, we can definitely help on that.

And then we were gonna ask about and they also have anything on that.

I do.

And that's exactly the type of collaboration that.

Same thing. I got, bacon reported.

Stop that expertise.

Be a life expertise as well as cumulative knowledge.

The members.

We are not going to be shy at the beginning. We felt bad because you are providing more time some of time to come and see for the meetings, but we're going to be shy about asking you.

So.

Basically.

You're not only a member of the Scientific Advisory Board, but.

Professional experience.

It is our opinion that.

That type of collaboration makes institutions like the FS better. I think one of the main issues that we confronted to us.

Isolation.

Of scientists.

It is the number one.

Goal is to break that barrier, so by the time we are done here it is process for collaboration, asking questions.

We're on the same path together. I really like that.

Like I said, don't worry about. Is that too much?

We're here to help.

We are eager to help.

We had a lot to say.

I decided not to bring up this topic.

It just reminded me we're about to close out on.

Our not all our findings. Whatever.

Share that we use as well. You don't know. It's not like.

What we thought.

Yeah. No, that's perfect.

Those are the types of updates you know.

It helps us gauge, you know, where you're at, what's working, what's not working.

You know, if there's something in there that, you know, maybe we can throw in a little idea out, you know?

Looks like you guys have come up with this for a correction, but if you do this, it's a whole lot faster and easier.

Of those or we get to stamp approval on, we like how you guys are addressing this so.

That's that's what we're looking.

And then I understand we'll have a little bit of an update on the crime scene issue. So we can we can wait. We have questions though.

That's all I have. If you all want to.

OK.

Lovely. Beautiful, yes.

See the next one.

Thank you so much.

So I just wanted to give you.

Just kind of an understanding of sort of our quality feedback system that we have here at the operating budget because as you know the key to.

Is a strong quality assurance.

And so this is the key is how we can apportion a quality event is we should be something to take some.

So we have a workflow in our in our management document system that allows any person.

We really encourage anyone.

And a quality event is just.

Opportunity to.

There are some items that can go into quality that can be made.

Maybe we just have a certain misunderstanding.

It's not being that's gone wrong in the system.

Or maybe it's being.

That we document and we have that documentation for for future reference. So we don't.

Once a quality event is put in, the first thing is a quality unit has a need to discuss what is happening with the individuals involved, whoever.

Is division managers and there's a discussion just sort of what impact what the risk is based on that conversation, we can start to work an event either as a minor non performance or a corrective action or.

And so a minor non qualification is a is a.

Exactly. You're supposed to be in office responsibility.

A lot of these are what's coming out of our internal audit, but we have completed wording in our essence.

We don't need to do a a large.

Immediately, awareness put a plan of action and do that.

A quality corrective action is is something that is more depth, that requires us to do analysis it requires.

Sst to do a off and a more likely correction plan and then I can requires a verification of effectiveness. After all the action is set.

For a preventive action plan is basically the same, but we have not created a non conformity against one of our standards.

It's just a sure, OK.

Now that initial meeting is important. Yes, I miss. However, if it if it come back after every possible 'cause, it realizes more complex.

We can't change that. Thank you.

So those are, that's our basic overview of how we handle our call.

So this is currently what we have right now in terms of our open quality actions and the average number of days that they've been open.

So our non minor non performance and this this the clock started when we needed quality.

We had a standing week, so that's 36 days.

Our QRS about 191 days and then our Q course 159 days.

So with the Q cars and the Q cars, this also includes the verification switch and.

Because when we have an event that.

Is a rare occurrence.

Our verification of that is unlikely.

To give you a concrete example, in that we had a non performing because it was a very old piece of evidence that predicted anything else.

We brought up the the initiative to change what today's standards not quite right in using our current mechanism, but we so rarely do that that we extended our verification of effectiveness for nine months and we've had that for months.

So again, you know, we're we're at the table.

We're like, well, it just gets better.

We get it one step right.

We get it right that one time, you know.

It'll be on the books that we're.

Close that.

And I just wanted to know that at our last.

Meeting.

To verify nonconformity, we had since the last.

OK.

Those since our last SAB meeting and terms we've only had one active audit going on and that is the internal audit for the forensic Science Laboratory began March 3rd. We expected to close out June 13th.

There are 7 sections. When I created these slides at the beginning or two weeks ago, we had four sections completed at that date.

I believe now we have 5 sections.

And at the date of creating this slide, there were two non bindings.

One was had to do with the ISO standard to notify our customers when we are going to put information.

And it does state in our plan, but it was so the auditor felt that we could strengthen that language in our quality assurance manuals so.

That's what we do, not.

A domain.

And then.

For the other ISO 8.2 point one, it was.

The requirement is and shall ensure that the policies and objectives are acknowledged and implemented at all levels of the laboratory organization. So we have a very strong document control system to our IT agent. All documents are.

Very clear and.

You're looking at the current S&P.

Old SOP version is far are retired or because they're archived. One of the things that didn't have a strong.

Was going in when I knew.

So when I knew policy.

Anything is released, the individual takes a notification. That's the available.

Information here.

It's test or I read an understand.

We did not have a way that we were regularly verified that everybody was in college.

So we needed to go back and put that in place, make sure again only audit activity since our last SAT and that's where we are now. We will provide you with the final.

Guess their findings.

That's one for clarification.

You said it.

You said you'd meet on a regular basis.

Now, when is that regular basis?

It's it's weekly weekly.

You have any questions?

Good morning.

Again, just our overview of our shipping plan, really working on the quality portion, including things in place so that we can move towards expanding, testing you. And the reason that.

It's.

And so for in terms of working on the quality things, we're still working on the coming up with more detailed quality internal metrics for PHL.

But we have successfully put in some workflow.

Into our document control system that will help streamline some of our processes.

One of those is happening workflow.

So before we were doing this in a paper based manner.

People would, you know, sign off on the checklist and then we would just scan them and just file them.

But now we've created an actual workflow where we can have actually time stamps and.

The different levels of this general supervisor direct observation that's required for the and then the unit manager and then ultimately.

The just streamline the process.

Everybody coming on the same page and and and mind and making sure that things get to completion.

The other thing that we kind of wanted to separate from our general kind of non conforming.

Is our temperature log, so this is something that I was really specifically wanting to keep track of, particularly when we have out attempts for our, we have an electronic monitoring not only the road, but also humidity. Certain times of the year we run into issues with maintaining hum.

We don't have enough humidity sometimes and that causes.

Some of our issues to have to be conditioned as we're not running within the manufacturers.

And so the current.

Monitoring system that we have by a third party that does it, but their system doesn't allow us to kind of create reports to kind of generate that information.

And so we created an IG workflow so that our staff know that if they get a temperature lock, you know, flag that they go into it engine log itself with corrective actions.

What instruments are effective with testing if we have to be testing offline?

So that.

Something I wanted to monitor closely for that and then we've been working with our it to work on quality dashboard and we kind of just like in overall for all supervisors kind of look it shows where you know our PT where we are in terms of rating and.

Meeting those.

Non compliance and keeping track of more in depth like the different steps between what the back and forth things that are not captured in hydrogen.

We're trying to capture there so everybody sees it and.

We're still working on restructuring our internal audit process kind of got slowed down.

We have issues. We were affected.

Our one of our fellows, the BBC fellows.

So when all the things that were happening with BBC this Morning Project Council, we kind of slowed down with that.

But we're back on track.

We're moving on.

We're like halfway through that restructuring and generating that one comprehension.

Check with so that we can be more efficient in our audit process.

Revision of our quality manual.

We have not picked that up just yet, but we plan to later in the summer and then the CAP analysis also will.

It's like.

And then just some things that programmatically that we've been working on, there's a national legal outbreak that we've been dealing with that we have not been impacted as much as Texas. We we still get some here and there, but we did adjust to make sure that we can.

Be for the for those that need that testing.

Drug surveillance testing. We have been back in touch with directions to see exactly what they're needed.

And understanding and getting that that discussion back back to the forefront and learning a little bit more about what it is that they need and and finding that you know the testing that they're currently getting or the service that they're currently getting at, LabCorp is not quite what?

They need.

And so the expanded test test menu that we've been working on validating.

Is likely to be what they need.

So instead of like a 14 panel.

Just regular drugs.

Bring your finding that a lot of those things that they send lab work come back negative when they actively see somebody is under some type of influence, so they need something that's a little more stringent, a little more, a better database to know exactly what they, the person.

May be interacting with so that gave us the a good indication that the panels that we've been working on validating would be there.

So we're just moving forward and they're very anxious to kind of get this rolling because I think they're really.

And so we've been working on that trying to finish up those validations. And then the other validations we're working on, we're still working on improving that in the background.

So we have an FDA cleared.

One that we're finishing off.

We finished the validation just waiting for to finish the competency so that we can efficiently know this is one option and then we have also an LDT.

Lab developed test that we develop.

That has time to put and also can discriminate somewhat against the plate. One plate, two that.

And then other ones working on is Canada Rs, which is a antibiotic resistant fungus that is also lab developed tests. We're moving towards another a different panel that we use for Biotherm that is a little more exhaustive, lots, lots of fever.

And some other.

Hemorrhagic fevers. And that's we're doing that under the eyes of the lab Laboratory Response Network is moving towards this panel.

So we're one of the labs that is.

To institute that as well. And then the regular MERS, we have MERS isn't really much in the the news, but it is something that the LRN is very interested in bringing back that capability for ours has been offline since the 2021 because of COVID.

Like everybody kind of dropped it even bigger to you.

Oh, offices. Stop sending Stps and everything.

And so we're just trying to get back online.

They're ready to get it back online, so to speak, but it's another essential something that elorin wants us to.

And then last some microbiology.

We're doing some finish up and validation of automated and microbus acceptability testing, so being able to look at antiviral resistance and.

Some of the important things that.

Please, let's forget.

Yes.

Carry out for the what matrices are you doing for the DOC test?

Everyone just speak up just a little bit with a camera and then press it back.

But she asked what matrix that we were testing for the DLC question, and that is you.

And can ask what is your system for automated susceptibility test.

It is the sensitivity, sensitivity, sensitivity, yeah.

It's a thermal tissue product.

Love how much you guys are always on that.

Game.

Just our.

Steve, you guys don't mind?

I have to say it, yeah.

Her uniform here.

OK, FSL at the last SAB was really awesome. Opportunity to hear the different approaches that all of your labs have taken for customer and partner engagement. And we really took that advice and how could we implement it. So for national forensic Science Week, which is in September we.

Going to host a one day symposium.

We're really fortunate here at DFS. As you see, we have multiple conference rooms throughout the 1st floor. So we're going to kind of do it in a sense the same as a like apps bunch of different conferences and workshops going on that you can attend based off of.

Your track.

So there's gonna be two main tracks. One is gonna be for the executive levels, the commanders, the leadership at Usao and OAG, and the command staff at MPD, where they get to learn at a high level the services we provide.

What can we do?

How we can learn from each other and the agencies to make sure that we're really providing support to our partners. The second track will be actually for the attorneys and the detectives, the ones who are actually engaged in using our services, the work directly with people within our.

Different divisions to learn about how to read a report with you're submitting something for DNA. What is the best bang for your buck, right?

What do we do?

What don't we do here?

Now to submit a request to DFS right, even though it's on the website, it's a lengthy process.

What is needed and that way they can hear directly also from our analysts who are doing the work to help that collaboration and building that knowledge.

So it's exciting.

It will be a ton of work the first time, but I think it's gonna be really beneficial for everybody.

And then moving on, so we definitely as you know, the past few years have the

excitement of getting reaccreditation, but rebuilding doesn't just stop there and the rebuilding really has two parts, one internally, which is looking at our quality system and the practices we do to make sure.

We have high quality, reliable, robust, repeatable work right reproduced for work.

The second part of that rebuilding is rebuilding that trust.

And communications with our customers, right. And so we wanted to make sure not only did we give that trust and confidence with our customers from the lab side of the bench work, but also that our analysts had the strength with and ability to testify in court and be.

Those strong expert witnesses.

So what we did is we reached out to some of our partners to include one lab that we work with through the trendset biology in.

And they do get to testify on behalf of.

The casework that is outsourced to them.

So we designed a workshop specific to DC and the testimony that they have provided in DC specific to probabilistic software.

And it was really great opportunity where they took our validation and even tailored it based off of our validation.

How do we testify to validation?

What does the analyst need to know versus what does your validation coordinator need to know?

How can you testify effectively so people know what you check to make sure your work was correct without, as we know, a scientist, having a jury fall asleep right, one of the biggest challenges?

And just really great opportunity where they spoke to about a couple cases they worked on and how they how their testimony and navigated maybe some challenging questions. They got one of the things we got out of this was almost like a CHEAT SHEET, very high level thing that.

Your analysts can have.

Of the different parameters and the quality checks that we do and how to effectively communicate that in court without going too far down the rabbit hole.

So it was a great opportunity.

It was a 2 day workshop, lots of positive feedback. They could look into, even bring them back again because it was such a great opportunity scientist.

The second one which we are engaging in next week, this is actually bringing in a

defense expert.

To include a member of our local PDS to provide.

By some testimony, the first day we'll focus on FSL as a whole.

And the second day will be specific to our latent prints. If they are newest members that are back online and really getting also not only from the prosecution side from the testing side, but also looking from the defense side of making sure that any testimony we provide is.

Regardless, it speaks to the science.

With both of these, I want to add that we invited our quality team as well as our office of General Counsel.

Team to make sure that we're not operating in silos of scientists, that we're getting that feedback from the different divisions as well.

Last up, Jim Carroll.

He's on putting on being put on Front Street again.

We've got the great opportunity, doctor love, and I got to work with Jim previously as he did a review of FCU on.

It was a great experience and he came back to do a review of LFU provided really valuable feedback to us.

There was 12 recommendations in all and at this point I'm gonna yield to our latent print manager Angelique, who has led her team in addressing these 12.

Recommendations and these are what we've done working with Jim to implement them.

Good morning.

So, as Christy has said, we have we received 12 recommendations. The first recommendation was to maintain a comprehensive training records in a DFS approved location under the control of DFS.

This was accepted and implemented. Lfu currently stores all training records within the LFU.

Share Drive and also our quality.

Unit has added it to. Added this as a risk assessment schedule for adoption at the division level.

The second recommendation we they wanted further.

To further specify the verification requirements in LFU 04, this is our ACE fee SOP and it was accepted and in progress.

We added clarifying information or language to LFO 4 to include verification on all

suitability decisions.

The next recommendation we addressed to address the overlap between the A suite guide LFO 4 and LFU 12.

This is our MIDI sop.

This was accepted and in progress.

This project.

Is very labor intensive to go through all of the documents to make sure there are no inconsistencies or redundancy, and we are very.

We're very confident that would complete this in early June.

The next recommendation is to refine the conflict resolution procedure in LFU 04 this was accepted and in progress.

We revised the census policy to include information about the conflict not only in the case notes, but also in the report.

The next recommendation was to revise the workflow of the timely transfer of our digital images from video to hightail.

This was accepted with the nonconformity earlier this year from a NAV. We updated our workflow to transfer the digital images from video to hightail to be completed in the same day.

The next recommendation was to have the report preparation process in justice tracks to determine the report date to be applied when the report was issued, which is after the technical and administrative review. This was not accepted. The report date and the issue date are different, but.

Well, now FSL will work to educate our customers of these days during that symposium.

During national Forensic Science week.

I interrupt you just curious.

We had the same issue. We had a lot of times where especially in DNA where it takes six months to get a peer review done and so the signature basically it said report issued or report completed and it would show when the analyst signed it and didn't reflect.

The six months that it was sitting there and we had a lot of prosecutors that were getting.

Hit up and and basically having to go to court and justify. No, we didn't hold that report from defense.

We didn't have access to it for six months, so we're we were.

I don't work there anymore, state police in Kentucky is a beast lab, and so we went back through and we added there's actually three dates on the bottom of the report, and it's part of our education to our customers and showing them the report date at the bottom.

We'll have the TR date the AR date.

And then it will have dissemination date.

So that's quite a symposium.

So when they go to court for exactly that, it won't be like we're withholding.

It shows the sequence of the date.

OK.

So what was not accepted?

It wanted to change it so that when the analyst writes the report, let's say it's today May 27th, then it will show that.

Jim, correct me if I'm wrong picture. I'm articulating this correct where we had the difference of opinion then it would show the TR, let's say starts on May 28 has the AR easy case. So the AR occurs on the 29th, dissemination on the 30th.

At the gym's recommendation was to change the report date to the 30th so it matched ours thought process was we wanted to show the sequence of our process of work, process of report, TRAR dissemination.

And that was quite the recommendation.

Sorry, it sounds like you you are accepting it now, right?

My concern was in the examples provided, the date of dissemination or release of the report.

It was not presented the date that the author drafted the report was present.

That's true.

The date of the dissemination will not be on the report. It will not.

It will just have the report date, the TR date. The ARD won't have the report release date.

Can you change the AR date to AR parentheses?

Report release.

It's released within 24 hours, but we can certainly look into that.

It's for us because our sops required to be released in 24 hours, but we can certainly.

Thanks to that option, because that's where we hit just the hardest.

I got called in front of judges several times.

Going in.

Please explain. Prosecutor says they didn't have it and I'd have to pull from BS to screenshot of when it actually went out to the website.

And I had to do that many times and it was like this is not working.

We need to have it obvious on the report, the date that it's released.

Just just since our our protocol is that it's the least within 24 hours of that.

Our final date on the report? It's not exactly the same.

It's very, very close.

But what if you don't?

I mean the point is release date should be in real time.

There's no other way to do it, and taking it to the customers and forensic science week is not gonna fix it.

You really need the release date on the report, whether it's the beast or justice tracks.

Everybody has this problem.

So they'll know it and they'll fix it.

We all have to talk with our IT team. How to get that just because.

Our not our reports are paperless.

So getting that to be within that 24 hours, you know, especially a report is issued and they're not automatically released from our system.

So there's a different process where we send them into portals for our customers.

So getting that date, I'm not saying no, but we have to think through the mechanics of it, even if it's a statement on the bottom that the AR the administrative review date.

Should approximate the availability of the report.

For the release of the report.

Yeah.

Isn't necessarily a mechanical process.

It's when the people involved in creating the report have ceased working on it.

That's what you're trying to capture.

And that data is captured.

That's when the AR is is signing off.

So then that's that data.

Yeah. I mean, there's some point.

Does it actually hit the the portal?

Yeah, because it's manually put it to the portal.

810.

That's a different problem.

Yes. Do you want to know that the last thing on here was approved and seen by the author? Who's responsible?

That date is captured.

Yes, some mechanical problem is stennic problem.

I mean, it's captured in our limb system to your point with the beast, right?

So the dissemination date is 100% captured within our system. Those milestones are captured.

How to get it all to or whether it's to include in the notes section?

Statement similar to what we say, the disposition of the evidence may be the disposition of.

I would think about it because.

Sometimes your prosecutors really get in trouble because it looks like they've been sitting on adna result. It's shocking.

For six months while I sat in peer review.

Better the customer.

Ultimately, that judge wants to know, did they really sit on that report for six months?

And there's other times we had to go into weeks, six months, two weeks either way. But yeah, we can look into the campus of it, OK?

I was just wondering why. OK, thank you. Keep going. And this was like 24 hours set of work week. Like, every Friday is issued Friday at 5:00 PM.

It's not put into the portal on Saturday, it would be Monday, right?

The 7th recommendation was for the worksheets and justice tracks to show should be revised to include significant dates and to admit the date that appears to apply when the draft report is completed.

This was accepted and completed all of the worksheets in LFU now shows the analysis date, the comparison date, and the verification dates.

The next recommendation consider establishing and procedure to allow the crop late imprint impressions to be clearly traceable to their location on the Layton card.

This was accepted and in progress.

We updated the procedure to include section boxes in the digital images which is going to be reflected in LFU 12, our Medio SOP since that we do all of our comparisons through MIDI O case works.

The next recommendation was when a latent of marginal suitability is marked using

Gyro B as a part of the analysis.

The markup should be pertained regardless of the final suitability determination. This was accepted as it and is in progress.

We updated LFO 4 to include a procedure to retain the impressions not suitable for comparison that are annotated in video.

And I know there's a lot of progress is just because it has to be edited.

The sop.

And it has to go through the review period and also approval until it's fully been revised and updated.

How far out are you? Yep.

Like early June.

So all of the the major Sops will be updated once it all at once.

Recommendation #10.

Revised lawn 03 policy on the qualification of verifiers to confirm to AR-3125.

This was accepted and in progress updates to Lom 03 were made to ensure compliance to the AR-3125.

The next recommendation.

Consider revisiting the sequential sequential processes to be followed when a latent is compared to an exemplar with the conclusion. The support for same source.

This was not accepted with the expanded osac scale.

It raises the ID threshold.

Making complex and borderline prints more suitable.

Suited for support for same source.

Forcing AFA searches.

4 supports the same source.

Determination may increase not close on match matches and waste resources.

Next one.

And the last recommendation was to consider implementing the entire expanded scale of conclusions as proposed by the Osac Friction Risk Subcommittee.

This was not accepted and LFU, 04, we have identification support for same source, incomplete, inconclusive and exclusion.

We did not accept or did not include.

Support for different sources.

We have suitability criteria.

Which is based on efficient and accurate exclusions.

So if the criteria is met and all exemplars are available, the examiners are expected to to make an exclusion after full comparison with, with no significant similarities.

Any questions?

Thank you.

Just out of curiosity, because the the OSEC standard is under debate, same discussion.

Is there?

Is there a plan in the future if it if they do publish it and make it a real? You know, yeah. When they actually say that, publish it and make it a standard.

Is there a plan to look into implementing it?

Got time for you. Just waiting to see what happens within the.

We're more in line of we want to continue to utilize like our suitability criteria and we want to be able to see how these procedures are working and you know we're more than welcome, you know, willing to see like, OK, this is not working.

Maybe we really do need to have support for different sources, but we really do strongly feel with the suitability criteria.

That it captures everything and that examiner should be making exclusions because if criteria is set so I know it's a whole battle with the within the discipline.

Yeah, you know, now they're talking about whether.

Signing like delete ratio or some kind of number?

Numeric, so I'm I'm on the osec, so I've listened to the debates all the time.

So it's just, I know.

I know it's been. It's been years, it's both like.

Yes, a general question.

Specific to late precede, but is.

Is DFS or standards looking to only use standards that make it to the osak registry, or are you also considering standards that are published by the SDO, but for whatever reason didn't get audio fact registry?

Because all of these standards are really from anci.

ENT is putting them on their registry.

I'm on fssb, so if there's so I'm just curious because labs have their own.

Opinion in front of so we have to might emphasize we come in through, you know, a full oh Saturday, you know we.

We implement as.

So we have implemented a number of ideas.

Ourselves, and it was that we just haven't had it.

We don't know if it's not on there.

We're not of that.

You know, if it comes through the SEM.

It has consensus of the field and therefore we can see what's happening to our. It does not have to go through that 70 evaluation to get to the exact register.

Ah.

So much.

Repeat. What type of refill? If it gets in the STL, I'd be able to take it out.

Verify what we just watched.

Says.

USAA litigation Expert review of LMU.

USA on August I can.

I can answer that.

In May of 2023, I was appointed as interim director.

For the Department of home.

It's surely a month after that.

United States under resolved. It's Miss Julianne Johnson.

She was president of that meeting with.

The mayor of the District of Columbia.

The deputy mayor of public safety.

The city administrator at the time.

The United States Attorney, as well as Attorney general, the District of Columbia.

As well as mayor's focus.

During that meeting, we discussed several issues.

The most important one was the loss of our patient of PFS and a one year

PREDICTION.

He asked the recently appointed interim director laid out my plan and provided my experience for the patients by different entities.

But it's great.

Now, what's going to be the plan?

The United States earnings have concerns as the stakeholders and they wanted to have experts.

Paid by the United States of earning and suggested by then.

In order to.

Evaluation. Different departments of the Department of Forensic Science.

It may or may not. Decision in conjunction with.

My cell bus Internet director to help me.

Yes, such an evaluation.

I didn't see any negative point.

Fellow scientist, looking at a pause and providing feedback.

It was our opinion that was important, one of the main suggested that we agreed on.

Plus, Mr. Jim Carroll, this is not his first round. I think if he was also an integral part of evaluating chemistry, evaluating different sops and so on and so forth.

So that's, that's the historical.

The term applies historical.

That's the background of that collaboration. We see it as a collaboration. I think that.

The involvement of Mr. Carroll in terms of.

Suggestions for publications experience was important.

In order for us to get patient and not for us to get those, for example, those suggestion that.

Are separate and apart from meeting the requirement of orientation.

I speak on behalf of.

FSI think has been a very positive collaboration and myself has stayed to restore us well as the Executive office of the mayor.

Are pleased with that collaboration.

I'm still a stay through director.

I look forward to having more of those interactions.

They are non intrusive.

They are within the intention that within the realm of making the institution better, I'm not.

I don't know if this is probably like the Apple subscribe or Johnston.

I would just add it's the usao and the DC office of Attorney General jointly.

And we greatly appreciate the FS.

And Jim's coordination.

As we prepare for the vacation.

OK.

So is this sufficient?

I mean is it?

What's the response?

You know, is it working?

Is there something more you want?

You know, it's if you're asking.

Efs to assess itself using outside experts.

I don't think it's unreasonable to ask.

USA satisfied?

So the receiver reported Jen. Carol is a friend that contributed last year.

And we have sponsored kittens as experts.

For figure friends, that is what you just heard.

They are so eventually.

Ask for additional.

That's right.

Hopefully at some point, you know.

The same thing with like.

Nikki's got a question.

**NR** **Nicole Roehm** 1:15:25

I do. I think my question is more for Christy and the symposium.

It sounds exciting.

I'm excited for you guys.

I know it's a lot of work.

My one question was regarding continuing education credits and and hours for the attorneys and law enforcement.

Were you guys looking into doing that to try and entice more people to spend their valuable time coming and learning more about DFS?

**FD** **FTU, DFS (DFS)** 1:15:49

In the very early stages.

**NR** **Nicole Roehm** 1:15:50

In the very early stages.

**FD** **FTU, DFS (DFS)** 1:15:53

Something we'll take into.

**NR** **Nicole Roehm** 1:15:54

Then we'll take him to.

**FD** **FTU, DFS (DFS)** 1:15:56

Consideration, we invited our partners.

**NR** **Nicole Roehm** 1:15:57

Generation, we invited our partners.

**FD** **FTU, DFS (DFS)** 1:16:04

OK.

Hopefully so last year.

The good news is we definitely got a lot of engagements because we invited both MPD, OAC and USAO last year to participate in national Forensic Science Week. And I think we've had like standing room only on the things that they attended, so.

I am optimistic that we will continue to have engagement, but I do think it's something worth looking into the CEO.

Thank you.

That's great suggestion.

Question. We'll let you sit down now.

Thank you.

Francine finances.

OK.

I'm sorry. Can you go over that weather?

So I'm the only one that have to do my own thing exactly.

Huh.

Oh, it's OK.

OK, you might have to do it.

Yes.

Think I was holding it down too long. So the last time you guys were here, I was basically talking about evidence processing, getting it up and running and the training and also child life machines.

So I just want to give you guys a little update on where we are in that process.

So maybe you guys were here?

We were like in the beginning of the process we were going in and trying to actually see exactly.

Assess the equipment to see what's operable.

Get rid of all old chemicals and get all the equipment served.

So can you go back?

So so it has been working with us. So the main two things that the main thing that we did originally was to get the two computers working, the Rufus Machines working.

So it install the computer so that.

So we had two operable computers now.

For the ruvis the sop's we had the team actually working on the sop's.

They're kinda like in the middle. We have a group.

We have the quality unit involved.

All the managers involved and also everyone is actually feeling on the SOP because originally when we first got the SOP set up the the prior team, we had like 200 pages of of SOP.

So we kinda like wanted to like bring it down.

So now we have like basically 9 SOP.

So we're in the process already are completed.

Written so we just basically just continue to go through them to make sure that they're written.

Correctly, and the team can understand what's going on and so additionally all the chemicals, like I said earlier, has been all the old expired chemicals has been thrown out.

Well, new supplies have been ordered, but we put a pause on that because we don't know exactly the date that they're going to be up and running. So we don't want to have chemicals sitting around.

Next.

So also most of the machines in Foster and Freeman.

So Foster and Freeman came in.

Can you go back?

Stop between 1:00.

Hey Cortana, can you take it from?

OK, so so so most of the machines in there are bypasser and Freeman, so faulting free has come in to DS and update the DS. The DCS 5 machines which actually take

photos of the latents after chemical process to be uploaded which.

Then Mario.

Next.

Talk about that next.

Next slide, Eric.

OK.

So the President has five.

I wouldn't get a presentation.

From all these people in the machine.

So we presently have 5 latent chambers in it has to actually be serviced.

They are operable, but we have to make sure that they are working properly so they will be coming in and I'm sorry in surging machines.

Next month.

OK.

So the last time you guys were here, we talked about the lighting machine, right?

And and the and the machines.

What you like the machines and fighting?

So I wanna actually give you a presentation.

So we purchasing like the machines.

Because the old, like the machines it was taking hours.

Mpd.

Wanna see this company?

They saw us coming out their truck unload their machine like, oh, Lord, please don't bring that machine, you know, on the scene because.

They just take it too long.

Two hours, 3 hours or whatever.

So I want to have my two crying scene.

People dismiss walls and this profile. He gonna they gonna give you guys a presentation because the main objective was to make sure that the machines.

That actually reduce the time tremendous and this machine here we have two things we have one for the outdoor.

This is the outdoor and we have the small one for the engine.

Right. So the main objective was to reduce the time from hours to minutes. But this machine here it can actually scan the scene within 20 minutes, right?

And this one also within maybe 90 seconds.

So they want to give you guys a presentation on how the machine works, how fast it works and the scanning and how it.

So this machine has USB, so which is like a, so a lot of times.

In the past, fully didn't want.

To go in, set it up and they were like, no, they don't want to get there.

They can just.

Show it.

Hey. So these are two new types of light scanners. Like you said, this one's more geared towards outdoors, but with this size it could be used for indoors as well.

And then we have a much more compact smaller unit here. So she's going to scan.

She has an iPad that you can actually operate scanners, or you can do it manually on the scanners.

So it's got a small screen.

I wanted to also show you the old standards we have.

Just to kind of show like some of the differences, did you wanna say anything about the changes or so you see that this equipment's a lot more compact, a lot lighter to carry on seeing self levels. I've gotten to experience with it a little bit and it.

A lot faster than our older machines, but I really like about it is it has this iPad that has cyclone on it.

So you're actually able to see real time what your scan looks like.

On the screen.

I like that 'cause you can see whether it's gonna register on the fields and also voice 'cause. You might have evidence you think a standard can see and now it actually zoom in and think oh, I might need one more stand.

Hard job.

So with our current system we have right here everything that needs to be brought out onto a seat. We're looking at a full size tripod.

This heavy case, we have a second case for the photos to be taken.

We we have internal capabilities for photos with the old system, but it's a little bit slower.

We use a 360 camera and then we also have the 20 target hole, which is a nest verified.

Meter stick that would still be included with the new system, but yeah, so all this here is included with where we when we wanna stand.

Split three floors.

I need to use either some sort of soft coating, something to put down underneath of it so the legs don't slide, which can happen. So there's a lot of variables that come into play with setting up this appointment.

Things like that, whereas with the new system you're looking at it a basic tripod that will similar tripod reuse for night or for evidentiary photos versus like this engineer grade tripods.

So much easier to move around.

What he's doing so he has to make sure that the legs are staying in that.

Or something like that.

They'll just mess up the whole thing.

But this it could be.

Lame. It could be damaged.

It could still.

I heard.

Oh no, that's fine.

Yes, with the leveling.

You gotta get him on the height that you want him at.

Ty, they want to see in Congress.

And they can make adjustments.

Then you put it back on the.

\*.

Typically we, well, we may have two people, but we may not, right?

So, but then we gotta go through and level it, go through the leveling process, which I'll do. But then we also have a separate adapter that goes on the on the on top of it attached. Then you need to level this.

And then you put the machine on you level the machine, so you almost have to level it three times.

Is this one where they get you close and then this one gets you closer and then they're gonna get you exactly where you need to be. But you it needs to be level, whereas the new system.

The first one, you don't necessarily want it to be crazy angles, but you want it to be somewhat level based on your eyes.

After that it can be however you need it to set it up and go.

Whereas every time we move. So I mean, you know, a typical scene we're gonna be doing at least three.

Dance every time you move, you gotta take all this with you and you gotta go through the process again. So.

Lots to think about and to keep track of like levels.

Stand there. Get your.

Targets she's already starting to pan down.

I never using, you know, getting set up to the computer.

Practice beforehand the race aspect.

Wasn't prepared for it.

Equipment is very fragile.

It's sturdy, but it's also fragile.

Which is expected for something so.

Accurate.

Losing.

I don't even know how to ask him.

Weighs 20 lbs. Maybe 15 lbs recently.

You got to line up to three.

3 crawls.

A while in time they're doing this, or the old machine and the officers.

Yeah, sometimes.

Lose that level and then just kind of start from scratch. It's kind of irritating.

But don't get me wrong, I do love the scanner. I love the the product that it creates.

But being able to give our customers something so much quicker when we're on scene, not just our, not just our customers, but also like the public.

Being out on the scene for so long when we could instead get in, get out, get the scene opened up.

Take the one drawback, if you could call it that.

These have a lot further of a reach than the new ones, but.

Well, I haven't seen it in practice yet.

Kelly's taking out the the new one.

I have not.

I don't think it's gonna be that big of an impact. I think most the scenes we do are compact enough.

That this may be more like overkill 'cause this is like this has reach.

That this was not, but I think this one if if anything, I think it might be able to that we don't necessarily need and you know there might be a few extra scans involved with

the newer ones.

But but the how fast it is, I don't think it's gonna be an issue.

High level digital.

And also when you're out there on scene, somebody bumps it.

There's too much vibration. You know a lot of things can go wrong.

It can't go wrong.

They do go wrong.

So if you if it gets bumped then you have to start to scratch for the scan.

So I actually did two scans yesterday and what I like is with the LIDAR. It knows where it is from the room, so I can come back if there's additional evidence. If there's search warrant, we get more information and I can register on scene.

So that's actually what I'm doing now. Setups one and two were from yesterday and I'm adding three into the room right here.

Previously you couldn't do this with the older machine and someone on the Legate team trying to register scans for a scene that it hasn't been to. It's really difficult.

So I really like this capability.

And if you're still?

So difficult I think we would do about 3 1/2 minutes game.

Which I'm now ready to skip.

This point, but you know she's already.

If she didn't, you know, worry about the iPad. She could've been on her third and probably Binance so.

And then I still got to take this off, not move the tripod and put the eye star.

If the tripod gets bumped, then it's going to be too late to do the eye star photos.

But you still get a a product.

You get a black and white product with this by itself.

But like about this too, is if these scenes are trying to do multiple things at the same time, so I can scan over here and then go work on something over there, but still know the progress.

I watched your sea.

I can do multiple things I watched.

Here we go. My target phone.

Got my case for this.

You're gonna press E.

Got a smallish icon.

These get used in every every scene that we scan. We use a twin turtle.

Yeah.

For their old system, we would actually go in here and pick the targets. We'd do a close up on it.

We're not going to have to be doing that with the new system, but.

Which is also can be done khasomi.

Then.

Yeah, I started.

This is our 50 camera.

At least it's not as bulky as the standard.

But yeah, you got started up. You got to wait for it to load.

The date might be wrong because it was shut off too long or whatever.

So you gotta reset the gate.

So all that kind of comes into play when you're on scene and trying to do a do a kind of scene.

And a Jane that I got from that stand. So I was talking about Foley.

There's something important here.

That chair. I know I'm gonna need another.

Hand.

Do measurements on CS go?

Oftentimes we're on a scenes especially like a 1050, which I'm sorry, an accident like a car accident, vehicle accident.

Don't want a a basic measurement from, you know, maybe the first like piece of debris from a vehicle over to where you know the beam stopped, right?

They just wanna face with the whole scene right now. They would wanna, you know, walk out a pole.

Which isn't, you know, it's not advisable cause here is gonna give you a completely information.

So now we can go in here and we can give him a a nice actual accurate measurement from point A to point B on scene.

It does show your point cloud on the iPad 2, which I thought was really cool.

It doesn't have all the points in the iPad because it can't move that fast to be able to show that. But as someone that likes doing the post production again, see the point cloud on.

You know, like your Rep we talked to told us how these lasers are especially

designed.

So they they're not impact your eyes.

Liquid fiis somehow it it shuts it off and it's not.

Are you all doing?

Just turn it off there.

You doing those?

They understand the international.

If you like to do an opportunity.

Awesome. And it would definitely.

I think it's a collaboration, OK.

So before that that can be working with reggae.

They have to set up.

But hopefully more ready.

So hopefully they can.

Is a scan that we recently did.

Missed. They're currently testing different terrestrial scanners and we brought our new ones and they actually did a little.

They did a little.

Express them have 20 different targets.

Once.

Basically, measured the 20 targets I gave them the coordinates and they were able to say what accuracy we have between the two scanners.

So they told us that the RTC, which is the largest scanner is going to be  $\pm 1$  millimeter, and the smaller BLK is  $\pm 4$ mm.

This help provides.

Measurements scan. You have to make it.

You can extract measurements from the actual post production on here or in the lab where we have up here.

You can measure off of GPS or an XYZ coordinate which the scanner is 000.

One there to be able to recruit and see.

OK.

I think she had.

You have a family? Yes. OK, so.

Get the cramp I.

Yeah.

What?

So we have the prime light auto, which Kelly and I have both used on scene so far. We haven't had it very long.

Is it 2 months or so? We've been in use a few months and it's actually trying to 'cause these two guys.

But trying to get everyone to see, you know, get that refuse because it's something new.

This is your your ALS lights.

Everything's compact and included in the system versus. We also have the ALS handheld lights still available and to be used, but this here it's a camera.

It's an ALS.

Everything's included in one unit.

You can actually do evidentiary level photographs, which you can also do general photographs.

I haven't done evidentiary photographs with it, but I did do some general photographs of some stains that I thought.

You know, we actually have two. So we could have one present in the lab.

One for on scene.

I recently had a case.

It was a sexual assault.

Involving one victim.

It happened in the basement over the course of the year at times, so just being able to have it as searchable really narrowed down the scope of our evidence session with the different ways perspectives and I was able to use it with rich detail on the work as.

Well, so I've really been enjoying getting to use it.

It's a lot more user friendly. There was saying all the different lights and.

What I really like about it, which I'm gonna show you is Foster and Freeman, has a database.

Place where they tested.

Samples and figured out what light source pairing goes well with what filter.

So if you think you're looking for a salad like select that pipe and it'll give you a group of hairsets try.

So we have a starting point versus just opening up this kit and having all these flashlights in front of you, not knowing where to start.

You need to do like evidentiary or any type of photos.

You need the filters along with the lights.

And that filter needs to fit the lens preferably.

Sometimes they'll have like a big cube they go.

Fly of a filter but yeah, for this everything's included and it can actually do two light sources at once.

So a lot of the ones that are, it's gonna show you at the bottom and give you like five or six different choices of light sources based on your selection.

So a hair explored with a black background.

Ground and it'll give you 5 or 6 different options to choose and you can sign through each one and see which one looks best.

So for like documented photographs, it's great.

You wanna find the best, best way to reproduce it on an image and.

It'll actually give like different light sources sets. It'll give two of them that's hidden it 'cause they really narrowed it in that far or that close.

HDMI.

OK 'cause, I've done it.

Yeah. So I used it on back here at the lab.

I didn't use it on scene.

I had.

I had an assault that I went to collected some clothing.

You know, a lot of times we'll go out and.

It'll be. Here's a bag of clothes. There's no scene.

She's gonna go to the hospital.

That's a lot of times. What we come across.

So back to the lab. I laid out the clothes I was already gonna do. General photographs anyway.

And I went ahead and used this as well and searched and found some, you know, relevant stains.

That I did general photography.

Do you have the capability of doing ueir as well as visible spectrum?

It also has the capabilities selecting your camera settings.

So far doing photos.

You choose what ISO, what apps you're on it. Nice.

It gives a pronounce that goes along with the photos that you take and the print out

has all the relevant relevant information from.

Like your actions so.

If you had a copy of it or not in here, I don't think you do.

But it has the light sources, the filters, all that included in the printout.

We just talked it right over to stay with the photos.

I mean, you're not going to get that in your hand out, kit, when you're out there on in the field where wherever.

So this is like a that's a big step I think for for keeping track of all that.

We also have a lot of samples here that one of our trainer trainers created.

Umm, maybe.

Diane maybe created them.

We have a large resource now a different samples that we can study and test and kind of get familiar with and then apply that into, you know the field.

Can I show you now that we can get it on screen, but I have.

Suspected blood on dark carpet.

And I've already taken a photo of it just in white light, and now I'm trying all the different options that it gives me.

I've already had a good result.

Yeah.

I can either way. This was the sample.

Blowing on Black car day.

Right, yeah.

Yeah.

It's the betting number.

That's the entire mattress in here.

Over the phone.

So basically, we're gonna need to document.

Yes.

I can't.

See.

Think we're able to see? Yeah, basically.

OK.

I mean, you can almost just hold that up here and show that it's almost that good.

Let's see, yeah.

Especially the is that UV or ultraviolet? Yeah, correct.

That's.

No.

Some good results.

Love you.

The other questions for crimes.

OK. And I'll help you.

Yeah.

Get me on.

Morgan on attorney advisor GCS office.

So the first thing he wanted to do was to notify you of a complaint that DFS received in February of this year.

Under Decentralized 110 DC DSR, 251 of any allegation of professional negligence, misconduct or misidentification, or any other testing error.

That occurs in preference science services.

Point of public help.

So in in February of this year, we received from a member of the public regarding the testing, evidence and sexual assault case in 2014, the complainant included two discrete allegations.

Slides.

Fine please.

Ogc, After receiving the complaint consistent with the EC Code and with our Dom which is in place at the time, Dom 17 complaints assess the allegations.

For three elements from, whether the things were credible, whether they were substantial and whether they were material, and by material, we need whether or not they could likely affect the.

Why they could impact the integrity of the forensic results as they were reporting to our customers.

After we made that appropriate form of assessment.

We also recommended disposition.

We determined that the allegation did not.

The allegations presented to not credibility standard in order to.

Recommend further investigation of outside evaluator for OGC.

And we will advise the director of that recommendation and provide him with all of our supporting evidence and supporting documentation to.

Then receive this direction in the next line of this, we're just going to go over the

allegations.

The first allegation was that DFS, wrongly named the complainant as a suspect in the 2014 sexual assault case and that he's a requirement of that allegation.

Confirmed that that DFS did not actually make that identification of the complainant as a suspect, but rather that.

The client's name was received from FD.

And that is how we first wanted to get to the identity of the suspect.

And because.

Because that identification was not made by TFs, but rather was made by MPD, it did not.

Trigger the need for an outside evaluator for that allocation.

Next slide please.

2nd allegations raised by the complaint was that DFS identified the individual through a cotis match, a coded search, and that coda search revealed match to or a case to case match, a case to case match being that where an individual is identified in one case.

Or a sample is creates a profile. One case that profile matches a profile.

That was created.

In in the evidence processing for a different case.

Rather than identifying themselves from that sample.

The individual claim that through that case the case match he was identified.

Ogc confirmed that while while Koda searches were conducted in the case and those coda searches did reveal a case to case match that the individuals identity was not.

Derived from either of those matches.

It was not revealed in the case to case identification, so accordingly OGC determined that the 2nd allegation also did not satisfy the credibility requirement required under 515-0110 for further investigation by outside of that next slide please.

And so Matt, so those are all the slides we have for the complaint, but just as a summary, because neither allegation raised in the complaint that the credibility standard.

For for the investigation, OGC were recommended to the director that we disposed of this case by dismissing the complaint and receiving this direction.

I'll hand it over to my colleague Amanda Kenner for her update on why she.

I'm gonna stand back here, if that's alright.

My name is Amanda Kenner's here.

The last time we met, we brought up this issue.

Since then we have been able to get the data from the dispatcher that was given to the OMG.

And I'll tell you a little bit more about comparison that we did and what we found so far.

So first of all, they gave us all the data for the.

The whole year.

So about service requests. They were particularly interested in these 687 cases, which is 912 service request, meaning you had multiple analysts going to a scene where the same analyst went to multiple scenes.

So we did well. Unfortunately we could not do an automatic match because we don't have the CCN from the dispatcher. We're working on getting that.

So the identifier they have is their.

Computer dispatch ID and we we just have the CCN or the DFS number.

So while we were waiting on that, I did a manual comparison myself based on data we could compare, which was the date of the event and the person who was called to try and do a bit of a match as well as I could. I did get about.

700.

What I would call matches they looked like they were the same event that was responded to, although when we get the CCI we'll able.

And just as a preliminary matter, we were not able to compare what I would call the arrival time. So the time it took from here to the scene because the arrival data from the dispatcher oftentimes was not actually included or was missing or was a number that log.

Didn't make sense.

Like 80 hours or 90 hours for almost all of these that I looked at all these 912.

So what I did compare though was.

Specifically, the dispatch time.

So the time that we said we were dispatched versus the time Ouc said we were dispatched.

So.

And again, these were 687 cases where the OIG said that there was a discrepancy, and I think they define that as a more than five minute difference.

From my comparison, about 300 of the 700 that I found were dispatched within this five minute window.

So the time we said was no more than 5 minutes different than what the Ouc dispatcher reported, including at least 60 cases where they were identical. Times. But I did find about 330 cases where there was a bigger discrepancy of more than 5 minutes.

So I started interviewing people to get a better glimpse of what the dispatch process actually looks like, and then to try and figure out what could be happening here and to just give you a sense of what I understand is bad process to be is the dispatcher will.

Raise up a specific person over the radio, say.

Give it you know CSU.

50 I don't know who that is.

I'm just using an example and then that unit will respond to the dispatcher like CSU 50.

The dispatcher will then give them a location, an event and requesting officer's information.

Then our unit will then switch over to the district or sorry and they will confirm in the dispatcher will announce the time, but then they will switch over to the district channel to talk to the requesting MPD officer to get more information.

So once they're able to get their attention on the district channel, they will switch over to a tech channel to discuss details.

The reason why that's important is because they may include additional information that dispatcher does not have, such as you actually need to go different location.

What the dispatcher told you or may tell them information that affects what equipment our people need to bring to the city.

So at that point, then they get the information confirmed they're actually being dispatched and then they can go to the scene.

So from preliminary interviews and then we don't have a policy on what the dispatch time is. So it does seem there is some variation in what people are reporting as a dispatch, maybe the first time the dispatcher raises up the unit, maybe the time the dispatcher announces maybe.

The time to confirm the MPD officer.

They're being dispatched or the time to get in their car, so there is some variation here.

In terms of what people are considering the dispatch time.

So that's a summary.

So far it's. I only just started interviews over the past few weeks.

I'm going to continue to do that to try and make sure I understand and also considering what time is most realistically for us.

To to create a policy around what we consider dispatch time to be. If they can't actually meet the building until they confirm the officer what time they're being dispatched.

So as of right now, I've also been giving the redacted privacy reports to the IG so they can review that information as well. We've given them about 1/4 of their reports, about 200 of them were released and enroll in production every week. And my interviews. So.

With that, if any has any questions about any of that.

So everybody.

Oh yeah, I'm happy to.

Sorry if I went to, I was trying to.

I know we've been here for a while.

I was trying to be kinda quick.

We got it.

So just out of curiosity, seeing that it's a key performance indicator is what this was.

Are we dropping that?

Are we keeping that well?

We didn't think it would be. Oh, we are gonna drop it eventually, but we're not gonna drop it until the investigation's over.

Because it would be inappropriate to do so.

But since it was never anything but a thought process, then we've never met it.

Yes, we're getting fit.

OK, just to either vet or you guys are gonna have to do some definitions of this.

Oh, and then we need to do that anyway, because it is quite clear from this that we do not have the same definition. OK, and there it was never tied to individ.

Ual performance.

So it's a.

It is a smart goal for performance, but from what I've talked to everyone.

So far, there is an understanding from management and supervisors that the PC traffic.

It's just not really.

A great indicator of performance.

I have not talked to again.

I've only just started interviewing.

There may be people who say that they've been taught.

I have not heard of anyone reporting that they have ever been talked to about about their times, and that the primary concern is making sure the reports are turned around in a timely manner. That's that's been my advice.

We should also say we have never once disciplined on this, but do not check it.

So we don't ever like run a report for Hillary.

Report for Amanda.

We check it as a global and then we report it out for the unit.

So we're also gonna take it out smart goals because we don't use it that way.

We don't discipline it, obviously, where the government, we also don't give bonuses for, you know, something wonderful.

So we don't.

It's neither a stick carrot nor a stick.

OK.

You guys need feedback.

Only acknowledgments that they've received.

I have not heard any other information.

I don't how am I doing.

What is the mystery doing? If there isn't better communication with, do they just stand?

While you do this and or is there collaborative?

I would not say there has been collaboration when they ask for what's wrong with to give them the information they are requesting.

We have not actually even seen the complaint at this stage, so they have not shared very much information with us and it took a while for us to to get any indication of what they would even originally about when it started so.

Certainly can ask.

I don't know if they called.

Give us anymore information than that they may be waiting until they've seen the written reports which I've worked on. I'm giving them about 50 or 60 every week trying to get them as quickly to them as possible.

They may be waiting to see those reports before they give us any other feedback.

I'm not.

I'm not really sure.

I don't have a lot of insight into.

That I think that's what's frustrating about this NFL. Whether you're doing a good job, a bad job or.

This seemed very serious to us.

Of course not a criticism, but we we have actually thought among ourselves.

What if we're asking them?

As an SAB.

Shrugging.

Enough information. I think that's the situation.

You find yourself in.

See listen.

That's an excellent authorization.

I have this juncture.

The only thing is unplug is the best one.

I want it is not work OK.

There's some.

At this juncture, I, you know, I'd like to ask if how we are doing something would be a good point.

So I think we need.

But the process was not.

Complied with whatever requests are.

Now, I don't think it's.

Because if you're told we're not going to tell you, that's not the same as never asking.

So far everything we've asked, we've been told.

Yeah, well, I won't.

I've been saying I will say before, does that count as the same thing?

Yeah. When it comes, it is counts.

But that's that's an FYI.

I I think we've asked and asked and asked.

That's it.

Yeah. I mean, I think you have to make inherent you are trench there.

Thank you.

Making their behavior saying it's a little, you know, it looks like you're dancing, you know, sex instead of.

Attempting to collaborate and resolve this, and if you get nothing back so noted. Yeah, I'd definitely say at the beginning of this process, we we did ask and also provided a lot of.

Extra information that when we weren't sure what they were looking for, we provided.

You know when when they were saying can you give us all the reports we're like, well, what are you actually looking for?

Because we may be able to give you that information and way you know, can you give us any information and we can.

We can try and make this a faster process, so even then yeah, we never saw the complain at that point.

That we had asked for that information and we have also sent written updates periodically saying here's how our process works.

Just so you know, have a have some insight into. You know what's is, what is this process? And we don't ever get revised to those so.

One last thing.

I understand the API dilemma, but you do wanna know if there's.

Right. You wanna know if it's taking longer? It's getting worse or somehow alert you. It's changed. So I wouldn't give up.

Maybe worded wrongly.

It's just it, but I I do think it's important to know if you could have predicted this.

You already knew.

Yeah, I don't know exactly how to say it.

I say it does seem awkward that you're receiving it though, and have no opportunity to put it in a positive way that we want to.

We want to continue to improve.

Need your help to do it.

Yeah. And I agree with tracking trends.

I think there are some.

We we are sort of brainstorming what is a good metric for us to be tracking if we wanna make sure people are getting out of the building quickly, maybe we track the time they confirm to to the timing we like. Maybe there are ways we can be TR.

That type of thing in a way that helps us understand if there's delays in leaving. But as far as the getting to the scene from here, the biggest to what I hear across the board is the biggest.

Delay is traffic and there's just nothing we can do about that.

I would just take out words. You know, this is Laura's.

Roger's response?

I'm gonna take out this is if you need to end up. You know, Roger takes three hours and I take 15 minutes consistently.

Then there's an issue that you may need to dig deeper, but I would not tie it to the individuals if there's no discipline and there's no.

Anything that's affecting your evaluation.

I would take it out of that and put it into more of a a lab operational indicator than the individual.

Just like.

Yeah, make it part of your annual report. But don't do it for any.

But we don't do a individual anyway, so yeah.

Nick.

**NR** **Nicole Roehm** 2:08:46

OK.

I think I'm unmuted.

My question was regarding the first complaint that was discussed.

The 2014 case was that also handled through your quality system through the complaint process that's required for ISO.

**FD** **FTU, DFS (DFS)** 2:08:59

Thank you.

Yes. So our procedures require a preliminary determination as to whether further investigation is needed.

I also work with the quality team and advise them on matters.

I inform the quality team.

This complaint? Advise them of our preliminary investigation and because it did not implicate the ISO standard, it triggered the ISO standard for reporting because it was determined to be not a credible.

Complaint.

No notification was made to AM.

I hope that answers your question but.

**NR Nicole Roehm** 2:09:44

It kind of does. I get.

I'd have to probably go back and just read your policy on how to handle complaints. How you handle complaints when they fall into that category of just how much documentation you have to have?

**FD FTU, DFS (DFS)** 2:09:57

Right. And so and and for whether or not it meets the ISO standard for documentation we have collected and.

**NR Nicole Roehm** 2:09:58

Versus.

**FD FTU, DFS (DFS)** 2:10:09

Attached to our evaluation, all the documentation of how the action notification occurred between MPD and DMS.

So happy to to make it available as it's necessary.

That's curious.

What? Why did the plane start?

Generally, why doesn't it go through the laboratory management quality section?

I'm very confused about this. It seems like all the complaints go to the external complaints that they go to general counsel, which seems inconsistent with my experience.

So our policies, the the Department Operations manual from that was enforcing time at the time.

Calls for initial evaluation for the general counsel funds. Should the department want to change that policy and have a different policy set, that would be a decision that the department could make.

There is a requirement in the DC code that some determination is made as to legal standard of or further investigation and my best guess I I wasn't here with the original policies for the place.

My guess?

My best guess would be the policy with an attempt to reflect that for some sort of legal a determination.

Or not.

You're inside the qualities.

You're making the preoccupation before quality, and that's inconsistent with most of our experience. I think I don't.

Can I speak for?

I just see what what I will say is the very next step after making finish finish after doing some initial investigation is to proceed with the disposition.

Of the quality, should it be used to the need to to do corrective actions or anything like?

In the opposite way also the quality will allergy and ask for a decision on that basis. Meanwhile, they're looking at it from.

Oh, this is from a legal.

It it very much depends on what it is that we have to have some entry point right.

Right. And so we found that the people who check the e-mail the most are the office.

So we are the point of contact. Then we decide if it needs to go somewhere else.

We would immediately send it to someone else if we have.

It depends on the kind of complaint that it is.

So I'm gonna disagree with you and say that from my experience and this is my legal experience, my experience here and then every other job I've had, this is a good starting point because it lets us.

Like look at it and if it's coming like this time from.

The prison.

Then we know like how to start and we know where it should go.

So it just it lets us we have way more of a 30,000 foot view than anybody else does because we know all the different places in the lab. It can immediately pull in the other people and we do.

I didn't write the complaint.

Yeah, system it is in our statute. So and in our regs, so the.

Two statute and rank led to a way that we parse it out because somebody has to be in charge, right? But one of the.

Skills that the laboratory needs to develop is a way to do what you're doing from management of the lab perspective, not to disagree.

I don't know really what the answer is.

I hear you and.

Just learning as I go, but it's not common what you're doing here.

And it works.

And there's a so you know there must be other ways.

That's an interesting conversation we we can have that conversation, sure, whether it works everywhere.

I'd be interested to see.

That, oh, you surely he could.

You just become part of the quality assurance system.

Well, and then you go to meetings like F1 and then you go to ask clad and you see how they love each other too.

Interestingly, but we can discuss like I don't wanna take all your time up with this.

We can talk about how what the best system is.

Currently we don't have a quality manager, so there isn't a way for us.

We need some point and this was what happened when I first submitted.

We didn't have a system for this and we needed some point of contact when absolutely everything is in place, that might be a different conversation.

But right now, we don't even have a quality manager and I I don't think we Spartan Dr. love with one more thing like also sending the complaints to her.

I do think they can go right off. I think they could still come through you and be funneled through you. But I still think your your lab needs to know.

You got a complaint out there and they're able to like if status complaint can come through to me, I would have a live direct. Our current policies run through it giving you a write up on the labs perspective and tossed it right back at you. Sure it's legal. Going forth and doing whatever you need to do.

But if I've known right off the bat, I could have done that or say, hey, oh crap, you know, maybe we do need to look at.

So so my my only perspective that is the legal requirement for us to.

In a certain manner, if we have certain information requires that we have that information whether or not quality things we should right, right. So we need to be queued in immediately as to what the complaint is now. Now the the complaint is. Very soon I completely understand, right?

We've been able to establish that through a series of communications with MDD, with usao conversations, we have detectives, we have all that documentation.

There's nothing here that the lab needs to do in order to be better, because it's not an actual allegation that makes sense.

I understand in different circumstances, maybe it would be more, but it would be

quality and allows the cells which you'll.

Or prepared and and able to do their jobs if they had that information.

I says it occurs we have a legal obligation to add a certain manner if we price to a certain we need to have that information upfront and not have that bundle through.

The preliminary.

Do you other than ours?

Because that's because I think the salaries are in need.

They have an obligation to maintain the character of the laboratory, you know.

Not facing.

A few of how low the community.

It feels about the literature how the USA oh feels.

They they share your concern.

They just probably I'm guessing switch it so that the laboratory had responsibility.

And, and. Yeah, accommodates every required legal.

Step but be in charge.

That's what this language.

I.

I I, as Hillary said, I don't think we wanna take up this entire session on the best.

One to a good step process.

I do think it would be a significant consideration as well.

Legal obligations are should we change our policy to switch against the person?

Defined by.

The.

I'm testing 1-2.

This week is very different.

It's a party of their jurisdictions and I am talking, the chief medical examiner. There are restrictions by the statutes that Gover, our agencies are fixed, that I want to change, but cannot because they are statutes that one I think will change in a way that satisfies.

The quality requirement as well as the.

But I think it's significant.

Or 100% correct and I think that's something that I think.

I have here as a small issue. What is that?

And as I said, you know the legacy that can be behind that's one place.

I managed to get over fashion because here we have the luxury of a people keep

other places and I ask you because you work in jurisdiction.

Five times as large as this county in Texas.

How many legal counsels you have?

Well, in house one in house one, right?

So. So we had access to the County Attorney's office, expanded discussions and and that is a a touch and go situation. When I was in Michigan, we had what we call cooperation camps and sometimes the advice was also sometimes it wasn't because that was not their area.

Of expertise.

So.

You know, assistance in the district has been designed.

Attorney over here.

If that makes sense.

Not only for this agency, but for a lot of agencies.

But to your point, that's something that.

Change satisfaction.

Obviously issues.

I'm grateful for this opportunity to raise this issue.

Thank you.

I have one more question.

The cranes in response.

This is going to sound really nitpicky and like I.

Have done.

News, news, interviews or even they pick up on something I've said and it gets twisted.

This is not a view of. Please don't take it that way. But when we read that article, when we came out, it sounded as if you all had blessed that it was OK to lie.

July 'cause this wasn't important.

It just came out wrong.

From that perspective, and I realize you don't wanna draw attention to it.

By asking what the post to put out something.

But have you all made it quite clear to staff that that came out wrong, or that was twisted and?

Blame is not OK because we rely on you to tell the truth on this stuff.

My first implantation, because I'm not shy, was to ask for a reflection.

However, I was advised not not by anybody in this agency.

The article that was published is full of misinformation.

Inoculuses and as you are very well aware in our field.

That's the nature of disease.

And much more.

I didn't ask for a retraction, but we had all the elements for a retraction.

A memo was compiled at least 11.

Which I have read by the session and.

However, I was advised you know, just let it go.

So sorry, the next thing we're talking about, yeah, for us is usually those what we do gets disinterred.

I will do that now.

Also the KPI.

Yeah, I don't want to sit here.

Folks.

Expertise of Mr. Donne.

Lly this paper.

So he created that paper.

To gather a small data as possible, he understand that.

He knows that.

What is the task cannot be matched with the office of Unified?

He knows that, but it doesn't matter how many times he will explain that.

He would be listening.

That's one of the major.

Question.

Would be in better position. I cannot promise you that we can talk to you in the trade, but he will be willing to talk individually.

Because data production is here is hard.

The budget just was compromised yesterday as as a city of this year is completely vested into that endeavor. But moving forward he can explain to you.

What was the purpose of the KPI?

What was the scope and what type of data?

Office or was trying to achieve that and that's why it's not entirely.

Worth a bunch and and that would be one of the major issues.

With this investigation, so if you are so inclined, I can't.

Those conversations happen one-on-one or a representative of the SAP.  
So you have an understanding of the analyse and why that data really doesn't tell you.

No, I totally understand that, especially as a data person.

Data person though, and says OK if somebody was concerned about this and the question was raised, then if you are going to keep it as KPI assigned to an individual. Then you need to do some definition work on what it is so that these errors aren't there.

These what appear to be.

Intentional inaccuracies are not.

I mean, you look at the volume of cases that you went through and you bring it down to 687.

That's tiny, tiny little drop in the system.

And it's it makes it very clear that, you know, there was no subversive plot.

Here so I am not I'm I quite understand the need to to gather those statistics.

I just prefer they not be put to a person. Possible.

So one last very unusual for newspaper tracking, it would have been a hard uphill climb.

It is, but it's out there and the person who will use that.

Future will not have your best interests at heart.

This lab has a history of making mistakes with this problem. At this point, even encouraging lying, dismissing is unimportant.

Someday that's gonna be resurrected.

And you'll need to come up with.

Bad correction that says.

Responding now to this allegation that.

You'll have your chance.

And.

Maintain hope I you have to have lots of opportunities and maybe even your.

Your upcoming event.

You know, I don't know.

Maybe that's not a good idea. Maybe it is.

I'm just throwing out thoughts I I think so.

Advocating for that, but some daily network, one of my frustrations are sometimes.

How old are you supposed to be? Like imagination?

In the press.

In general, he's old everyone.

They found a find a bed person in the apartment.

And what did they say recently?

Find why is that Bruce Lee?

Bruce Lee won't be your founder.

120 pieces.

That's rich, but everyday is important like that.

And to that end, when you see reports about our lab is by fact that we've been accredited five times in 14 months.

Not one.

Not 2.

Not three five times.

It's always illegal to see lab, so it doesn't matter 20 years from now I will be in a nursing home and instantly the leader, PC lash, so.

That's that's part of the frustration that we all deal with.

And you know why our labels representation?

Were there other labs, Nathan? Why?

Way bigger issues and they haven't lost accurate picture.

That's a question that I don't want my frustrations to talk.

Just keep putting up.

That's that's all we're going to. It does work that's become immune to the new, bigger language. I'll just don't.

They don't care if it doesn't hurt them like it affects you.

And I think you have to keep pushing the positive message if there is one. I think there is.

One of my fascinates linguistics.

English is my favorite language, and the lack of vocabulary that they have.

Only two words for the PC that the liquor control. There is nothing else. There are no more words in there.

Transferring stationary.

Thank you.

Doing well, Doctor, if I can introduce my name is Ravi Brennan. I'm the deputy general counsel here. And so you know, to doctor Diaz's point about the compilation that we have for purposes of a retraction, there are journalistic ethical standards.

And so when we looked at that article, we looked at the standards produced by the paper. We saw some inconsistencies there. So what we produce.

Would be in line with their standards.

This doesn't conform to your standards.

And if I can just put a snippet out there because like the article out there, it was through that article that we discovered that the complaint existed and that the complaint had made DFS personnel because there was a filing. the US attorney had filed the public filing all.

These filings, public. And so that's what we unearthed through that article. So while it was right for misinformation.

It was useful for us to identify that the complaint that had been circulating for months, that we still have not received.

Actually has a name stat.

Now OIG has a statutory prerogative.

Their statute was amended a few years ago to allow them to withhold what they perceived to be whistleblowers.

The OIG is not going to give us this information because if by statute, they don't have to give this information to us, but they're journalistic standards, we felt that that article didn't meet those standards and we compiled this information for that purpose. The second point you have in.

Terms of.

The complaint process.

That's so well, my colleague Mr. Morgan mentioned that the complaint process does go through the General Counsel's office. Our statute and regulations contemplates that there's a deputy director that the complaint goes to the Deputy Director and the General Counsel at the same time, the Deputy Director by.

Regulation by statute must be an experienced forensic scientist, but that position is vacant right now.

That person.

Report to doctor DS. So within our scheme.

If that position were occupied, the complaint would go to a scientist and GC at the same time.

Possibly, yeah, but I just wanted to.

No, I understand that makes that.

Yeah, that's acceptable. That makes.

Simultaneous reporting.

Sorry, sorry, way over.

Any new business?

And you have one I don't like.

Sent to you for the next day if possible.

Yes. So your voucher won't fail.

Just make sure 146 budget. It still has to be ratified by Council.

Or.

Agencies that Council will either accept that budget, modify it and so on.

So it's not official yet, but I think it's.

Very discussion.

In terms of what?

This year, 26th not only possessed adults, but it can't.

Party those cards.

Apply outsourcing.

Now that they are credited and pressured, rightfully so, how to continue household?

All their publications, certifications and I'll tell you this to justify.

A significant amount of money, so it's not official yet, but I think whatever the outcome is.

Conversation.

Y'all need to get back to support.

Next thing we have is picking a date. We wanted to throw forward September 10th or 11th.

For the next meeting.

Can be good for the end.

Sorry, they look like they're good for IDs.

Trying to get back.

I know a lot of people have children.

Mine are grown up and gone, so I don't have to worry about school schedules.

10/30/11.

Preference on the Wednesday or the Thursday before.

We just always still have that when it comes to flying on September 11th.

There.

You proposed to take no it's really kind of like maybe we do weekend.

I push back and we push a week over, then 17th or 18th. If there's a preference on

Monday, that's forensic science week.

Yeah. So when I add the stress.

So we will leave it to chance with you guys and you can just e-mail Eric and we can go from there.

But we'll tentatively put it as September the 11th until we get perfect.

Camera that now you said 9:30 as well.

Say that again 9 September 9th September.

You're out until the 7th.

I was trying to give you a little break.

As we work.

We will hammer that out and get with her.

Yes, yes.

Right. That's all we have. Anybody else?

I just want to thank you all again and thanks for all the candid discussion.

See you in September.

Thank you.

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