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### ASCLD Recognizes 2023 Foresight Maximus Award Recipients

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

The **2023 Foresight Maximus Award** was presented to sixteen participant laboratories operating at 90% or better of peak efficiency during the 2022-2023 operational year. There were 211 submissions this year with 16 award winners (7.6%). Winners represent 6 city or county labs, 4 state labs, 1 US territory lab, 2 international labs, 2 regional labs and 1 private lab.

- Bexar County Criminal Investigation Laboratory, San Antonio, TX
- Chandler Police Department Forensic Service Section, Chandler, AZ
- City of Greensboro (NC) Police Department, Greensboro, NC
- City of Tulsa Police Department Forensic Laboratory, Tulsa, OK
- Denver Police Department Crime Laboratory, Denver, CO
- Forensic Science Department, Organismo de Investigación Judicial, San Joaquín de Flores, Heredia, Costa Rica
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- Midwest Regional Forensic Laboratory, Andover, MN
- Montana Forensic Science Division, Missoula, MT
- North Louisiana Criminalistics Laboratory, Shreveport, LA
- Pinellas County Forensic Laboratory, Largo, FL
- Wyoming State Crime Laboratory, Cheyenne, WY

“The recipients of the 2023 Foresight Maximus Award have not merely excelled; they have anticipated, adapted, and exceeded expectations in a world of ever-evolving challenges”, said ASCLD President Timothy Kupferschmid. “These sixteen laboratories stand as

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beacons of innovation and efficiency, representing the very best in forensic science laboratories. Congratulations to each winner for their outstanding achievements and unwavering dedication to the pursuit of scientific truth."

**About Foresight:** Started in 2007 by a cooperative agreement between the West Virginia University College of Business and Economics and the National Institute of Justice, the Foresight program is a business-guided, self-evaluation of forensic science laboratories, which began with local, regional, state, and national agencies in North America. Over the years, the program has expanded to include forensic laboratories from around the world. Economics, accounting, finance, and forensic faculty from WVU and Florida International University (FIU) provide assistance, guidance, and analysis. The process involves standardizing definitions for metrics to evaluate work processes, linking financial information to work tasks, and functions. The program has grown over time and its success had led to numerous journal publications, countless laboratory efficiency improvements across the U.S. and a supplementary program with funding by the Laura and John Arnold foundation to examine the interface between Foresight metrics and Laboratory Information Management Systems. Based on the success of the program and the gains seen by forensic laboratories, ASCLD has sought to begin recognizing peak performing laboratories at its Annual Symposium.<sup>1,2</sup>

**About ASCLD:** ASCLD is a nonprofit professional society of crime laboratory directors and forensic science managers dedicated to providing excellence in forensic science through leadership and innovation. Founded in 1974, the purpose of the organization is to foster professional interests; assist the development of laboratory management principles and techniques; acquire, preserve, and disseminate forensic based information; maintain and improve communications among crime laboratory directors; and to promote, encourage and maintain the highest standards of practice in the field.

- 1 FORESIGHT: A Business Approach to Improving Forensic Science Services, Forensic Science Policy & Management: An International Journal Volume 1, Issue 2, 2009, Max M. Houck, Richard A. Riley, Paul J. Speaker, & Tom S. Witt, pages 85-95.
- 2 Houck, Max and Speaker, Paul. *Forensic Science Laboratory Benchmarking: the Foresight Manual*, CRC Press, March 2024.