



**CFSO**  
Consortium of Forensic  
Science Organizations

American Academy of Forensic Sciences  
American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors  
International Association for Identification  
National Association of Medical Examiners  
Society of Forensic Toxicologists/ American Board of Forensic Toxicology

## **CFSO STRATEGIC PLAN**

### **MISSION**

*The mission of the CFSO is to speak with a single voice on behalf of its member organizations in matters of mutual interest regarding forensic science, to influence legislative matters and public policy, and to make a compelling case for greater funding for public forensic science service providers and forensic medicine service providers.*

### **PURPOSES**

- A. *To increase essential resources for the forensic science enterprise*
- B. *To promote initial and ongoing accreditation and individual practitioner certification resources*
- C. *To advance the validity, reliability, and reproducibility of forensic science and forensic medicine practices*
- D. *To improve and expand forensic information technology systems, infrastructure, and interoperability*
- E. *To advocate for enhanced forensic science research and development, and advancement of a national strategy*
- F. *To maintain effective and timely communication with our member organizations*

### **OBJECTIVES**

- A. *To continue to be recognized as the organization representing the forensic community to policy makers*
- B. *To collaborate with federal entities to promote increased grant funding for administrative and quality systems*
- C. *To identify and promote opportunities to meet the current and expected demand for qualified practitioners*
- D. *To advocate for ongoing professional development of forensic practitioners and support services*
- E. *To establish and maintain collaborative partnerships for validation and performance verification studies*
- F. *To interact with federal grantors for simplification of the grant application and management process*
- G. *To maintain a collaborative relationship and consensus on common objectives among CFSO organizations*
- H. *To foster a productive relationship with Congressional and other governmental entities*
- I. *To engage with and support crime victim organizations and other stakeholders on issues of mutual interest*
- J. *To support forensic science education for officers of the court, the judiciary, and law enforcement*

### **STRATEGIES**

- A. *To ascertain the existing and projected needs of the forensic science community*
- B. *To develop educational and policy positions regarding forensic science*
- C. *To monitor and influence legislation that may impact forensic science*
- D. *To collaborate in developing legislative initiatives with member organizations and stakeholders*
- E. *To propose and promote legislation advancing forensic science*
- F. *To establish and maintain interactive and effective communications with federal agencies*
- G. *To provide public communication through an informative website, newsletter, and other means*