



*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*

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*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.*

CFSO's calendar year **2022 (Federal Fiscal Year 2023)** priorities and legislative goals:

Funding and Appropriations: Robust Funding

\*Pending review of fiscal year budget request

DOJ/OJP: Support President's budget request for:

- a) Coverdell
- b) Debbie Smith (DNA)
- c) SAKI
- d) NamUs
- e) NIJ's Research and Development in Forensic Science program
- f) NIJ's "Strengthen the Medical Examiner/Coroner System" program

DOC/NIST: Support President's Budget

- a) OSAC
- b) Forensic Science Research (Coordinated Quality Assurance, Computational Databases, Black Box/White Box)

DOC/NIST: New funding

- a) SDO grant

HHS/CDC: Support President's Budget

- a) Opioid Overdose Prevention Program
- b) State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System (SUDORS)
- c) National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS)
- d) Implementation of MDI-DATA-WG Recommendations for ME/C Offices

Legislative Authorization

- Work toward passage of the Justice for All Act
- Work toward passage of the Medical Examiner Bill

Policy Initiatives

1. Continuance of NIJ practitioner working groups (FLN-TWG and MDI-DATA-WG)

2. Simplification the BJA grant application and management process, and develop collaborative applicant resources
3. Work with HHS NCHS on coordination of new Medical Examiner/Coroner Liaison Office
4. Support the development and implementation of the Medicolegal Death Investigation (MDI) Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources
5. Nationwide medical licensure reciprocity for forensic pathologists
6. Expansion of Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) to include forensic science providers and forensic science medical providers
7. Monitor FLN-TWG recommendations for Next Generation LIMS Systems and ME/C Case Management Systems and local/regional/state/national electronic data exchange networks
8. Monitor MDI-DATA-WG recommendations for data infrastructure and integration for ME/C Office.
9. Convene a CFSO working group on forensic research strategy and develop recommendations
10. Securing resources for collaborative training programs for examiners in firearms and DNA, and training programs for current and prospective discipline leaders of all forensic disciplines
11. Securing resources and commitments from OJP agencies to support national cooperatives of state and local laboratories for performance of validation studies and performance verifications of emerging technologies.