



AMERICAN ACADEMY OF FORENSIC SCIENCES

About AAFS

The American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) is a global multidisciplinary professional organization that provides leadership to advance science and its application to the legal system. The objectives of the Academy are to promote professionalism, integrity, competency, education, foster research, improve practice, and encourage collaboration in the forensic sciences. Its vision is to promote justice for all and integrity through forensic science.

History

Since 1948, the American Academy of Forensic Sciences has served a distinguished and diverse membership. Its over 6,000 members are divided into 12 sections spanning the forensic enterprise. Included among the Academy's members are physicians, attorneys, dentists, forensic nurses, toxicologists, anthropologists, document examiners, digital evidence experts, psychiatrists, physicists, engineers, criminalists, educators, and others. Representing all 50 United States, Canada, and 70 other countries worldwide, they actively practice forensic science and, in many cases, teach and conduct research in the field as well. Each section provides opportunities for professional development, personal contacts, awards, and recognition. Many sections publish periodic newsletters and mailings that keep their members abreast of activities and developments in their field.

Mission

As a professional society dedicated to the application of science to the law, the AAFS provides collaborative research, quality education, and recognized leadership to advance forensic science to inform its application to the law. The AAFS is committed to the promotion of education and the elevation of accuracy, precision, and specificity in the forensic sciences. It does so via the Journal of Forensic Sciences (its internationally recognized scientific journal), newsletters, its annual scientific conference, the conduct of webinars and meetings, and the initiation of actions and reactions to various issues of concern. For its members and affiliates, AAFS provides job opportunity listings and expert witness referrals as well as scientific reference studies. As the world's most prestigious forensic science organization, the AAFS represents its membership to the public and serves as the focal point for public information concerning the forensic science profession. Founded in 1948, the AAFS is headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Values

- Integrity
- Leadership and Public Awareness
- Scientific Rigor
- Collaboration and Excellence
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Engagement and Connectivity

Annual Conference

The Academy's annual scientific conference is held in February at which time over 900 scientific papers, seminars, workshops, and other special events are presented. The AAFS consists of 12 sections representing a wide range of forensic specialties, and the annual scientific conference gathers these professionals who present the most current information, research, and updates in this expanding field.



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