CFSO STRATEGIC PLAN

MISSION

The mission of the CF$SO$ 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 foster a productive relationship with Congressional and other governmental entities
H. To engage with and support crime victim organizations and other stakeholders on issues of mutual interest
I. 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