

SPO Report

Introduction of Commission Business Document
“Reflecting Back-Looking Toward the Future”

Overview

- Purpose and Intent
- Overview Creation
- Highlights
- Discussion

PURPOSE OF THE DOCUMENT

1. A summary of workings and work of the Commission
2. List topics identified by this body that have not been addressed

Creation of Document

Business Record

All Issues Generated from Commissioners or Commission Members

SPO Commissioners drafted

Input from Sub-Committee Co-Chairs

Input from Commission Member and Sub-Committee Members who volunteered to assist

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THANK YOU!

Questions/Comments
General Structure or Intent

Three Categories

- Foundational
- Operational
- Relational

Foundational

- Undertake a survey of law enforcement agencies conduction forensic science analysis
- Develop policy recommendations, including a uniform code of professional responsibility and the implementation of a national code of ethics
- Address Digital Forensics

Operational

- Provide Guidance on Evidence Prevention and Retention
- Consider Examiner Certification: is this feasible, and should this be a requirement for federal examiners
- Address Source Code accessibility and commercial transparency
- Consider recommendations for how to address human factor issues in medico-legal death investigations especially around cases involving child death, in-custody death, and police shootings

Relational

- Train forensic science users – law enforcement, lawyers, judges and the public
- Make recommendations for how autopsy findings regarding cause and manner of death might be presented to fact finders (whether in investigation or adjudication phases of a case)
- Establish key principles of a defendant/victim notification process
- Establish research-based means of effectively and accurately communicating forensic science information with the judicial system and the public
- Focus on issues with communication and understanding between forensic analysts, investigators, judges, juries and the public.

Comments

