



# NATIONAL COMMISSION ON FORENSIC SCIENCE

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## Directive Recommendation Proposal to Survey Forensic Capabilities

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<b>Proposed by:</b>	<b>Approved by Commission</b>	08/27/2014
National Commission on Forensic Science	<b>Action by Attorney General</b>	09/08/2014

### Attorney General Action

The Department of Justice (DOJ) responded on September 8, 2014 by approving this Recommendation.

### Commission Action

The Commission voted to approve this Recommendation on August 27, 2014 by more than a two-thirds majority vote (93% yes, 0% no, 7% abstain).

*Note: This document includes recommendations developed and adopted by the National Commission on Forensic Science and proposes specific acts that the Attorney General could take to further the goals of the Commission. The portion of the document directly labeled "Recommendations" represents the formal recommendations of the Commission. Information beyond that section is provided for context. This document does not necessarily represent the views of the Department of Justice or the National Institute of Standards and Technology. The National Commission on Forensic Science is a Federal Advisory Committee established by the Department of Justice. For more information, please visit: <https://www.justice.gov/ncfs>.*

### Recommendation

The Attorney General should direct the Bureau of Justice Statistics to create a proposal for the development of a nationally representative survey to determine forensic capabilities for those who write reports and offer testimony within federal, state and local law-enforcement agencies and for medical examiner and coroner offices. The survey instrument should be developed in collaboration with the relevant stakeholders organizations by the next commission meeting.