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MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF DEPARTMENT COMPONENTS

FROM: THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Matthew E. Dwyer", is written over the printed name of the Attorney General.

SUBJECT: Recommendations of the National Commission on Forensic Science; Announcement for NCFS Meeting Ten

In furtherance of the Department's commitment to advance the practice of forensic science and as part of our close coordination with the National Commission on Forensic Science (NCFS), I am responding today to a recommendation on the creation of a national curriculum for forensic science. The Department supports the concept that additional comprehensive and balanced forensic science curricula could improve legal practice related to forensic science.

I am pleased to announce that I am directing the Department to take the following steps to support this goal. I ask that you work with the Deputy Attorney General to implement these policies and issue guidance as appropriate.

1. The Department will transmit the NCFS's Recommendation on Forensic Science Curriculum Development to appropriate researchers, statisticians, scientists, and legal organizations and ask the individuals and organizations to consider developing responsive training.
2. All Department litigating entities should review the forensic science training available to Department prosecutors to determine if new training should be developed or if training protocols should be instituted.
3. The Department should explore where there are opportunities to further distribute existing Department-generated forensic science training materials or where it may be able to support the creation of new responsive training materials.