Who We Are

The Forensic Technology Center of Excellence (FTCoE), a program of the National Institute of Justice (2016-MU-BX-K110), with RTI International as the leading organization, supports the implementation of new forensic technologies by end-users. The FTCoE efforts include determining technology needs; demonstrating, testing, and evaluating, potential solutions into practice; developing and updating technology guidelines; and forensic knowledge dissemination. The FTCoE bridges the gap between the scientific and the criminal justice communities.

Our Mission

Advancing Technology
The FTCoE performs testing and evaluation of emerging technologies applicable to forensic science. By identifying and removing potential barriers that often hinder the implementation and acceptance of new and innovative technologies, the FTCoE places promising technical innovations in the hands of forward-thinking practitioners, stakeholders, and policy makers. This is achieved through in-field evaluations, technical assistance, and guidance resources.

Sharing Knowledge
The FTCoE provides support for the adoption of emerging technologies, strengthening the connection between forensic discovery and processes. This is accomplished through a blended learning environment consisting of web-based presentations, workshops, and events.

Addressing Challenges
The FTCoE is an established leader in the transition of research into the hands of practitioners. We understand users’ needs, and through our support of the NIJ’s research and development portfolio, we identify the requirements necessary to drive the adoption of research to ultimately impact the criminal justice system.
Our Accomplishments

**Addressed Challenges**
- Special Focus Series
  - 72 Events
  - 13,707 Attendees

**Advanced Technology**
- Data Sustainability
  - Y-STR Database: 1,500 Searches per Month, 165,000 Total Queries
  - Frog KB Database: 7,844 Visitors, 73,303 Total Hits

**Shared Knowledge**
- Website Analytics
  - 606,482 Views
  - 67,438 Users
  - 3.5 Average Pages

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*data reflects aggregated 2012-2016 metrics*

**What We Do**
- Identify Research Needs
- On-Demand Webinars
- Peer-Reviewed Reports
- Technology Evaluations
- Event Hosting
- Success Stories
- Podcasts
- Social Media
- Landscape Reports
- Community Outreach
- Knowledge Transfer
- Workshops

**Our Partners**

The FTCoE partners encompass all of the forensic disciplines, providing to the FTCoE unparalleled experience, knowledge, resources, and expertise vital to the advancement of forensic science.

Our academic partners have a proven history of providing state-of-the-art education and research contributing to the forensic sciences.

Our industry partners utilize a combination of science and advanced, novel technology to resolve criminal casework, further catalyzing the adoption of new methodologies and technologies into the field of forensic science.

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