



REGIONAL TOXICOLOGY LIAISONS

2025 – April to June Report
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Regional Toxicology Liaisons Program Overview

The RTL program aims to strengthen state toxicology programs by improving support, communication, and resources. We also coordinate with the criminal justice system, speed up toxicology sample processing, and enhance data reporting.

The RTLs focus on training, collaboration, and standardizing testing across state labs. We help improve data reporting so we can get a clearer picture of the drug-impaired driving issue.

We support toxicologists, traffic safety resource prosecutors, judicial outreach liaisons, law enforcement, and state highway safety offices across multiple regions and states.

<u>Northeast</u> <i>Dr. Sabra Jones</i>	<u>States</u>
Region 1	Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont
Region 2	New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands
Region 3	Delaware, District of Columbia, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia
<u>Midwest</u> <i>Amy Miles</i>	<u>States</u>
Region 5	Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin
Region 8	North Dakota, South Dakota
<u>Mid-South</u> <i>Chris Heartsill</i>	<u>States</u>
Region 6	Oklahoma, Texas
Region 7	Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska
Region 8	Colorado
<u>Western</u> <i>Kristen Burke</i>	<u>States</u>
Region 6	New Mexico
Region 9	Arizona, California, Hawaii
Pacific Territories	American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands

By attending conferences and staying involved with various organizations, we keep a pulse on the latest in toxicology—emerging drug trends, advancements in testing technology, or the challenges facing labs. This also allows us to connect with key partners in each state, including judges, TSRPs, DREs, Highway Safety Office reps, victim advocates, law enforcement, and data analysts.

The RTLs have expanded into new spaces through these connections, providing education and training on workflow, testing processes, and other toxicology challenges. At the same time, gaining a better understanding of their roles allows us to help toxicology personnel see the bigger picture of their impact.

The program provides support, training, collaboration, and key insights to help drive impaired driving initiatives forward. The following is a breakdown of the January to March 2025 RTL activities.

Supporting U.S. Government Forensic Toxicology Laboratories

The four RTLs work as a cohesive team and meet weekly to address the challenges and barriers to comprehensive testing in government-funded toxicology laboratories and provide support. Virtual – Wednesdays at 10:00 AM CT.

With the expansion of the RTL Program, the focus has been on establishing connections in the added states. Much of our work includes engaging with state TSRPs, participating in state DUI Taskforces, and assessing laboratories' status and needs in these regions.

The RTLs receive several questions and inquiries. To streamline the process of requesting information from all laboratories, the RTLs have implemented a weekly email to compile responses to questions and provide updates on upcoming training opportunities.

Below are some of the key activities recently completed:

All RTLs

The RTLs have developed a system for collecting information for the laboratories across our regions that allows all to view the data requested. Specifically, in May we have been asked to collect information on the following topics (May 19, 2025, May 27, 2025):

- Method validation plans and validation documentation
- Tube preference if grey tops are unavailable (Impaired Driving Blood Collection Kits)
- Organizational Scientific Area Committee (OSAC) Implementation
- Eppendorf Automated Liquid Handling System
- New Building/Lab Resource Group
- Hydrogen generator for HS-GC/FIDs (Used for Alcohol Testing)
- Implementation of ASB 054: Standard for a Quality Control Program in Forensic Toxicology Laboratories
- Third-party vendors for service contracts for LCMSMS or QTOF systems
- Instrument donations to academic programs
- High-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) drug screening methods
- Information on companies providing glassware calibration

The Kentucky lab requested testimony training from the RTLs. Thirty toxicologists attended the one day training in Frankfort, KY. Great discussions occurred amongst the attendees which includes drug testimony, courtroom experiences, questions for the TSRP and JOL.

Northeast

The New England Association of Toxicologists (NEAT) annual meeting occurred and Dr. Jones plays a vital role in creating the schedule, determining the topics for the meeting content and presenting. This meeting includes labs and individuals that not only perform forensic toxicology testing but drug chemistry analysis as well.

Dr. Jones played a key role in planning, presenting and chairing the poster session for the Current Trends in Forensic Toxicology Conference (virtual). There were over 1800 attendees from all over the globe. She also worked with the Kentucky laboratory to plan and execute a one day testimony training with 30 attendees.

Midwest

A lab in Illinois has received approval to purchase a Quadrupole Time of Flight Tandem Mass Spectrometer (QToF). Ms. Miles has been connecting the lab with others that have similar instrumentation and from the same manufacturer. In addition, discussions have begun about how the lab will implement standards related to QToF testing. Ms. Miles continues to work with labs in Ohio to convene a partnership meeting. It has been difficult as not all labs are responding, however, a few have and planning will begin and efforts will continue to include all Ohio labs.

Ms. Miles presented at the Midwest Association of Toxicology and Therapeutic Drug Monitoring (MATT). An overview of the RTL program was provided and information on how to track drug trends and ensure the scope of testing in DUID is all encompassing. Ms. Miles and Mr. Heartsill presented a one day testimony training during the International Association of Chemical Testing (IACT) and provide a separate session on the RTL program and updates.

Mid-South

Mr. Heartsill has continued to work with the newly added labs in his region. Texas and Oklahoma labs have been in communication with him and he is working through their needs and requests. Dallas County requested in-person training on standardization and published standards. Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office requested an in-person visit to assess the lab's needs and introduce the RTL program.

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation Toxicology Laboratory requested a meeting to work through the uncertainty of measurement (UM) process. UM is a complicated process of determining variance in an analytical method. This meeting provided insight to the laboratory on what to change to improve their current measurement processes and brought them into better compliance with international standards for an upcoming assessment

In addition to the laboratory meetings with Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma, Mr. Heartsill played a key role in the IACT conference. Not only did he provide training with Ms. Miles, he also presented in half day workshop on ANSI/ASB 122 regarding the use of alcohol calculations to estimate the Blood Alcohol Concentration.

Mr. Heartsill presented in a webinar sponsored by AAFS Connect promoting the use of standards, particularly ASB BPR 122, the alcohol calculations document. This webinar had over **500 people** signed up with over **300 in actual attendance**. **Nine different countries** were represented and included toxicologists, prosecutors, and judges from across the Nation. It was a very interactive presentation and included engagement from many of the participants with the Q&A session lasting past the time allotted for the webinar.

Western

A lab in Arizona requested specific technical assistance in dealing with testing for mitragynine (Kratom). Ms. Burke reached out to labs in California that she knows test for this drug to facilitate conversations to assist the Arizona lab. A particular lab in California discussed the potential for them to reach all of the labs in the state to provide assistance where necessary.

Several other labs requested technical assistance with testing capabilities and testing. Ms. Burke either assisted them herself or reached out to other labs for further support.

Supporting U.S. State Highway Safety Offices, Departments of Transportation

The RTLs strive to have continued engagement in traffic safety conferences and regional meetings, and impaired driving task forces have been a high priority. This engagement maintains a focus on toxicology and includes:

All RTLs

The RTLs organized a webinar for the laboratories to meet TrisAnn Jodon and learn more about FARS and the laboratory data's impact on that system and overall data. Approximately 200 people attended and have viewed the webinar and several labs have reached out with questions about how they can be incorporated into their state's FARS program.

Northeast

North Carolina's SHSO requested a follow up meeting to the initial NHTSA Impaired Driving Stakeholders meeting. Dr. Jones convened the labs, law enforcement, SHSO, and other key partners in traffic safety. The group revisited the outcomes from the initial meeting, set goals for moving forward, and increased communication between the labs and the traffic safety partners.

Maine held a AAA summit and requested Dr. Jones present to the group. There were 30-35 attendees and the topic was an overview of the RTL program. Dr. Jones also attended the Maine Impaired Driving Task Force meeting and provided information about the RTL program.

Midwest

Worked with Ms. Burke and Michigan to draft informational testimony to be included in the Michigan legislative hearings on an oral fluid bill. Also presented for the Transportation Research Board (TRB) on oral fluid, both roadside devices and lab-based testing. Approximately 90 people attended the presentation.

Mid-South

Mr. Heartsill presented on the RTL program to the Texas DUI Forum and has participated in the impaired driving task forces for Texas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Iowa.

Western

Several meetings occurred with R9 representatives to coordinate traffic safety initiatives and other ways to support the toxicology programs. Included in this effort was discussing the New Mexico lab and looking to address state-specific needs. Participation in the California Impaired Driving Task Force has been beneficial to ensure toxicology is represented in the meetings.

Supporting U.S. Judicial System and Drug Court Teams

Providing training to the judiciary has proved to be a valuable contribution to the RTL Program. This group is responsible for making decisions in toxicology related cases and has historically lacked toxicology training. Engagement with this community spans from criminal trial judges to treatment court judges, prosecutors, and other partners in the DUID and drug related investigation process. Recent engagement includes:

All RTLs

The National Traffic Law Center (NTLC) has requested the RTLs re-write their [Alcohol Toxicology for Prosecutors Monograph](#). The rewrite will be significant as many updates are required. The RTLs have met with the NTLC several times. Work continues on the monograph.

The American Bar Association (ABA) held a webinar in May for judges. The topic was the fundamentals of forensic toxicology and all of the RTLs participated.

Northeast

The NTLC held a webinar on the Smith v Arizona SCOTUS decision. Dr. Joes provided a presentation from the forensic toxicology perspective to provide an understanding of the difference between drug chemistry testing and workflows and toxicology. She also presented for the Pennsylvania DUI Association meeting on the topic of drugs, alcohol and impairment.

Midwest

Ms. Miles presented during two sessions at the annual AllRise conference. One session was an overview of the RTL program with approximately 30 attendees. The second was an overview of drug and alcohol pharmacodynamics and specifics about how forensic toxicologists interpret results in impaired driving casework. There were approximately 200 attendees.

Mid-South

The Kansas Judicial Conference requested a presentation from Mr. Heartsill on the use of toxicology results in the courtroom. Although the RTLs do not currently represent Wyoming, Mr. Heartsill attended their judicial conference to present, alongside the WY State Crime Lab and Judge Huffman (ABA Fellow). The WY training was deemed one of the best, if not the best, the state has ever had on this topic. The conference and training deepened current relationships and forged new contacts and relations in a currently unsupported area.

The Missouri SHSO invited Mr. Heartsill to present at their traffic safety conference. Topics included oral fluid testing and current drugs trending in forensic toxicology, impaired driving. Mr. Heartsill also met with the Iowa judiciary to begin planning for upcoming training sessions.

Western

In April, Ms. Burke traveled to Mississippi to present at their Drug Court Conference. Although Mississippi is not a state that is covered in the current RTL regions, the RTLs felt it was important to assist the state. Arizona also held a Drug Treatment Court Conference in April and Ms. Burke along with Dr. Jones provided presentations to this group.

The Arizona Deputy District Attorney specifically asked to meet with Ms. Burke to get information on the RTL program. The meeting provided specialized consultation on toxicology related issues. Ms. Burke provided details on her efforts to support the labs in Arizona.

Michigan requested testimony on an impending bill regarding oral fluid collection and testing. Ms. Burke drafted an informational statement, which she provided to the Michigan legislature during two different hearings. One was virtual, the other was in-person. Feedback from the information Ms. Burke provided was favorable, commenting on what a tremendous resource she is for the state.

Supporting Traffic Safety and other Partners

Other traffic safety partners include regional NHTSA offices, the Association of Transportation Safety Information Professionals (ATSIP) and conferences related to traffic safety. Engagement with these partners is critical to maintain current knowledge of issues, provide updates of the RTL Program, and provide training related to drug trends and toxicology issues. This support includes:

Northeast

Dr. Jones presented to the Ohio Probation Officer Training on the topic of forensic toxicology and how it relates and impacts their role as probation officers.

Midwest

As Program Manager, Ms. Miles meets monthly with the NHTSA COR regarding the RTL program and gives updates and receives feedback. The Association of Traffic Safety Information Professionals (ATSIP) Impaired Driving Working Group (IDWG) meets monthly. Ms. Miles provides feedback on barriers for toxicology laboratories to readily provide impaired driving data. The ATSIP IDWG requested Ms. Miles

chair a Toxicology Sub Group (TSG) to focus on integrating toxicology data into the impaired driving dataset.

Mid-South

The Association of Ignition Interlock Program Administrators Conference was held in May and they requested Mr. Heartsill attend and present on drug trends and the impact if ignition interlock on cases that are DUID-related, which may also include alcohol. The TSRP from Florida has requested training from Mr. Heartsill and they are working together to plan for the content.

In June, the Midwest Crime Laboratory Meeting requested a presentation from Mr. Heartsill on the SCOTUS Smith v Arizona decision and its impact on forensic toxicology.

Western

In addition to her informational testimony for the Michigan legislature, Ms. Burke provided toxicology information to other traffic safety and legislative partners. While in Michigan, she met with a few legislators to help them understand the role of toxicology in impaired driving investigations and, specifically, how oral fluid impacts the process.

Supporting U.S. Standards Development in Forensic Toxicology

One of the major objectives of the RTL Program is to bring consistency to toxicology testing, testimony, laboratory accreditation, etc. The American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Academy Standards Board (ASB) is an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited standards development organization. The Toxicology Consensus Body facilitates the development of standards, best practices, and guidance documents for forensic toxicology through the Organizational Scientific Area Committees (OSAC).

Dr. Jones and Mr. Heartsill have been intimately involved in standards development. Their involvement provides unique insight for the RTL program as we continue to encourage laboratories to implement standards. The activities at the end of the report demonstrates the time Dr. Jones and Mr. Heartsill spend on standards development.

The RTLs are planning a webinar series for labs looking to implement ANSI/ASB standards. This will occur in early 2026.

Support to the Society of Forensic Toxicologists (SOFT)

The involvement in the Society of Forensic Toxicologists (SOFT) allows the RTLs to interact with toxicologists from across the nation, developing a vast network of scientists who are able and willing to assist those labs and personnel in our regions with training, troubleshooting, instrument validation, and sharing of methods. That vast network is a critical missing factor in laboratories nationwide and has been a massive success in connecting people. Additionally, SOFT, and its annual conference, is the major provider of continuing education for the forensic toxicology community.

Several activities in the RTL report revolve around SOFT, the membership and its committees. The RTLs use SOFT as a platform for their webinars and other communications. Although many toxicologists are not members of SOFT, the RTLs are able to bridge that gap in their training and communications.

Support to the National Safety Council's Alcohol, Drugs, and Impairment Division (NSC-ADID)

The involvement in the National Safety Council Alcohol Drug and Impairment Division (ADID) serves a similar but different objective than that of SOFT. ADID, as a division of the National Safety Council (NSC), provides resources and information to NSC and the public through position statements, one-page training documents, and verbal consultation (NSC only). The RTLs are members of ADID. The ADID focuses on several projects, such as updating the *DUID laboratory testing recommendations*. In addition, the *Stop Testing Committee* examines the impact of laboratories implementing a limit on drug testing due to the Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC). This committee has been beneficial in understanding the specific impact to the labs and the overall impact to highway safety and public health.

The ADID meets in person twice annually in conjunction with the Society of Forensic Toxicologists (SOFT) and the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) annual meetings. The Executive Board meets once a year prior to the AAFS meeting. In the interim, the Officers hold meetings with NSC, the Executive Board, and various Section or Committee Chairs to review position statements or other documents for revision or publication. The RTLs hold various leadership positions within ADID.

April to June Activity Detail

Northeast

Assisting the New England Area Toxicologists (NEAT) guidance committee for the NEAT annual meeting April 2, 2025

Current Trends in Forensic Toxicology (2025) planning session. April 2, 2025, April 7, 2025, April 28, 2025

The Society of Forensic Toxicology, Toxicology Resource Committee, Chair, April 3, 2025, April 11, 2025

Supporting Kentucky State Police Central Forensic Toxicology Laboratory to schedule the RTL Testimony Training with enlisting the help of their TSRP, JOL, and DEC. – April 2, 2025

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts (R1) Forensic Science Oversight Board (FSOB), April 25, 2025, from 10:00 to 3:00 PM ET.

North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program: Meeting. April 8, 2025

West Virginia (R3) Governors Highway Safety Program's Highway Safety Conference 2025 planning meeting. April 29, 2025

Arizona (R9) Association of Drug Court Professionals Annual Conference, presentations on RTL Program and Drug Trends. April 9-11, 2025

Assisting with the peer review and update of the Drug Resource Guides for Tier 1 and Tier 2 drugs (Recommendations for Toxicological Investigations of Drug-Impaired Driving and Motor Vehicle Fatalities) for traffic safety partners. April 1, 2025

Michigan Oral Fluid Bill, Scientific Advisory and Coordination of Testimony. April 2, 2025

Alcohol Toxicology for Prosecutors--Monograph Update-April 3, 2025

Content development for the Ohio Adult Probation Officer Training Program. April 3, 2025, April 17, 2025

Meeting with the Georgia Drug Court Conference Planning Committee. April 4, 2025, April 8, 2025, April 25, 2025

Meeting with National Traffic Law Center on Expert Review. April 16, 2025

The American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Academy Standards Board (ASB)–April 15, 2025

Academy Standards Board – Toxicology Consensus Body Working Group Standard 037-Standard for Opinions and Testimony in Forensic Toxicology. April 14, 2025, April 17, 2025

Academy Standards Board – Toxicology Consensus Body Working Group Standard 173 for Education and Training of Forensic Toxicology Personnel.– April 1, 2025 (Working Group Meeting)

National Safety Council – Alcohol Drug and Impairment Division – Cannabis Section –Meeting Date: April 17, 2025

National Safety Council – Alcohol Drug and Impairment Division – Position Statement on The Harmful Effects of Cannabis on Youth and Young Adults – Working Group.

Current Trends in Forensic Toxicology (2025) annual conference May 12-16, 2025, Over 1800 registered attendees, over **1000 daily attendees and 99 countries represented.**

New England Area Toxicologists and New England Forensic Drug Chemists joint meeting. Maynard, MA, May 27, 2025, **Attendee Numbers: 64**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts (R1) Forensic Science Oversight Board (FSOB), May 30, 2025, 10:00 to 12:00 PM ET.

North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP): **Attendee Numbers: 15 *Report Available**

West Virginia (R3) Governors Highway Safety Program's Highway Safety Conference presentation "Impaired Driving Screening and Assessment-Toxicology", Bridgeport, WV. May 13-14, 2025, **Session Attendee Numbers: 14**

Maine Impaired Driving Task Force Meeting. Presentation on the RTL Program. May 29, 2025, **Attendee Numbers: 22**

National District Attorneys Association/National Traffic Law Center Webinar: "The Confrontation Clause and Its Impact on Traffic Safety: A Primer" Presentation on Toxicology and the Impact of the Supreme Court Case: Smith v. Arizona, Presented with ABA Fellow/JOL Judge Kate Huffman and OR TSRP Deena Ryerson, May 13, 2025, **Attendee Numbers: 167**

Content development for the Ohio Adult Probation Officer Training Program. May 23, 2025

Content development for the Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutors Webinars "Beyond the Beaker: Toxicology Standards & Tech on Trial". May 8, 2025

The American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Academy Standards Board (ASB) The Toxicology Consensus Body meets monthly. Virtual –May 8, 2025, ASB 013 Appeal Hearing Panel, May 9, 2025

Academy Standards Board – Toxicology Consensus Body Working Group Standard 037-Standard for Opinions and Testimony in Forensic Toxicology. Meeting dates: May 9, 2025, May 19, 2025, May 28, 2025

National Safety Council – Alcohol Drug and Impairment Division – Cannabis Section Meeting Date: May 15, 2025

National Safety Council – Alcohol Drug and Impairment Division – Position Statement on The Harmful Effects of Cannabis on Youth and Young Adults –Meeting Date: May 20, 2025

RTL Webinar “FARS For Forensic Toxicology” Virtual – June 5, 2025

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts (R1) Forensic Science Oversight Board (FSOB), June 5, 2025
Virtual –June 20, 2025, 10:00 to 12:00 PM ET.

Discussion on RTL Testimony Training for Pennsylvania Toxicology Laboratories. Virtual –June 17, 2025
Speaker planning. June 27, 2025

Discussion on RTL Testimony Training for Maryland Toxicology Laboratories. Virtual –June 17, 2025

New Jersey Recovery Court Conference Planning Discussion. Virtual –June 17, 2025

Kentucky RTL Testimony Training at the Kentucky State Police Central Forensic Laboratory. All RTLs, Jenny Reed, TSRP, Judge John McCarty, KY JOL, and Robert Warfel, KY Law Enforcement Liaison and Drug Evaluation Classification Program Coordinator presented to KY Toxicologists. Frankfort, KY, June 25, 2025, **Attendees: 30**

2025 Maine AAA Impaired Driving Summit Presentation on the RTL Program. June 20, 2025, **Attendee Numbers: 30-35**

Pennsylvania’s DUI Association 3rd Quarter Meeting Presentation on the RTL Program and Resources to Traffic Safety Partners. June 24, 2025 **Attendees: 17**

SOFT/Forensic Toxicology Salary Information for United States Toxicologists. The SOFT Toxicology Resource Committee, which the RTLs are members of, are working with the University of Wisconsin to collect information on current job duties and salary. Various dates in June.

Florida Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor Program Webinars, Presented with fellow RTL Chris Heartsill “Beyond the Beaker: Toxicology Standards & Tech on Trial, June 4, 2025, **Attendee Numbers: 427**

North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP): Mark Ezzell, Director of GHSP requested my assistance to facilitate ongoing meetings with the NC toxicology laboratories along with representatives from the GHSP to evaluate the action items and updates from their 2023 Toxicology Stakeholder Meeting. Meeting with Mr. Ezzell, Virtual – June 5, 2025

Content development for the Ohio Adult Probation Officer Training Program. June 4, 5, 9 2025

Abstract development for American College of Medical Toxicology, “Driving Change: Addressing Substance Use and Recovery Through Toxicology and Evidence-Based Clinical Care. June 4, 2025

Ohio Judicial Training Adult Probation Officer Training Program. Presentation “Forensic Toxicology for Probation Officers”. Columbus, Ohio. June 12-13, 2025, **Attendees: 50**

The American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Academy Standards Board (ASB) The Toxicology Consensus Body meets monthly. Virtual – June 5, 2025

National Safety Council – Alcohol Drug and Impairment Division – Position Statement on The Harmful Effects of Cannabis on Youth and Young Adults –Meeting Date: June 16, 2025

Midwest

Recurring:

RTL Weekly Meetings – Wednesday each week

RTL NHTSA HQ Meeting – Fourth Thursday each month

Responsibility.org – Meet each Tuesday

Minnesota DWI Task Force – Third Friday each month

MADD Advisory Board Meeting – Third Wednesday each month

National Safety Council – Alcohol and Drug Impairment Division – Drug Section (NSC-ADID)* – Last Friday of each month

Midwest Toxicology Collaborative Steering Committee – Last Friday of each month

Society of Forensic Toxicologists – 2025 Planning Committee Meeting* – Serving as co-host for the 2025

- Planning Committee meets second Tuesday of each month
- SOFT Hosts and SOFT Office meeting first Wednesday of each month

Method Development and Validation Project – Every other Monday

Association of Traffic Information Professionals (ATSIP) Impaired Driving Data Task Force – Third Tuesday every month

ATSIP Knowledge Partners – Quarterly, third Wednesday of the month

Wisconsin Laboratory Check-In Meeting – Third Monday of each month

Addiction Grand Rounds* – UW Madison – First Wednesday of each month

Wisconsin State Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs (SCAODA)* – Quarterly, dates TBD

National Institute of Justice – Forensic Laboratory Needs Working Group (FLN-TWG)* – First Friday of the month

Past Single event:

Midwest Association of Toxicology and Therapeutic Drug Monitoring Conference – April 3-4, 2025
Milwaukee, WI - **200 attendees**

Attend and present two sessions: RTL Update, Chasing Drug Trends

International Association of Chemical Testing Annual Conference – April 6-12, 2025, Las Vegas, NV
(presenter) – **150 attendees**

Presenting on the expansion of the RTL program and a full day workshop on testimony training for toxicologists

SOFT Continuing Education Committee Meeting – (Virtual) April 8, 2025

SOFT Postmortem Committee Meeting – (Virtual) April 25, 2025

American Academy of Forensic Sciences Webinar – (Virtual) BPR 122 Alcohol Calculations, April 29, 2025

R5 Quarterly Meeting – JOLs: May 12th (virtual)

IL Impaired Driving Conference Planning Meeting: May 12th (virtual)

ABA Webinar: Toxicology “Fun”damentals, May 14th, RTLs presenting (virtual)

ADID Lab Testing Meeting: May 15th (virtual)

Strategies to Address Misreporting of Impaired and Distracted Driving in Motor Vehicle Crashes:
webinar, May 15th

AllRise25: May 28-31, Orlando, FL (presenting in 2 sessions) – **230 attendees**

RTL Webinar – “FARS For Forensic Toxicology”, June 5, 2025 – **Over 200 attendees (on demand and live)**

TRB Webinar – “Emerging Roadside Chemical Testing For Impaired Driving”, June 6, 2025

• Company Type	Number Attended	Percentage
Academia	1	1.11%
Contractor / Consultant	11	12.22%
Other Organization	2	2.22%
Other U.S. Federal Government	1	1.11%
Port Authority	1	1.11%
Research Institution	1	1.11%
State Highway / Transportation Department	63	70%
U.S. DOT	10	11.11%

NHTSA Assessment – DRE Program Assessment in Vermont, June 9-13, 2025

NHTSA/Dunlap – Sentinel Surveillance Meeting, June 11, 2025

ATSIP Impaired Driving Task Force – Meeting, June 17, 2025

MADD – Monthly Advisory Board Meeting, June 18, 2025

ATSIP – Toxicology Working Group Meeting, June 19, 2025

SOFT 2025 – Hosts meeting with Volunteer Coordinators, June 23, 2025

Kentucky – RTL Testimony Training, June 26, 2025 – **30 attendees (toxicologists from Kentucky)**

SOFT/AAFS Drugs and Driving Committee Meeting – June 27, 2025

Upcoming Activities:

ATSIP Traffic Records Forum – Boston, MA, July 6-9

Ohio Impaired Driving Conference Planning Meeting – July 8

Minnesota DWI Taskforce Meeting – July 11

Midwest Traffic Safety Conference Planning Meeting – July 28

Mid-South

Recurring:

RTL weekly meetings – Wednesday each week.

R7 Monthly State conference call – Third Tuesday each month

National Safety Council – Alcohol Drug and Impairment Division – Executive Board – Vice Chair, member of Administrative Committee.

Society of Forensic Toxicologists – monthly Board of Directors Meetings

Additional SOFT Activities include – Current President, Member of the Finance Committee,
Member of the Toxicology Resource Committee, Co-Editor of ToxTalk

OSAC Toxicology Subcommittee Monthly meetings

Additional OSAC work includes participation on the Volatiles Standard and Quality Control
subcommittee.

Academy Standards Board – routine meetings to update and publish version 2 of the ASB 054 Quality
Control Document.

Midwest Toxicology Collaborative – Round Table – monthly meetings

Missouri Impaired Driving Subcommittee monthly meeting – Second Friday of the month

Texas Impaired Driving Task Force – Quarterly Meetings

Oklahoma Impaired Driving Task Force – Quarterly Meetings

Working with the NDAA on revising and rewriting the Alcohol Toxicology for Prosecutors monograph
The Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations – Twice a month – Meet to get updates on current needs in forensic science and forensic toxicology.

Past Single event:

OSAC Volatiles Standard Comment Adjudication Meeting – (Virtual) April 4, April 14, and April 23, 2025 – Met to adjudicate public comments on the draft document.

International Association of Chemical Testing Annual Conference – April 6-12, 2025, Las Vegas, NV (presenter) - Presented on the expansion of the RTL program, testimony training for toxicologists, challenges to alcohol testimony, and use of ASB 122 alcohol calculations. **Attendees: 150**

SOFT Continuing Education Committee Meeting – (Virtual) April 8, 2025 – Met to discuss the process of ConEd and upcoming trainings and webinars.

The Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations – Board Meeting (Virtual) April 8, 2025 - Met to get updates on current needs in forensic science and forensic toxicology.

Iowa Impaired Driving Taskforce Meeting – (Virtual) April 9, 2025 – Met virtually to get updates on the status of impaired driving initiatives in Iowa and strengthen relationships with state partners.

Iowa Judiciary – April 14, 2025 – Met with Iowa JOL and representative from Iowa Judiciary to discuss upcoming training opportunities.

Dallas County Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences – April 15, 2025, Dallas Texas – Provided training to the laboratory to incorporate standards and the creation and distribution of ASB documents

Highland Village Police Department Meeting – April 16, 2025 – Met with Highland Village PD to discuss marijuana testing and best practices.

Texas Impaired Driving Taskforce Quarterly Meeting – April 17, 2025, Austin, TX (presenter) – Presented on RTL Program and State Toxicology Assessments.

Missouri Prosecutor Conference – April 18, 2025, Lake Osage, MO (presenter) - Presented on interpretation of toxicology results and limitations of testimony and strengthened relationships with state partners.

Mississippi Court Administrators Conference – April 22, 2025, Biloxi, MS (presenter) - Presenting on interpretation of toxicology results and limitations of testimony including answering commonly asked toxicology questions.

Contacted Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation to set up an introductory meeting – April 24, 2025.

Contacted Texas DPS to set up an introductory meeting – April 24, 2025.

Contacted Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences to set up an introductory meeting – April 24, 2025.

SOFT Postmortem Committee Meeting – (Virtual) April 25, 2025 – Met to understand the activities of the PM Committee.

American Academy of Forensic Sciences Webinar – (Virtual) BPR 122 Alcohol Calculations, April 29, 2025 – Provided information regarding the background, interpretation, and use of ASB BPR 122.

Kansas Judicial Conference – May 1 – May 2, 2025, Manhattan, KS (presenter) - Presenting on using toxicology results in court from a judicial perspective.

Wyoming Judicial Conference – May 7 – May 10, 2025, Jackson, WY (presenter) - Presenting on using toxicology results in court from a judicial perspective.

OSAC Toxicology Subcommittee Annual Meeting (Virtual) – May 13, 2025 – Meeting to work on existing OSAC projects.

The Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations – Board Meeting (Virtual) May 13, 2025 - Meet to get updates on current needs in forensic science and forensic toxicology.

American Bar Association Webinar (virtual presenter) - May 14, 2025 – Presenting on the use and interpretation of ASB BPR 122.

National Alliance to Stop Impaired Driving Membership Meeting (Virtual) – May 14, 2025 – Meeting to get updates on NASID activities and legislative updates.

Association of Ignition Interlock Program Administrators Annual Conference – Salt Lake City, UT, May 18-22, 2025 (presenter) – Presenting on current drug trends and the use of ignition interlock in DUID cases.

SOFT Mentoring Committee Meeting (virtual) – May 21, 2025 – Meeting to get updates on the mentoring program.

The Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations – Board Meeting (Virtual) May 27, 2025 - Meet to get updates on current needs in forensic science and forensic toxicology.

SOFT Young Forensic Toxicologists Committee Meeting (virtual) – May 28, 2025 – Meeting to get updates on the YFT program.

Met with

Missouri Traffic Safety Conference – May 28-30, 2025, Lake Osage, MO (presenter) – Presenting on oral fluid testing and current drug trends.

Met with Vin Petty to prepare for upcoming TSRP Webinar – May 28, 2025.

Midwest Crime Laboratory Meeting – June 3 – June 4, 2025, Topeka, KS (presenter) - Presented on how laboratories are working with and around the Smith V. Arizona Supreme Court Decision. (60 attendees)

Meet with Kansas Bureau of Investigation laboratory - June 5, 2025 – reviewed and discussed measurement uncertainty in toxicology, seized drugs, and firearms.

SOFT Oral Fluid Committee Meeting – June 4, 2025, virtual – met to get updates on the work of the Oral Fluid Committee.

TSRP Webinar Series – Beyond the Beaker: Toxicology Standards & Tech on Trial – June 4, 2025 (virtual) – presented on ASB 122 Alcohol Calculations. (424 registered, 174 live attendees)

RTL Quarterly Meeting – FARS Webinar – June 5, 2025 (virtual)

OSAC Ethanol Committee Comment Adjudication – June 4, 9, 11, 18, 23, 25, 2025 – Virtual meeting to work on public comments to the document.

National Safety Council Division Leadership Meeting – (virtual) June 25, 2025 – Met as a representative of the Alcohol Drugs and Impairment Division and discuss direction and plans of the NSC.

OSAC Toxicology Subcommittee Meeting (Virtual) – June 26, 2025 – Met with entire subcommittee to discuss OSAC activities and finalize documents.

Testimony Training for the Kentucky State Central Forensic Laboratory – Presenter – June 26-28, 2025 – Continuing the testimony training series with supported laboratories throughout the Country (20 attendees)

Iowa State Bar Association Annual Meeting – Presenter – June 23-26, 2025 – Prairie Meadows Iowa – presented on toxicology results interpretation in courtroom settings (50 attendees).

SOFT/AAFS Drugs and Driving Committee Meeting – June 27, 2025, virtual – met to get updates on the work of the Drugs and Driving Committee.

ASB 054 (Quality Control Document) – June 9, 30, 2025 – Met to update and revise the currently published QC document.

Upcoming Activities:

ATSIP Traffic Records Forum – Boston, MA – July 4, 2025, Meeting with traffic records partners to improve communication and understanding of toxicology data.

SOFT Finance Committee Meeting – July 10, 2025, virtual – meeting to get review the finances of SOFT.

Tarrant County Medical Examiner Visit – July 11, 2025 – Meet with the staff of the toxicology laboratory to discuss the RTL Program and determine needs of the laboratory.

Texas Impaired Driving Task Force – Austin, TX – July 17, 2025, Meet with state partners and discuss impaired driving in Texas.

SOFT Executive Committee Meeting – July 19-23, 2025 – Phoenix, AZ – Annual meeting of the Board of Directors to discuss SOFT activities, annual meeting, and the direction of the organization.

ASB 054 (Quality Control Document) – July 21, 2025 – Meeting to update and revise the currently published QC document.

SOFT Toxicology Resource Committee Meeting (virtual) – July 23, 2025 – Meeting with the committee to determine needs of the toxicology community.

OSAC Toxicology Subcommittee Meeting (Virtual) – July 31, 2025 – Meeting with entire subcommittee to discuss OSAC activities and finalize documents.

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Recurring:

- RTL weekly meetings – Wednesday of each week
- Region 9 Monthly State conference calls

Past Single Events:

April 2025

- 1-3: Mississippi Drug Court Conference – Presentation on Toxicology and Drug Trends
- 7: Meeting with NHTSA Region 9
- 7: Contacted Sacramento County and OC Labs regarding Khat testing capabilities for Arizona
- 9-11: AZ Drug Treatment Court Conference – Presented with Sabra on Prescription Drug Trends
- 14: OC Crime Lab Meeting via Zoom
- 15: Meeting with Stacy Good, Arizona Deputy District Attorney via Zoom
- 21: Meeting with Rob Duckworth and team regarding Michigan Oral Fluid Bill
- 22: Submission of presentation slides for the ABA online presentation
- 27-29: Coalition for Traffic Safety Meeting – Presentation on Prescription Drug Trends

May 2025

- 14: ABA Webinar – Presentation on Toxicology and Poly Drug Impairment/Effects
- 14: Meeting with Region 6 and New Mexico Traffic Safety
- 22: CA OTS Impaired Driving Task Force Meeting
- 23: Meeting with Rob Duckworth, Darrin, and RTLs regarding Michigan Oral Fluid testimony

June 2025

- 4-6: Michigan Oral Fluid Bill Testimony and Meetings
- 26: Kentucky Testimony Training (online)
- *Note: On vacation for 2.5 weeks in June*

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July 2025

- 5-9: ATSIP Conference – Boston
- 23: TRC Meeting (Toxicology Resource Committee Meeting)

August 2025

- DRE Conference

October 2025

- SOFT Meeting in Portland

To Be Determined (Within the Year)

- Testimony Training for Laboratories
- SOFT Community Meeting for Discussion Board
- Leadership Training for Lab Management
- ADID Resource and Advocacy Committee activities
- California Impaired Driving Task Force meetings