



B32 The Comparison of Drug Chemistry Training Programs of the Illinois State Police, University of Illinois at Chicago Residency and the National Forensic Science and Technology Center

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This presentation will provide a description of various chemistry training programs and their financial impact upon the host.

The Illinois State Police Forensic Sciences Command has conducted training for its forensic scientists for more than 25 years and has earned an excellent reputation. Their program is recognized nationally as providing both the theoretical and practical knowledge necessary to conduct quality forensic analysis before they are required to work actual cases. The Chemistry Training program recently had the opportunity to compare the results of training from two other training programs with its own. In January of 2002, six individuals were hired by the Illinois State Police, Forensic Sciences Command to be trained in Drug Chemistry analysis. Two individuals were asked and agreed to be trained by the National Forensic Science and Technology Center (NFSTC) in Largo, Florida. Three individuals proceeded in the normal drug chemistry training program at the Forensic Science Center in Chicago. The final individual was completing his residency requirement as part of his Masters of Forensic Science from the University of Illinois at Chicago. This paper describes the programs and goals of each program and provides some measurable data for comparison of their effectiveness.

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