



### **D29 Digital Evidence Survey: Current Trends and Needs**

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After attending this presentation, attendees will be briefed on the current state of Law Enforcement practices related to digital evidence and the gaps that currently exist in this maturing field.

This presentation will impact the forensic community and/or humanity by providing scientifically derived statistics on the amount and types of digital evidence being processed by state and local law enforcement, and identify the needs that must be addressed.

The current presentation summarizes the findings from the 2005 Digital Evidence Survey conducted by Eastern Kentucky University, the University of Central Florida, and Purdue University. The study surveyed state and local law enforcement regarding digital evidence. The presentation will discuss trends related to the types and amount of digital evidence being collected and processed, and protocols and methodologies used during the phases of digital evidence handling and examination. The presentation will also highlight areas that were identified as requiring assistance, and provide meaningful statistics on the current state of digital evidence relative to state and local law enforcement.

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