



Toxicology Section – 2006

K29 Integrating a New DUI Toxicology Program – Trials and Tribulations

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After attending this presentation, attendees will learn about a more coordinated effort in dealing with DUI cases in their local jurisdictions.

This presentation will impact the forensic community and/or humanity by facilitating improvements in public health and safety by increasing the likelihood of successful detection and prosecution of DUI cases.

This presentation primarily focuses on the recent changes to the DUI toxicology program in Washington, D.C. Although covering only 10 square miles, the District currently encompasses at least five different local and federal law enforcement agencies, two toxicology testing facilities, and two separate prosecuting agencies; all of which are responsible for the investigation, detection and prosecution of DUI cases. Over the past two years, representatives from several of these agencies have sought to improve overall coordination, communication, and training across the various agencies. This has included improvements in coordinated traffic stops, filing of police paperwork, sample submission, alcohol and drug testing protocols, preparation of court cases, coordinated training, and funding sources, in addition to extensive legislative changes.

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