



## Criminalistics Section – 2010

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### A5 How Much Do You Really Know About the Quality Assurance Standards?

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After attending this presentation, attendees will have an understanding of the history behind the development and implementation of the Quality Assurance Standards for use by forensic and DNA databasing laboratories.

This presentation will impact the forensic community by demonstrating how the Quality Assurance Standards have improved the field of Forensic DNA testing and evolved into a benchmark within the forensic science discipline.

The roles in which the DNA Identification Act of 1994, the DNA Advisory Board, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Scientific Working Group for DNA Analysis Methods (SWGDM), and the forensic community as a whole played in the development of the Quality Assurance Standards will be highlighted. The attendees will also gain an understanding for the development of the FBI Quality Assurance Standards Audit Document and how it has been used to assess the quality practices and performances of DNA laboratories throughout the country. **DNA, History, Quality Assurance Standards**