



## Digital & Multimedia Sciences Section – 2010

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### **B17 The Digital Forensics Certification Board: Its History and Future**

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After attending the presentation, attendees will understand the evolution of the Digital Forensic Certification Board (DFCB), become aware of the application process, will understand the value of professional certification, and will understand it is community driven.

This presentation will impact the forensic science community by discussing how the Digital Forensic Certification Board was able to respond immediately to one area that the National Sciences Academy February 2009 Report's found lacking, which was the need for certification programs. The DFCB launched their certification program for digital forensics practitioners and managers on March 2, 2009.

Professional certifications in digital forensics are something the community has needed for years and it is now a reality. The Digital Forensics Certification Board (DFCB) professional certifications are truly independent and community driven. The DFCB certification program was developed with National Institute of Justice (NIJ) funding. The terms for the development of this certification program by consensus were followed. The DFCB will eventually be applying for recognition by the Forensic Specialties Accreditation Board (FSAB), which is currently recognized by the American Academy of Forensic Sciences.

There are (2) types of forensic certifications offered: Digital Forensic Certified Practitioner (DFCP) and the Digital Forensic Certified Associate (DFCA). The Founders process offers those, who have been active for years in the digital forensic discipline the opportunity to become certified by demonstrating expertise and experience. Once the Founders process concludes, those seeking certification will be required to sit for a comprehensive exam.

#### **DFCB, Professional, Certification**