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First and only DNA analyst online training now updated

January 9, 2017 (Largo, FL): The National Forensic Science Technology Center (NFSTC) has released the only DNA analyst online training with updates to conform to and include the latest FBI Quality Assurance Standards (QAS), new techniques and technologies. The program is used as the knowledge base for new analysts in the laboratory, and can also be offered as supplement to university course work.

While the fundamentals of the training remained unchanged since its creation in 2005, there have been numerous updates to the technology and techniques in the intervening years. NFSTC has taken on the challenge and enhanced the training content to benefits laboratories and analysts around the world.

"Science doesn't remain stagnant. It keeps advancing and so should the training we offer to the laboratories," explains Kevin Lothridge, NFSTC CEO. "We took it upon ourselves to update the nine modules with the advancements we've seen in the field."

These advancements include rapid and touch DNA; both of which are changing how quickly DNA can be analyzed and how much of it is needed to do so. Laboratory Technical Leaders will be able to access the program and resources, monitor student progress, receive assessment results and have the authority to establish thresholds for issuing certificate of completion.

Individual analysts or laboratory teams can enroll in the new training program through NFSTC's website. Training costs are determined by the number of students enrolled.

To enroll an analyst today, or to learn about creating a custom blended-learning DNA training, visit <u>www.nfstc.org</u>.

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