



HFSC Training Director Appointed to IAI Board of Directors

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Domingo Villarreal, the Houston Forensic Science Center's (HFSC) Technical Training Director, has been elected to the 14-member Board of Directors of the International Association for Identification (IAI). The IAI is a professional association that represents forensic disciplines such as firearm examination, latent print identification and crime scene investigation. The IAI, one of the oldest and largest forensic associations, celebrated its 100th anniversary this year. Mr. Villarreal will serve a two-year term on the board and will help make decisions on a variety of topics pertinent to the association, including issues regarding certification and accreditation.

Mr. Villarreal has more than 27 years of forensic experience, and is a fingerprint and crime scene investigation expert. Mr. Villarreal retired in 2010 from the Humble Police Department where he supervised the forensic laboratory. Mr. Villarreal first served as a consultant with HFSC, and has been instrumental in building the Latent Print Section. He came on board as HFSC's Technical Training Director in July 2015. Mr. Villarreal graduated from the FBI's National Academy. He has worked as a forensic adviser for the U.S. Department of Justice, where he managed training and development initiatives

for international projects among other things. Mr. Villarreal is a certified lead assessor for ISO/IEC 17020 and 17025. He is also an IAI certified crime scene analyst.

HFSC took over management in April 2014 of what had previously been the Houston Police Department's Crime Laboratory, Crime Scene Unit and parts of its Identification Division. HFSC currently operates in eight disciplines and is expanding.

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