



HFSC Hires Chief Operations Officer

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The Houston Forensic Science Center has hired Dr. Peter Stout as the corporation's first Chief Operations Officer. Dr. Stout will report to Dr. Daniel Garner, HFSC's Chief Executive Officer. Dr. Stout most recently served as a senior research forensic scientist and director of operations in the Center for Forensic Sciences at RTI International, an independent not-for-profit research institute in North Carolina. Dr. Stout has more than 15 years of experience in the forensic sciences and forensic toxicology. During his career, Dr. Stout has managed commercial and government organizations through periods of change and helped them adapt to new financial structures, expertise that will help the Center as it continues to expand its revenue streams and business model.

At RTI, Dr. Stout was responsible for managing a portfolio that included commercial, federal and state grants and contracts. He also oversaw strategic and business development.

Dr. Stout finished his recent term as president of the Society of Forensic Toxicologists at the end of December. In that role, Dr. Stout has represented the Society with the Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations and been involved on the national level in the policy debate regarding the future of forensic sciences in the United States. Dr.

Stout has testified before state legislative committees and spoken before state and national gatherings on this issue.

All of these skills will be of great help to HFSC as it moves forward on a path of independence and expansion, helping it become a model to other forensic facilities nationwide seeking to improve the way they do business.

Dr. Stout and his wife and three boys will be relocating from their home in North Carolina to Houston as he takes on his new role with HFSC. He will officially begin working for the corporation on Feb 15, 2015.

Houston's forensic operations, formerly known as the Houston Police Department Crime Lab, have been managed by Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc., since April 3, 2014.

HFSC is overseen by a board of directors appointed by the Mayor of Houston and approved by the Houston City Council. HFSC manages the independent forensic operations that currently operate in eight disciplines.

Further information regarding HFSC is available at www.houstonforensicscience.org.

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