



HFSC Board of Directors Names Vice President

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The Houston Forensic Science Center's Board of Directors has named Dr. Peter Stout as vice president of the corporation. Dr. Stout is also HFSC's Chief Operations Officer, and reports to Dr. Daniel Garner, the Chief Executive Officer and President.

"I am excited to join HFSC. I know this corporation will become a model for other forensic institutions nationwide seeking to become independent of law enforcement," Dr. Stout said.

Dr. Stout joined HFSC in February after working 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 develops its business models and reduces its need for direct funding from the City of Houston.

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

Dr. Stout recently completed a term as president of the Society of Forensic Toxicologists. 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 and becomes a model for other forensic facilities nationwide.

Dr. Stout and his wife and three boys will be relocating from their home in North Carolina to Houston.

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 confirmed by the Houston City Council. HFSC currently operates in eight forensic disciplines.

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