## Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc.

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

October 11, 2019



Position 1 - Dr. Stacey Mitchell, Board Chair

Position 2 - Anna Vasquez

Position 3 - Philip Hilder

Position 4 - Francisco Medina

Position 5 - Janet Blancett

Position 6 - Dr. Robert McPherson

Position 7 - Vacant

Position 8 - Mary Lentschke

Position 9 - Sandra Guerra Thompson, Vice Chair

Ex-Officio - Tracy Calabrese

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### HOUSTON FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER, INC.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING October 11, 2019

Notice is hereby given that beginning at 8:30 a.m. on the date set out above, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc. (the "Corporation") will meet in the Council Annex Chambers, 900 Bagby St. (Public Level), Houston, Texas 77002. The items listed below may be taken out of order at the discretion of the Chair and any items listed for closed session may be discussed and/or approved in open session and vice versa as permitted by law.

### **AGENDA**

- 1. Call to order.
- 2. Roll call; confirmation of presence of quorum.

#### **CLOSED MEETING**

3. Executive session in accordance with Section 551.071(1) of the Texas Government Code, consultation with attorney.

### **OPEN MEETING RECONVENES AT 9 A.M.**

- 4. Reconvene into open session.
- 5. Consideration of any action deemed necessary as a result of Executive session.
- 6. Reading of draft minutes from August 9, 2019 Board meeting. Consideration of proposed corrections, if any. Approval of minutes.
- 7. Public comment.
- 8. Report from Dr. Stacey Mitchell, board chair, including a monthly update of activities and other announcements.

### Reports and presentations by corporate officers, and possible related action items

- 9. Report from Dr. Peter Stout, president and CEO, including technical updates, outreach efforts, staffing changes and other corporate business items.
- 10. Monthly operations report from Dr. Amy Castillo, vice president and COO, including a review of turnaround times and backlogs.
- 11. Report from Mr. David Leach, treasurer and CFO, regarding company financials and other fiscal updates.

### Reports and presentations by staff

- 12. Report from Mr. Jerry Pena, director of CSU and digital multimedia evidence, on evidence collection, turnaround times and other updates.
- 13. Report from Mr. Charles Evans, director of business development, regarding the status of the Corporation's facility project and move to 500 Jefferson.
- 14. Report from Ms. Erika Ziemak, quality director, regarding quality assurance, including review of testimony monitoring, proficiency tests and corrective actions.
- 15. Adjournment.

### -NOTICE REGARDING SPECIAL NEEDS -

Persons requiring accommodations for special needs may contact the HFSC at 713-929-6760 to arrange for assistance.

### -NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENT -

Members of the public may address the Board during the "Public Comment" segment of the meeting. Each speaker should limit his or her comments to three minutes. The Chairman may limit both the number of speakers and the time allotted for each speaker. A speaker who plans to submit a document for the Board's consideration should provide at least ten copies of the document, each marked with the speaker's name.

### - NOTICE REGARDING CLOSED MEETINGS -

As authorized by Texas Government Code Chapter 551.001 (the "Open Meetings Act",) if during the course of the meeting covered by this Notice, the Board should determine that a closed or executive session of the Board should be held or is required in relation to any items included in this Notice, then such closed or executive session as authorized by Section 551.001 et seq. of the Texas Government Code (the Open Meetings Act) will be held by the Board at the date, hour and place given in this Notice or as soon after the commencement of the noticed open meeting, for any and all purposes permitted by Section 551.071-551.089, inclusive, of the Open Meetings Act.

The presiding officer shall announce that the Board will convene in a closed meeting; that is, in "a meeting to which the public does not have access," sometimes known as an "executive session." The presiding officer's announcement will identify the provision(s) of the Open Meetings Act permitted by Section 551.071-551.089 under which the closed meeting will be held. Should any final action or vote be required in the opinion of the Board with regard to any matter considered in such closed or executive session, then such final action or vote shall be taken only in a meeting open to the public, including reconvening the open meeting covered by this Notice.

## Certification of Posting of Notice of the Board of Directors ("the Board) of the Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc. (the "Corporation)

I, Jordan Benton, coordinator of board relations and executive administration, do hereby certify that a notice of this meeting was posted on Tuesday, the 8th day of October, 2019 in a place convenient to the public in the Council Annex Chambers, 900 Bagby Street. (Public Level), Houston, Texas 77002, and on the HFSC website as required by Section 551.002 et seq., Texas Government Code.

Given under my hand this the 8th day of October 2019.

Jordan Benton

### Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc.

## MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES August 9, 2019

The undersigned, being the duly appointed secretary of the Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc., ("HFSC" and/or the "Corporation") hereby certifies the following are true and correct minutes of the August 9, 2019 meeting of the Board of Directors (the "board") of the Corporation.

- A. In a manner permitted by the Corporation's Bylaws, the meeting was called by providing all directors with notice of the date, time, place and purposes of the meeting more than three days before the date of the meeting.
- B. In accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, made applicable to the Corporation by Section 431.004, Texas Transportation Code, a notice of the meeting was duly posted on August 6, 2019, in the same manner and location as required by law of the City of Houston, Texas (the "City".)
- C. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Stacey Mitchell, board chairwoman, at approximately 9 a.m. on Friday August 9, 2019 in the Council Annex Chambers, 900 Bagby St. (Public Level), Houston, Texas 77002.
- D. Ms. Jordan Benton called the roll. The following directors were present: Dr. Stacey Mitchell, Sandra Guerra Thompson, Philip Hilder, Francisco Medina, Janet Blancett, Dr. Robert "Bob" H. McPherson, Mary Lentschke and Ms. Tracy Calabrese

Anna Vasquez was absent. Ms. Lentschke left the meeting at approximately 9:42 a.m. Dr. McPherson left the meeting at approximately 9:58 a.m.

Chairwoman Mitchell declared a quorum was present

- E. Chairwoman Mitchell asked if any changes were needed for the July 12, 2019 board meeting minutes. Mr. Medina made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Hilder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- F. Chairwoman Mitchell asked if members of the public wished to address the board. No one addressed the board.
- G. Chairwoman Mitchell presented a chair's report. Dr. Mitchell welcomed Mr. Darrell Davis, a member of HFSC's technical advisory group, to the meeting. The Chairwoman invited board members to register for HFSC's annual symposium. She said this year's symposium will address evidence handling and management and will be held on September 27 at Rice University. Dr. Mitchell also told the board that Dr. Stout will present at the National Institute of Standards and Technology evidence management symposium being held from October 2 to October 4 in Gaithersburg, Md. The chairwoman thanked Mr. John Quinlan, president of

Jefferson Smith, LLC, for helping to sponsor HFSC's annual holiday party on Saturday December 14 and asked board members to again make their donations for the event. Vice Chair Thompson gave an update about a presentation on HFSC's blind testing program that she and Nicole Casarez, HFSC's former board chairwoman, gave at the International Conference on Evidence Law and Forensic Science in Friedberg, Germany. Ms. Thompson said the presentation was well-received. Chairwoman Mitchell thanked her and Ms. Casarez for speaking about HFSC's work.

- H. Dr. Peter Stout, president and CEO, gave the president's report. Dr. Stout reviewed HFSC's overall turnaround time and requests for July 2019. He said, as expected, turnaround times have increased due to planning and preparation for HFSC's upcoming facility move and the elimination of the firearms backlog. Dr. Stout gave a staffing update and shared certifications earned by staff. He highlighted recent outreach events, including a visit with policy and grant staff from the Charles Koch Foundation and the Charles Koch Institute, a tour with Mike Ware of the Innocence Project of Texas and his participation in a half-day conference on opioid overdose reporting with the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.
- I. Dr. Stout said the worldwide helium shortage is impacting HFSC's seized drugs and toxicology sections. Instruments in both sections require helium to operate effectively, He said HFSC, among other laboratories, are having difficulty obtaining quality helium and prices have increased nearly 10 percent since January. Dr. Stout said the instruments could operate on hydrogen, however, past experience has shown it creates operational issues and increases maintenance needs, so it is not a viable alternative. With no ideal substitute for the gas, Dr. Stout said the lab may need to investigate alternatives in the future, such as possibly purchasing new instrumentation that can better manage hydrogen, but that would be a significant cost. In response to a question from Director Blancett, Dr. Stout said the helium shortage could potentially create backlogs or other operational issues if the lab could not procure the gas.
- J. Dr. Stout updated the board about House Bill 1325, which legalized the production and sale of hemp in Texas and changed the definition of marijuana. He said HFSC, the Texas Forensic Science Commission, the Department of Public Safety and Sam Houston State University (SHSU) are working together to validate a method so Texas crime laboratories can identify marijuana plant material according to the new definition. Dr. Stout said SHSU is about four months away from validating a method to determine whether an item is above or below 1 percent tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC. Meanwhile, HFSC is validating a chemical color test that will detect whether a substance has more or less THC versus cannabidiol, or CBD. Dr. Stout said the methods being validated at this time will only address testing for plant materials. There is no solution yet for products such as vape pens, oils and food items. He said after SHSU completes its method validation, Texas labs will run internal verifications before using the method \_ a process which will take about two months.
- K. Dr. Amy Castillo, vice president and chief operations officer, presented an operations report. Dr. Castillo provided an overview of turnaround times and backlogs. She shared that the biology/DNA section had about 30 backlogged cases at the end of July. She explained lab managers are holding more than half of the backlogged cases to use to train staff on new mixture interpretation software called STRMix. Some are being reevaluated for upload into the Combined DNA Index System as part of a separate project. Dr. Castillo said the toxicology

section is struggling with backlogs in both blood alcohol testing and drug confirmations due to an increased number of requests. She said the section had a backlog of 660 blood alcohol requests at the end of July. Dr. Castillo said the toxicology section's backlog is largely the result of a sharp increase in requests. The section has a backlog elimination plan that will also address the increase in requests. Currently, the section has the capacity to complete about 240 requests per month but is receiving about 450 requests on average. Dr. Castillo said the section will halt drug confirmation training from mid-August to October and begin outsourcing incoming casework once the section's fume hoods move to the new building. This will allow analysts to focus on blood alcohol requests and eliminate the backlog. By March 2020, the section anticipates having an additional three analysts dedicated to blood alcohol testing, increasing capacity to about 700 requests per month. Dr. Castillo said the toxicology section's goal is to clear the backlog by July 2020 and maintain a 30-day turnaround time thereafter. Dr. Castillo said the firearms section cleared the historical gun backlog on July 24 and is maintaining a seven-day turnaround time on incoming guns. She said the five-day hold on firearms will be lifted on August 15. The five-day hold was created by the Houston Police Department (HPD) to allow officers more time to submit requests for testing, such as DNA and fingerprints. The lift on the hold will allow HFSC to more quickly provide information from the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network to the HPD. Dr. Castillo said this will improve public safety because crucial investigative information related to gun-related violence will reach officers more quickly. .

- L. Mr. David Leach, CFO and treasurer, requested the board's approval for reallocations to the FY19 budget. Mr. Leach said line item changes included \$935,000 in grant funds and \$500,000 to increase employee salaries. He said total budget expenditures did not change. Ms. Blancett made a motion to approve the budget reallocations. Dr. McPherson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- M. Mr. Leach gave an overview of HFSC's year-end financials for fiscal year 2019. He reviewed the breakdown of overall budget costs, stating 75 percent of the budget goes toward staffing. Mr. Leach compared fiscal year 2018 to fiscal year 2019, highlighting the biggest change was that nearly all City of Houston personnel have moved to HFSC's payroll and that classified officers have transferred back to HPD. HFSC has also filled nearly all the open positions. Mr. Leach also broke down costs associated by department, supplies, services, fixed assets and grant spending.
- N. Mr. Jerry Pena, director of the crime scene unit (CSU) and digital multimedia division, said incoming multimedia requests had drastically increased. The multimedia section saw requests increase from 364 between January 2018 to August 1, 2018 to .438 requests during the same time this year. Mr. Pena added the time to complete a request is lengthy, and for computers, processing one request with one item can take anywhere from a half day to three days. Mr. Pena said CSU will expand leadership roles to assist with technical reviews and work associated with field calls. He added the request for proposal for grant-funded renovations to the vehicle examination bay has been finalized. Mr. Pena showed the board images of what the new, cost-efficient pickup trucks for CSU will look like and how they will be utilized for crime scene response.
- O. Ms. Aimee Grimaldi, project engineer, updated the board about two new process improvement projects that focus on quality. Ms. Grimaldi said the two projects, one aimed to improve

internal reviews and the other to develop a quality score, are designed to build a proactive system that identifies areas for improvement while continuing to encourage self-reporting of errors. She said the review project, being led by Project Engineer Paula Evans, is meant to a more efficient, systematic process for administrative and technical reviews. Ms. Evans' team will review current processes and seek to design a more reliable, efficient review method across disciplines. Ms. Grimaldi, overseeing the quality score project, said her team will research and examine quality scores from other industries since this is a new concept in forensics. The research will help HFSC determine what the lab's quality score can reflect Both projects are expected to be complete in February 2020.

- P. Mr. Charles Evans, director of business development, updated the board about the ongoing lab construction and upcoming facility move to 500 Jefferson. Mr. Evans said construction was seven weeks from being complete. Installation of flooring, ceiling panels, fume hoods, venting and more are on schedule. Mr. Evans said HFSC had signed an agreement with Full Spectrum to move lab instruments and microscopes. He said the delivery of the lab furniture had been delayed for one week and will now arrive September 9. Mr. Evans said the next large project would be lifting the lab's generator by crane to the roof of 500 Jefferson. This is scheduled for mid-August, weather permitting. He said the remainder of the space occupied by the lab in the 1200 Travis will be vacated and returned to HPD in late November. Mr. Evans summarized ongoing communications and logistics regarding the lab-wide move, highlighting that the facility budget is on track.
- Q. Ms. Erika Ziemak, assistant quality division director, updated the board on the June blind quality controls, audits, disclosures, corrective actions, proficiency tests, transcript reviews and testimony data. Ms. Ziemak introduced Martha xxx, the newest member of the quality division. She said the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is allowing HFSC to submit blind tests through the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN,) further enhancing HFSC's blind testing program and allowing blinds to flow through the firearm's section the same way as routine casework. Ms. Ziemak said HFSC's accrediting body ANAB had found no nonconformances during HFSC's annual off-site assessment. ANAB will issue the final determination letter in the coming weeks. She said the quality division had identified the following nonconformances in a second round of internal audits held July 15 through 19: zero in toxicology, two in seized drugs, three in firearms and six in forensic biology. Ms. Ziemak said most of the nonconformances in the forensic biology section were administrative.
- R. Chairwoman Mitchell asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hilder made a motion to adjourn. Vice Chair Thompson seconded the motion. The meeting ADJOURNED at approximately 11 a.m.

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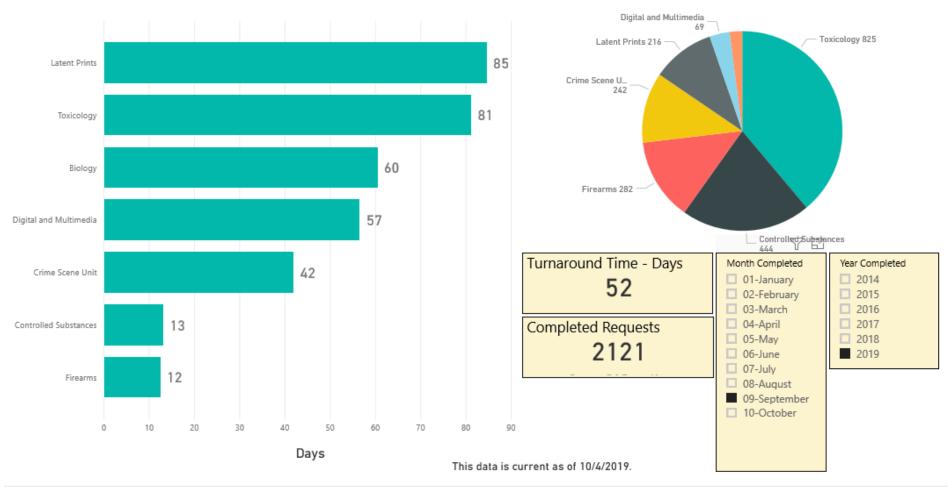
# Presidents Report

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## Requests Completed by Section

## Average Turnaround Time for September 2019





## Certifications

- Amy Castillo Certified Six Sigma Black Belt
  - American Society for Quality
- Ashley Henry Certified Six Sigma Green Belt
  - American Society for Quality
- Amanda Jarding Certified Crime Scene Analyst
  - International Association for Identification (IAI)
- Kambrie Kissmann Certified Property and Evidence Specialist
  - International Association for Property and Evidence, Inc. (IAPE)
- Milagros Pacchioni Certified Property and Evidence Specialist
  - International Association for Property and Evidence, Inc. (IAPE)

## Outreach

- Sexual Assault Task Force meeting held this time at the Children's Assessment Center
- Presented on panel about HB 1325 at the Marijuana Policy Conference in Austin
- Visit with producer from Herzog Productions
- Bellaire High School forensic science classes
- Tour with Texas Innocence Project
- Latent prints presentations at HPD Academy and the International Association for Identification conference in Reno, Nevada
- Presented on opioids, vapes, marijuana policy at the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) conference in Tucson, Arizona
- Presented on Rapid DNA at a forensic conference hosted by the Center for International and American Law
- Interviewed on Fox26 morning show about make CBD products and the dangers
- HFSC symposium on evidence handling
- Staff open house at 500 Jefferson
- Two HPD Citizens' Academy events



## More outreach

- Presented at the NIST conference on evidence handling
- Sen. John Cornyn, Mayor Sylvester Turner, RAINN and sexual assault survivors held a roundtable to discuss the expiration of the Debbie Smith Act and to call on Congress to reauthorize the funds



# The Big Move

October 11, 2019



# September 13, 2019















# September 24, 2019























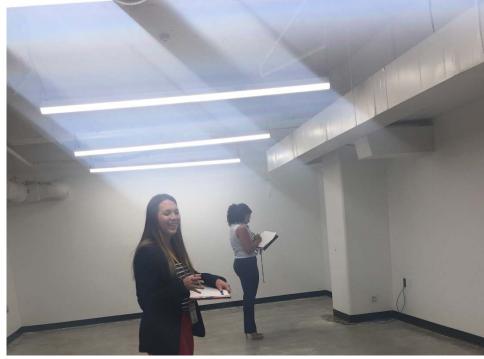
# October 3, 2019

# October 4, 2019













# Texas Forensic Science Commission: Disclosures

- Toxicology
- National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN)
- Seized drugs proficiency



# Operations Report

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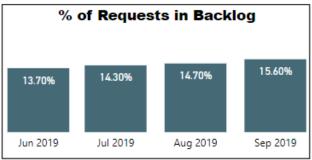
# Highlights

- Toxicology: blood alcohol request case load increasing
- Operations report format changes

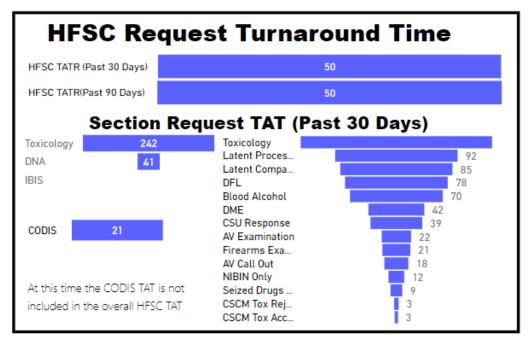


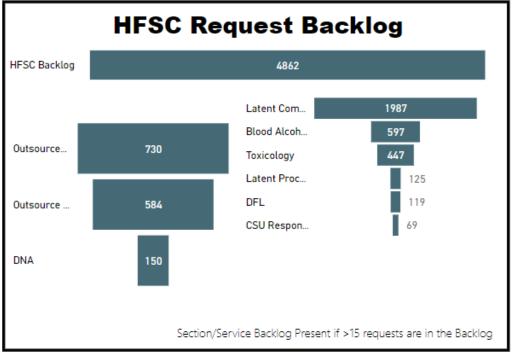
# **August 2019 Company Overview**











# Toxicology: Increase in blood alcohol requests

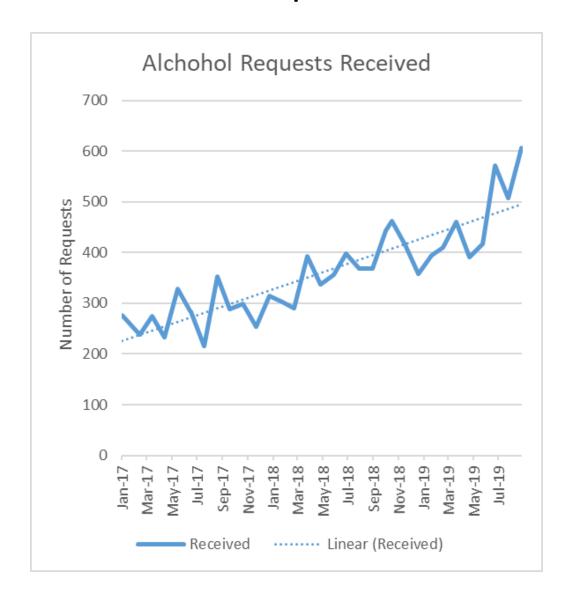
## **BACKLOG ELIMINATION PLAN:**

- Plan based on the receipt of an average 450 requests/month)
- Complete 500 requests a month
- Backlog to be eliminated by end of July

## **REALITY:**

- Completed 566 requests in September
- Received 606 requests in September
  - Up from August: 508
  - IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2018: 368
- If the uptick in requests continues, backlog will not be eliminated until October and HFSC needs more toxicology resources





# Toxicology: blood alcohol staffing

# Toxicology requests are 1.1 percent lower than seized drugs, but their analyst staff size is 47 percent smaller

	Toxicology: Blood Alcohol	Seized Drugs	% Difference
Analysts	5 (+3 in training)	13	47%
Total staff	13	17	26%
Average monthly requests received (past 3 months)	562	568	1.1%

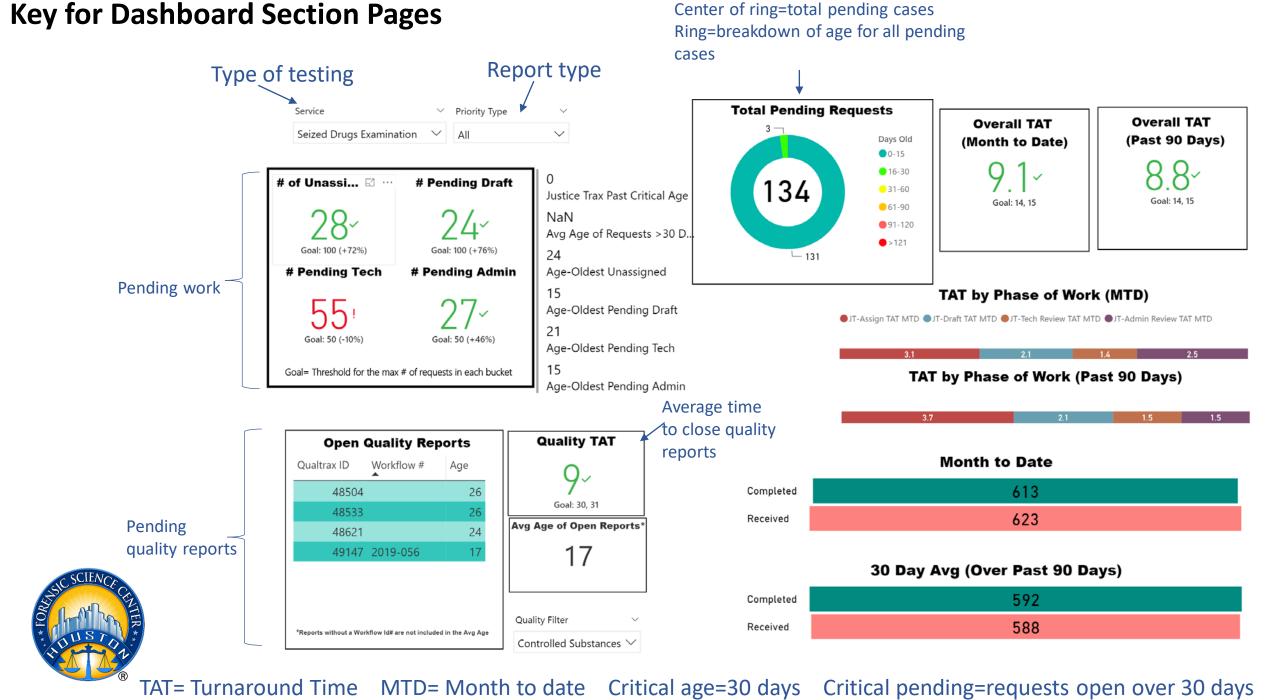
## **Toxicology staff:**

- 1 manager
- 1 training/technical supervisor
- 1 technician
- 5 alcohol analysts (to be cross-trained in drug analysis)
- 3 alcohol analysts in training (to be dedicated to alcohol testing)
- 2 drug analysts

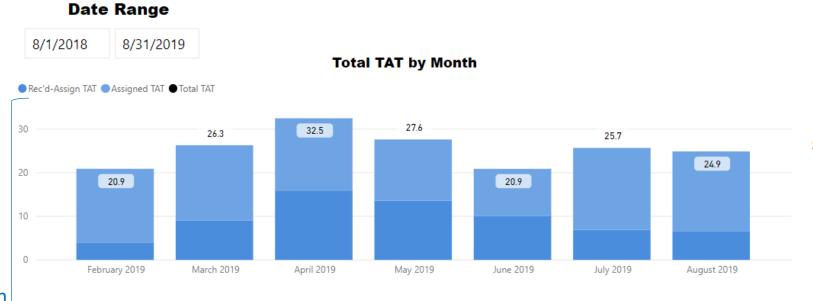


# New Slides: Introduction



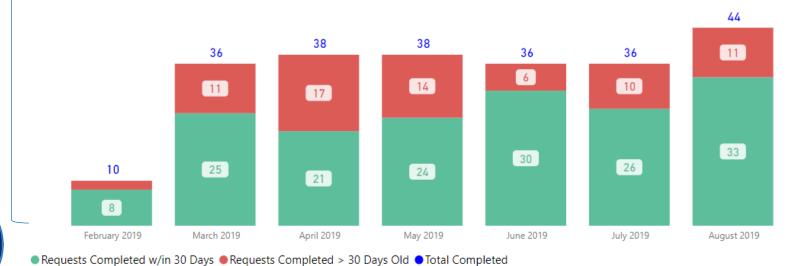


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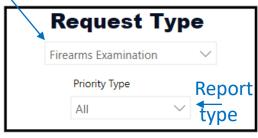


Data broken down by \_\_month

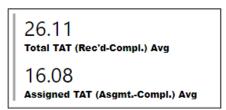
## **Requests Completed**



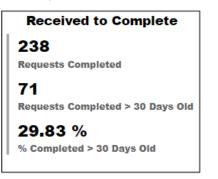
Type of testing



## **Selected Time Frame Averages**



Overall average for the selected date range



Requests more than 30 days old are considered to be backlogged requests

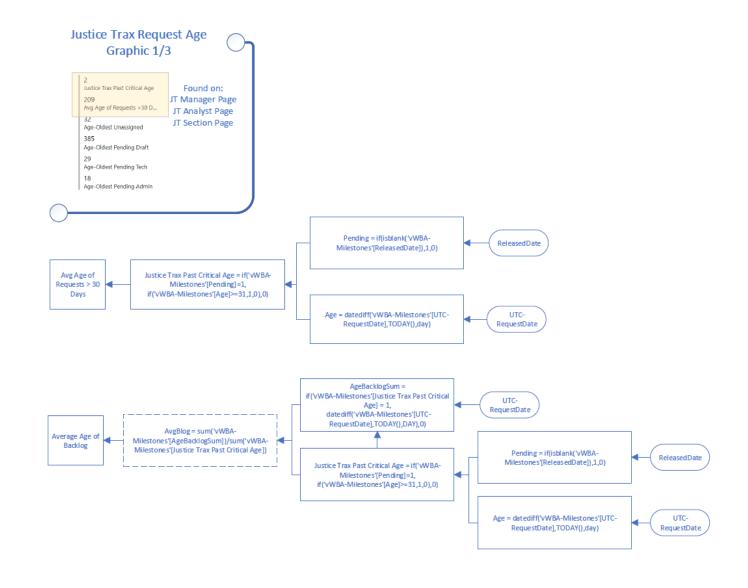
TAT= Turnaround Time

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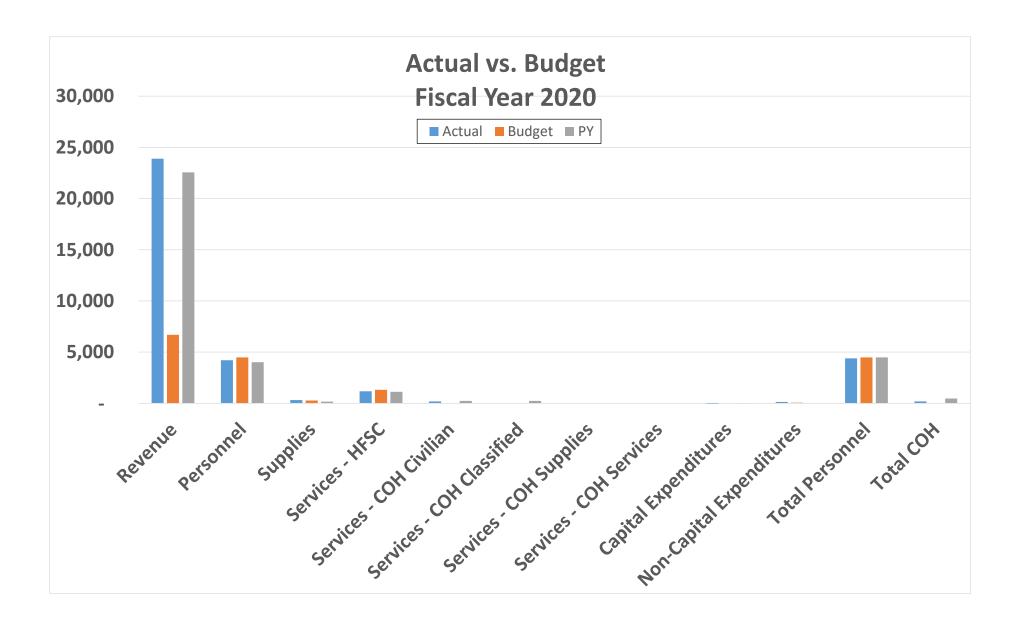


## Dashboard data

- All data comes from the Laboratory Information Management System and Qualtrax
- Managers on the dashboard team validated LIMS data
- Data maps document calculations (user manual documentation)







## HOUSTON FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER, INC. COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - ACCRUAL BASIS

For the Period July 1, 2019 through Sept. 30, 2019

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		FY20	FY20	FY19			iance		FY20	720 FY20 FY19 Variance						FY20	% Year
									July 1-Sept		July 1- Sept						
		Sept 2019	Budget	Sept 2018	Budget - Actual	%	FY20 - FY19	%	30, 2019	Budget	30, 2018	Vs. Budget	%	Vs. FY19	%	Budget V1	Completed
			# of Months							# of Months							
			1							3							
Revenues:		s -			\$ (2.013)				\$ 23.453		00.400	\$ 17,413		\$ 1,285			
411000	City of Houston-Appropriations	65	\$ 2,013	\$ - 122	\$ (2,013) (56)	-100%	(56)		\$ 23,453 365	\$ 6,040	\$ 22,168 365		288%		6%	\$ 24,160	97%
415000	City of Houston Direct OH-Appro	65	122	122	(56)	-46%	(56)	-46%	303	365	303	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	1,460	25% 0%
416000 420000	City of Houston - Safe funds Contributions	_	1		(1)	0% 0%			1	3	_	(2)	0% 0%	1	0%	11	7%
425000	In-Kind Donations	_			(1)	0%	_		<u>'</u>			(2)	0%				0%
426000	Training Services	_	1	0	(1)	0%	(0)	-100%	_	2	3	(2)	0%	(3)	-100%		0%
440000	Grants	223	92	(2)	132	144%	225	10070	4	275	5	(271)	-99%	(1)	-22%	1,100	0%
450000	Forensic Services	9	2	(2)	7	357%	11		23	6	12	17	290%	11	98%	24	98%
443000	Other	-	_	-	-	0%	-		1	-		1	0%	1	0%	_	0%
450002	Interest Income	16	0	1	16	3203%	15	2018%	45	1	2	44	2980%	43	2632%	6	770%
Total Income		314	2,231	119	(1,917)	-86%	195	163%	23,892	6,693	22,555	17,199	257%	1,337	6%	26,771	89%
Expenses:																	
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500010	Salary Base - Civilian	1,163	1,227	1,100	64	5%	(62)	-6%	3,416	3,680	3,276	264	7%	(140)	-4%	14,720	23%
501070	Pension - Civilian	68	72	64	4	6%	(3)	-5%	200	215	162	14	7%	(38)	-24%	859	23%
502010	FICA - Civilian	84	89	79	5	6%	(4)	-6%	248	266	238	18	7%	(10)	-4%	1,066	23%
503010	Health Insurance - Active Civil	110	93	97	(17)	-19%	(13)	-13%	325	279	295	(47)	-17%	(31)	-10%	1,115	29%
503015	Basic Life Ins - Active Civil	2	10	11	8	76%	8	78%	9	30	31	21	69%	22	70%	121	8%
503060	Long Term Disability - Civilian	-	-	-	-	0%	-		-	-	-	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%
503090	Workers Comp - Civilian Adm	4	4	7	0	10%	3	39%	12	13	14	1	10%	2	16%	53	23%
503100	Workers Comp - Civil Claims	-	0	-	0	100%	-		-	0		0	0%	-	0%	0	0%
504030	Unemployment Claims - Admin	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%
504010	Pension - GASB 27 Accrual	- 0	-	-	1		- 0		-	-	3	2	0%	2	0%		0%
504031	Unemployment Taxes - Admin		1,496	1,359	65	67%		25% -5%	1010	4,487	4,019		68% 6%		58%	17,947	23%
		1,431	1,496	1,359	65	4%	(72)	-5%	4,212	4,487	4,019	275	6%	(193)	-5%	17,947	23%
Sup	pplies:																
511010	Chemical Gases & Special Fluids	0	1	1	1	66%	0	33%	4	4	2	(0)	-6%	(1)	-59%	15	26%
511040	Audio Visual Supplies	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%
511045	Computer Supplies	-	3	0	3	100%	0	100%	-	8	0	8	100%	0	100%	32	0%
511050	Paper & Printing Supplies	-	2	3	2	100%	3	100%	1	7	8	6	91%	7	92%	28	2%
511055	Publications & Printed Material	2	0	0	(2)	-448%	(2)	-1825%	3	1	0	(2)	-137%	(3)	-1005%	5	59%
511060	Postage	-	0	0	0	100%	0	100%	0	0	0	0	92%	0	96%	0	2%
511070	Miscellaneous Office Supplies	6	11	8	5	43%	2	23%	18	32	24	14	44%	6	26%	126	14%
511080	General Laboratory Supply	183	71	52	(112)	-157%	(131)	-255%	276	213	113	(63)	-29%	(163)	-145%	853	32%
511090	Medical & Surgical Supplies	-		-	- (0)		- (2)		4		1	- (2)		- (2)	0%		
511095	Small Technical & Scientific Eq	3	1	-	(2)	-433%	(3)		4	2	1	(3)	-173%	(3)	-277%	6	68%
511110 511120	Fuel Clothing	-		4	1	1000/	4	1009/	2	2	7	0	0% 14%	6	0% 78%	7	249/
511120 511125	Food/Event Supplies	_	1	4	1	100% 100%	4	100% 100%	3	3	5	0	14% 5%	2	43%	11	21% 24%
511125	Weapons Munitions & Supplies		1	0	1	100%	0	100%	0	2	3	1	5% 88%	3	93%	7	3%
511130	Small Tools & Minor Equipment	8	0	0	(7)	-2579%	(7)	-1727%	8	1	1	(7)	-835%	(7)	-834%	3	234%
511150	Miscellaneous Parts & Supplies	-	2	0	2	100%	0	100%	2	5	3	2	49%	0	7%	19	13%
		202	93	72	(109)	-118%	(130)	-182%	320	278	167	(42)	-15%	(153)	-92%	1,114	29%
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## HOUSTON FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER, INC. COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - ACCRUAL BASIS

For the Period July 1, 2019 through Sept. 30, 2019

		·	Cu	rrent Mo	onth (Preliminary)				YTD							FY:	20
		FY20	FY20	FY19		Vari	ance		FY20	FY20	FY19		Vari	iance		FY20	% Year
									July 1-Sept		July 1- Sept						
		Sept 2019	Budget	Sept 2018	Budget - Actual	%	FY20 - FY19	%	30, 2019	Budget	30, 2018	Vs. Budget	%	Vs. FY19	%	Budget V1	Completed
Serv	ices:																
520100	Temporary Personnel Services	-	0	1	0	100%	1	100%	-	1	2	1	0%	2	100%	2	0%
520105	Accounting & Auditing Svcs	3	4	3	0	8%	(0)	-5%	11	11	11	(1)	-7%	(0)	0%	42	27%
520106	Architectural Svcs	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%
520107	Computer Info/Contracting Svcs	-	3	4	3	100%	4	100%	2	9	4	6	72%	2	45%	34	7%
520109	Medical Dental & Laboratory Ser	-	7	7	7	100%	7	100%	165	21	7	(144)	-678%	(158)	-2239%	85	195%
520110	Management Consulting Services	35	8	12	(28)	-373%	(23)	-194%	50	23	37	(28)	-123%	(13)	-35%	90	56%
520112	Banking Services	0	0	0	0	23%	0	15%	1	1	1	0	24%	0	18%	4	19%
520113	Photographic Services	-	-	-	-		-		0	-	-	(0)		(0)	0%	-	
520114	Misc Support Serv Recruit Relo	10	5	5	(5)	-104%	(5)	-96%	24	14	13	(10)	-69%	(11)	-90%	56	42%
520115	Real Estate Rental	50	194	86	144	74%	36	42%	150	583	258	433	74%	108	42%	2,331	6%
520118	Refuse Disposal	-	2	-	2	100%	-		5	5	3	(0)	-9%	(2)	-78%	18	27%
520119	Computer Equip/Software Maint.	31	72	150	40	56%	118	79%	144	215	313	71	33%	169	54%	861	17%
520121	IT Application Services	(1)	11	6	13	110%	8	118%	(0)	34	30	35	101%	30	0%	137	0%
520123	Vehicle & Motor Equip. Services	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-		-	0%	-	
520124	Other Equipment Services	31	24	38	(7)	-29%	8	20%	120	71	127	(49)	-68%	8	6%	284	42%
520143	Credit/Bank Card Svcs	-	0	-	0	100%	-		0	0	-	(0)	-650%	(0)		0	188%
520145	Criminal Intelligence Services	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%
520520	Printing & Reproduction Serv.	-	1	-	1	100%	-		6	2	2	(4)	-163%	(5)	-303%	9	66%
520605	Public Information Svcs	-	1	1	1	100%	1	100%	0	4	1	4	95%	1	77%	17	1%
520705	Insurance (Non-Medical)	-	10	10	10	100%	10	100%	113	29	29	(85)	-293%	(84)	-286%	115	98%
520760	Contributions	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-		-	0%	-	0%
520765	Membership & Prof. Fees	1	2	1	1	60%	(0)	-39%	3	6	3	3	48%	0	0%	25	13%
520805	Education & Training	16	16	7	0	0%	(8)	-114%	167	48	80	(119)	-250%	(88)	-110%	191	87%
520815	Tuition Reimbursement	-	3	6	3	100%	6	100%	2	10	9	7	76%	7	75%	39	6%
520905	Travel - Training Related	4	16	17	12	76%	13	78%	36	47	45	12	25%	9	21%	188	19%
520910	Travel - Non-training Related	1	2	2	1	56%	1	61%	5	6	7	1	15%	2	33%	23	21%
521405	Building Maintenance Services	0	1	0	1	73%	-	0%	1	3	6	3	82%	6	90%	14	4%
521505	Utilities	1	0	0	(0)	-100%	(0)	-75%	2	1	1	(1)	-81%	(1)	-43%	5	45%
521605	Data Services	13	19	15	7	34%	2	16%	54	57	46	3	6%	(8)	-18%	229	23%
521610	Voice Services, Equip & Labor	2	3	6	1	34%	4	63%	6	10	9	4	45%	3	35%	40	14%
521705	Vehicle/Equipment Rental/Lease	-	0	-	0	100%	-		-	0	-	0	0%	-	0%	0	0%
521725	Other Rental Fees	2	3	6	1	31%	4	68%	12	8	7	(3)	-40%	(5)	-68%	34	35%
521730	Parking Space Rental	16	13	8	(3)	-24%	(8)	-104%	47	39	43	(8)	-19%	(4)	-10%	158	30%
521905	Legal Services	-	4	-	4	100%	-		9	11	-	2	14%	(9)		43	21%
522205	Metro Commuter Passes	5	8	1	3	35%	(5)	-752%	9	24	7	16	65%	(2)	-30%	98	9%
522305	Shipping and Freight	1	1	0	0	35%	(0)	-37%	9	3	2	(6)	-180%	(6)	-262%	12	70%
522430	Misc. Other Services & Chrgs	2	7	19	5	72%	17	90%	18	21	22	3	13%	4	17%	85	22%
522720	Insurance - General & Professional	-	-	-	-		-		-	•		-	0%	-	0%	-	0%
523100	Civilian Payroll	62	-	71	(62)		9	13%	183	-	236	(183)	0%	53	22%	-	
523200	Classified Payroll	-	-	69	-		69	100%	0	-	233	(0)	0%	232	100%	-	
523300	Supplies	-	-	-	-		-			-	-	-	0%	-	0%	-	
523400	Services		1	2	1	100%	2	100%	1	4	5	3	69%	3	70%	18	8%
523000	Sub-Contractor (COH-HPD) Total	62	1	143	(61)	-4107%	81	56%	185	4	473	(180)	-4058%	288	61%	18	1039%
	Total Services	285	441	555	156	35%	270	49%	1,356	1,322	1,598	(34)	-3%	242	15%	5,288	26%

## HOUSTON FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER, INC. COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - ACCRUAL BASIS

For the Period July 1, 2019 through Sept. 30, 2019

		Current Month (Preliminary)								YTD							20
		FY20	FY20	FY19		Variance			FY20	FY20	FY19		Vari	iance		FY20	% Year
		Sept 2019	Budget	Sept 2018	Budget - Actual	%	FY20 - FY19	%	July 1-Sept 30, 2019	Budget	July 1- Sept 30, 2018	Vs. Budget	%	Vs. FY19	%	Budget V1	Completed
No	n-Capital Expenditures																
551010	Furniture and Fixtures	-	4	3	4	100%	3	100%	67	13	17	(54)	-411%	(50)	-297%	53	128%
551015	Computer Hardware/SW	6	14	2	8	54%	(4)	-195%	62	42	4	(20)	-49%	(58)	-1329%	168	37%
551025	Scientific/Foren Eqmt	-	2	-	2	100%	-		5	5	1	0	6%	(4)	-403%	20	23%
	Total Non-Capital Expenditures	6	20	5	14	68%	(2)	-37%	134	60	22	(74)	-123%	(112)	-503%	240	56%
Cap	pital Expenditures																
170140	Improvements	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%
170210	Furniture & Fixtures	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%
170230	Computer Hardware/SW	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	28	-	0%	28	100%	-	0%
170240	Scientific/Foren Eqmt	(31)	7	-	38	547%	31		(217)	21	8	238	1133%	225	2681%	84	-258%
170270	500 Jefferson - Intangible	-	-	-	-	0%	-		-	-	-	-	0%	-	0%		
170980	Const in Progress	2	-	5	(2)		3	60%	(8)		(60)	8	0%	(52)	87%		
	Total Capital Expenditures	(30)	7	5	37	522%	34	749%	(224)	21	(23)	245	1169%	201	-873%	84	-267%
Total Expense and	Capital Before Depreciation	1,894	2,056	1,995	162	8%	100	5%	5,798	6,168	5,783	371	6%	(15)	0%	24,673	23%
561230	Depreciation	143	42	42	(101)	-240%	(101)	-240%	428	126	126	(302)	-240%	(302)	-240%	504	85%
570505	FA Gain/Loss	22	-		(90)	0%			22	-		(22)	0%	-	0%	-	0%
531085	Interest Expense	90	-	-	-				271	-	-	(271)	-100%		46%		
610000	City of Houston Direct Overhead	65	33	122	(33)	-100%	56	46%	196	98	365	(98)	-100%	169	46%	392	50%
	Grant and Training Expense	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-		-	0%	_	
Total Expense and	Capital After Depreciation	2,215	2,131	2,158	(84)	-4%	34	2%	6,715	6,392	6,274	(323)	-5%	(441)	-7%	25,569	26%
Ne	t Ordinary Income less capital spending	(1,901)	100	(2,039)	(1,833)	-1831%	229	-11%	17,177	300	16,281	16,877	5619%	896	6%	1,201	1430%

## HOUSTON FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER, INC. **COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION** By Quarter

(in '000's)

Preliminary			
	As of	As of	As of
09/30/19	06/30/19	03/31/19	12/31/18

	09/30/19		0	As of 6/30/19	0	As of 3/31/19	As of 12/31/18		
ASSETS	-								
Cash and Cash Equivalents									
Bank of Texas-Operating	\$	18,585	\$	1,124	\$	6,670	\$	12,657	
Total Current Assets		18,585		1,124		6,670		12,657	
Accounts Receivable									
Accounts Receivable		209		1,063		669		16	
Total Accounts Receivable		209		1,063		669		16	
Capital Assets Net of Depreciation									
Capital Assets		37,632		37,654		37,533		6,218	
Accumulated Depreciation		(2,753)		(2,335)		(1,918)		(1,887)	
Total Net Capital Assets		34,879		35,319		35,615		4,331	
Other Assets									
Prepaid - HR		8		-		2		0	
Prepaid - Insurance		50		54		61		88	
Prepaid - Service Agreements		255		129		131		226	
Prepaid - Other		3		2		145		61	
Total Other Assets		317		184		339		375	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	53,989	\$	37,690	\$	43,292	\$	17,379	
LIABILITIES									
Accounts Payables	\$	343	\$	388	\$	3	\$	152	
Payroll Tax Liability	·	994	•	1,603	•	552	•	490	
Other Liabilities, Including Fund 2213 Billing		128		127		63		260	
500 Jefferson Lease Liability		31,928		31,920		31,911			
Deferred - Others		6		6		6		248	
Total Liabilities		33,400		34,044		32,536		1,150	
NET POSITION/FUND BALANCE									
Unrestricted/Unassigned Temporarily Restricted - SAFE Funds		17,639		248		7,053		11,898	
Net Investment in Capital Assets		2,950		3,399		3,703		4,331	
Total Net Position		20,589		3,647		10,756		16,229	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	\$	53,989	\$	37,690	\$	43,292	\$	17,379	

**Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc. Finance Division List of Grant Contracts** As of Oct 2019

### **Awarded**

Awarding Agency: USDOJ-OJP-NIJ

Name of Project: NIJ FY 16 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program

**Start and End Dates:** 01/01/2017 - 12/31/2018

Contact: Alissa Genovese

Current Award Number: 2016-DN-BX-0142 **Awarded** Invoiced Receivable

Amount of Award: \$ 741,000 \$ **Grant Inception to date:** \$ (656,628) \$ 656,628

**Grant Balance:** \$ 84,372

Status: Awarded

Awarding Agency: USDOJ-OJP-NIJ

Name of Project: NIJ FY 17 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program

**Start and End Dates:** 01/01/2018 - 12/31/2019

Contact: Monte Evans

Current Award Number: 2017-DN-BX-0027 Awarded Invoiced Receivable

> Amount of Award: \$ 867,755 \$ Grant Inception to date: \$ (711,128) \$ 599,725 111,403

**Grant Balance:** \$ 156,627

Status: Awarded

Awarding Agency: USDOJ-OJP-NIJ

Name of Project: Cap Enhancement for Drug and DNA Testing in Sexual Assault Cases

Start and End Dates: 01/01/2018 - 12/31/2020

Contact: Monte Evans

Current Awarded Invoiced Award Number: 2017-DN-BX-0176 Receivable

> 114,000 \$ Amount of Award: \$ HFSC Match \$ 38,000 \$ Grant Inception to date: \$ (999) \$

> > **Grant Balance:** \$ 151,001

Status: Awarded

Awarding Agency: University of Virginia

Name of Project: Quality Blind Testing Research **Start and End Dates:** 11/26/2018 - 05/31/2019

Contact: Lynn Boyter

Current Awarded Invoiced Award Number: 2018 CSAFE Receivable

Amount of Award: \$ 59,000 \$ **Grant Inception to date:** \$ (41,943) \$ 41,943

**Grant Balance:** 17,057 Status: Sub Award

Awarding Agency: USDOJ-OJP-NIJ

Name of Project: NIJ FY 18 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction

**Start and End Dates:** 01/01/2019 - 12/31/2020

Contact: Shelia Anderson

Expenditure Current Award Bal. Award Number: 2018-DN-BX-0096 Reported Receivable

Contact: **Charles Heurich** 2014-DN-BX-0116 Award Number:

> Amount of Award: \$ 1,530,927

Grant Inception to date: \$ (351,392.00) \$ 327,643.62 23,748.38

Grant Balance: \$ 1,179,535

Status: Sub - Award

Awarding Agency: USDOJ-OJP-NIJ

Discipline: Seized Drugs

**Primary Recipient: HFSC** 

Federal Program: 2018 Research and Evaluation for the Testing and Interpretation of

Physical Evidence in Publicly Funded Forensic Laboratories

Solicitation Number: NIJ-2018-13900

Name of Project: Establishing Sufficiency Thresholds for Assessing the Quality of

Mass Spectral Data

This study proposes to initiate and test the development of a sufficiency standard that can be used as a model for the nationalized mass spectral standard. In addition, both results

Purpose: and methodology from this project should have direct

extension to other forensic disciplines using mass spectral

data, such as Toxicology and Trace Analysis.

Collaboration: Ohio University

Start and End Dates: 01/01/2019 - 12/31/2019

Contact: Peter Harrington Award Number: 2018-DU-BX-0184 Award Date: 9/27/2018

Amount of Award: \$282,703

Expenditure Current Award Bal. Reported Receivable **HFSC Amount of Award:** \$ 174,682 **Grant Inception to date:** \$

**Grant Balance:** 

Subrecipient: Ohio University Subrecipient Official: P. Maureen Valentine Contact: **Peter Harrington** 

> Subaward Total: \$ 108,021

**Grant Inception to date:** \$ \$

**Grant Balance:** 

Status: Awarded

Awarding Agency: USDOJ-OJP-NIJ

**Discipline:** Latent Prints

Federal Program: 2018 Applied Research and Development in Forensic Science for

Criminal Justice Purpose

Solicitation Number: NIJ-2018-13600

HFSC fully intends to collaborate and provide the resources to assist RTI in creating and validating the fingerprint database.

Purpose: We are able to assist in this research effort by providing the time and expertise of 10 of our latent print examiners for the

Selection and AFIS Team. We will also assist in recruiting 20

latent prints donors as part of the Detection Team.

Primary Recipient: RTI International

RTI Contract
Meghaan Hampton

Administrator: **Start and End Dates:** 06/15/2019 - 04/30/2020

Contact: Heidi Eldridge

Award Number: 2018-DU-BX-0227

Contract Title: Selection, Detection, AFIS Teams

Contract Type: Fixed Price

Expenditure Current Award Bal. Reported Receivable

**HFSC Contract Funded Amount:** \$ 71,902

**Grant Inception to date:** 

**Grant Balance:** 

Status: Awarded - Contract Service Agreement

# Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc. (A Component Unit of the City of Houston)

Financial Statements and Single Audit Reports for the year ended June 30, 2019

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#### **Independent Auditors' Report**

To the Board of Directors of Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc.:

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc. (a component unit of the City of Houston), as of and for the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc.'s basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform our audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc. as of June 30, 2019 and 2018, and the changes in its financial position for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that management's discussion and analysis on pages 4-7 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### Adoption of New Accounting Standard

As discussed in Note 3 to the financial statements, Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc. adopted the amendments of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 87, *Leases*, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019. This amendment has not been applied on a retrospective basis to the financial statements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018.

#### Restatement of General Fund Balance

As discussed in Note 4 to the financial statements, the beginning fund balance of Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc.'s General Fund has been restated in the fund basis financial statements to record a prior period adjustment to correct the reporting of compensated absences incurred in prior years.

#### Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying supplementary information included in the schedule of expenditures of federal awards for the year ended June 30, 2019 as required by Title 2 U. S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

#### Report Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 23, 2019 on our consideration of Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and

grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

September 23, 2019

Blazek & Vetterling

#### Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc. Management's Discussion and Analysis For the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018 (unaudited)

The following discussion and analysis of Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc.'s (HFSC) financial performance provides an overview of the financial activities for the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018. This discussion should be read in conjunction with HFSC's financial statements, which follow this section.

#### **Financial Highlights**

Financial highlights for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 include:

- HFSC entered a lease agreement for the use of a building, which created a lease asset of \$31.2 million and a lease liability of \$32 million as it early implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 87, *Leases*.
- HFSC's total net position decreased by \$1,420,000 with revenue of \$26.5 million and expenses of \$27.9 million.
- \$22.7 million of HFSC's expenses were program expenses incurred in connection with forensic science services.
- HFSC recognized revenue of \$25.6 million in appropriations from the City of Houston (the City) in its statement of activities.
- HFSC added \$582,000 in capital assets during the year in addition to the lease asset referred to above.
- At the close of the current fiscal year, HFSC's general fund reported a fund balance of \$757,618, a decrease of \$207,730 in comparison with the prior year. This decrease is the result of expenditures associated with moving to a new location and upgrading and improving IT infrastructure.

Financial highlights for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 include:

- HFSC's total net position increased by \$484,000 with revenue of \$26.4 million and expenses of \$26.0 million.
- \$21.4 million of HFSC's expenses were program expenses in connection with forensic science services
- HFSC recognized revenue of \$25.6 million in appropriations received from the City in its statement of activities.
- HFSC added \$1.3 million in capital assets during the year.
- At the close of the current fiscal year, HFSC's general fund reported a restated fund balance of \$965,348, a decrease of \$263,208 in comparison with the prior year. This decrease is the result of expenditures associated with upgrading and improving IT infrastructure and moving off the Houston Police Department's (HPD) computer network.
- Beginning fund balance for fiscal years 2018 and 2017 were restated to correct accounts payable and accrued liabilities for compensated absences incurred in prior years. The adjustments increased the change in fund balance by approximately \$9,000 and \$481,000 for fiscal years 2018 and 2017, respectively (see Note 4 to financial statements).

#### **Overview of the Financial Statements**

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to HFSC's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements present combined government-wide and governmental fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the basic financial statements.

Government-wide financial statements reflect an economic resources measurement focus and are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of HFSC's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business. The statement of net position shows the financial position of HFSC at year end by presenting HFSC's assets and liabilities, with net position representing the difference between assets and liabilities. The statement of activities presents information showing changes in HFSC's net position during the year. Changes in net position are reported when an underlying event giving rise to a change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Therefore, revenue and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will not result in cash flows until future fiscal periods.

Governmental fund financial statements reflect a current financial resources measurement focus and are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Unlike the government-wide financial statements, the governmental fund financial statements present information showing the near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources and the balances of spendable resources at year end.

HFSC's governmental fund is comprised of its general fund. At June 30, 2019, HFSC's general fund reported a balance of \$757,618, a decrease of \$207,730 from the prior year. The decrease is due to costs incurred from relocating to a new building during the year. Approximately 75% of the fund balance constitutes unassigned fund balance, which is available for spending at HFSC's discretion, with the remainder of the balance representing nonspendable prepaid expenses. At June 30, 2018, HFSC's general fund reported a balance of \$965,348, a decrease of \$263,208 from the prior year. The decrease is due to upgrading and improving IT infrastructure and moving off the HPD computer network. Approximately 52% of the fund balance constitutes unassigned fund balance, which is available for spending at HFSC's discretion with the remainder of the balance representing nonspendable prepaid expenses.

#### Condensed Government-Wide Financial Information and Financial Analysis

	AS OF JUNE 30
	$\frac{2019}{}$ $\frac{2018}{}$ $\frac{2017}{}$
Condensed Statements of Net Position:	
Current and other assets	\$ 2,371,515 \$ 2,233,991 \$ 2,677,455
Capital assets	<u>35,318,844</u> <u>4,582,288</u> <u>3,826,217</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 37,690,359</u> <u>\$ 6,816,279</u> <u>\$ 6,503,672</u>
Long-term liabilities	\$ 32,654,738 \$ 490,185 \$ 481,254
Other liabilities	1,399,133 1,268,643 1,448,899
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 34,053,871</u> <u>\$ 1,758,828</u> <u>\$ 1,930,153</u>
Net position:	
Unrestricted	\$ 237,424 \$ 475,163 \$ 747,302
Net investments in capital assets	<u>3,399,064</u> <u>4,582,288</u> <u>3,826,217</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 3,636,488</u> <u>\$ 5,057,451</u> <u>\$ 4,573,519</u>

#### Fiscal Year 2019

The assets of HFSC primarily consist of cash, grants receivable from a federal government agency, prepaid expenses and capital assets, which includes a lease asset. Liabilities primarily consist of operating expenses, including accrued salaries and compensated absences and a lease liability. The increase in assets at June 30, 2019, as compared to June 30, 2018, primarily is the result of the recognition of a \$31.2 million lease asset for the use of building space, receivables totaling \$474,000 relating to the lease agreement, and \$420,000 relating to IT infrastructure, offset by lower cash of \$535,000 and depreciation and amortization of \$891,000. Liabilities increased primarily due to the related lease liability of \$32 million from the aforementioned lease agreement, and an increase in compensated absences of \$504,000.

#### Fiscal Year 2018

The assets of HFSC consist primarily of cash, grants receivable from a federal government agency, prepaid expenses and capital assets. Liabilities primarily consist of operating expenses, including accrued salaries and compensated absences. The increase in assets at June 30, 2018, as compared to June 30, 2017, primarily is the result of capital expenditures of \$1.3 million relating to IT infrastructure and \$256,000 relating to prepaid expenses, offset by lower cash of \$581,000 and depreciation of \$488,000. Liabilities decreased primarily due to the timing of reimbursing the City/HPD for operating expenses.

	FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30					30
		<u>2019</u>	<u>2019</u> <u>2018</u>			
Condensed Statements of Activities:						
Expenses:						
Program services	\$	22,655,156	\$	21,426,812	\$	21,753,369
Management and general		4,999,106		4,526,783		4,757,943
Interest expense		271,270	_			
Total expenses		27,925,532	_	25,953,595		26,511,312
Revenue:						
City of Houston – appropriation		24,160,346		24,160,344		23,420,344
City of Houston – direct overhead appropriation		1,460,000		1,460,000		1,460,000
U. S. Department of Justice – government grant reven	ue	936,247		744,654		1,770,631
Other revenue		116,193		102,834		71,363
Other income/(loss)		(168,217)	_	(30,305)	_	(48,082)
Total revenue	_	26,504,569	_	26,437,527	_	26,674,256
CHANGES IN NET POSITION		(1,420,963)		483,932		162,944
Net position, beginning of year		5,057,451	_	4,573,519	_	4,410,575
Net position, end of year	\$	3,636,488	\$	5,057,451	\$	4,573,519

#### Fiscal Year 2019

The statement of activities shows the expenses and revenue of HFSC and the corresponding effect on net position. The majority of HFSC's revenue is provided from appropriations from the City's budget. The City provides appropriated funds from its general fund, as well as an overhead allocation for space occupied at 1200 Travis St., Houston, Texas. HFSC also receives federal grant revenue funding from the U. S. Department of Justice, which is paid on a reimbursement basis.

Government grant revenue remained consistent from the prior year. Expenses increased by \$2 million primarily due to greater salary and related benefit costs of \$2.8 million from adding more employees and an increase in compensated absences of \$504,000 and an increase in amortization expense of \$347,000 related to a lease asset recognized during the year. The increases are offset by lower reimbursements to HPD.

#### Fiscal Year 2018

Government grant revenue decreased by \$1.0 million as a result of HFSC being awarded less by the U. S. Department of Justice. This decrease is offset by the increase in appropriations of \$740,000 by the City. Expenses decreased by \$557,000.

#### CAPITAL ASSETS AND LONG-TERM DEBT

#### Capital Assets

#### Fiscal Year 2019

HFSC's investment in capital assets as of June 30, 2019 totals \$35.3 million (net of accumulated depreciation and amortization). This investment in capital assets includes a lease asset, scientific forensic equipment, furniture and equipment, leasehold improvements, and vehicles. The increase in capital assets for the current fiscal year was primarily related to HFSC entering a lease agreement during 2019 for the use of building space, which comprises approximately 83% of total assets.

#### Fiscal Year 2018

HFSC's investment in capital assets as of June 30, 2018 totals \$4.6 million (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes scientific forensic equipment, furniture and equipment, leasehold improvements, and vehicles. The total increase in capital assets for the current fiscal year was approximately 19.8%.

Major capital asset events during the year ended June 30, 2018 include purchases for improving the IT infrastructure.

#### Long-Term Debt

#### Fiscal Year 2019

As a result of the lease agreement entered into for the use of building space, HFSC incurred a lease liability of approximately \$32.0 million during fiscal year 2019.

See additional information concerning the lease agreement in Note 7 to the financial statements.

#### Contacting Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc.'s Financial Management

The financial report is designed to discuss issues that may be material to the operation of HFSC. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc., 500 Jefferson St., 13<sup>th</sup> Floor, Houston, Texas, 77002.

Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and Statement of Net Position as of June 30, 2019

	GENERAL <u>FUND</u>	ADJUSTMENTS (NOTE 10)	STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
ASSETS			
Current assets: Cash Government grants receivable Accounts receivable Prepaid expenses Other receivables (Note 7)	\$ 1,123,908 565,445 23,541 184,412	\$ 474,209	\$ 1,123,908 565,445 23,541 184,412 474,209
Noncurrent assets: Capital assets, net of depreciation and amortization ( <i>Notes 6 and 7</i> )		35,318,844	35,318,844
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,897,306</u>	<u>\$ 35,793,053</u>	\$ 37,690,359
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities: Accounts payable and accrued expenses Lease liability, current portion ( <i>Note 7</i> )	\$ 1,139,688	\$ 259,445	\$ 1,139,688 259,445
Noncurrent liabilities: Compensated absences Lease liability, long-term portion ( <i>Note 7</i> )		994,403 31,660,335	994,403 31,660,335
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,139,688	<u>\$ 32,914,183</u>	\$ 34,053,871
FUND BALANCE AND NET POSITION			
Nonspendable prepaid expenses Unassigned / unrestricted Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	184,412 573,206	\$ (184,412) (335,782) 3,399,064	\$ 237,424 3,399,064
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	757,618		
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 1,897,306</u>		
TOTAL NET POSITION		<u>\$ 2,878,870</u>	\$ 3,636,488
See accompanying notes to financial statements.			

Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and Statement of Net Position as of June 30, 2018

	GENERAL <u>FUND</u>	ADJUSTMENTS (NOTE 10)	STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
ASSETS			
Current assets: Cash Government grants receivable Accounts receivable Prepaid expenses	\$ 1,658,826 108,308 7,607 459,250		\$ 1,658,826 108,308 7,607 459,250
Noncurrent assets: Capital assets, net of depreciation ( <i>Note 6</i> )		\$ 4,582,288	4,582,288
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,233,991	\$ 4,582,288	\$ 6,816,279
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities: Accounts payable and accrued expenses Noncurrent liabilities:	\$ 1,268,643		\$ 1,268,643
Compensated absences		\$ 490,185	490,185
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,268,643	490,185	<u>\$ 1,758,828</u>
FUND BALANCE AND NET POSITION			
Nonspendable prepaid expenses Unassigned / unrestricted Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	459,250 506,098	(459,250) (30,935) 4,582,288	\$ 475,163 4,582,288
TOTAL FUND BALANCE – restated (Note 4)	965,348		
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$ 2,233,991		
TOTAL NET POSITION		\$ 4,092,103	\$ 5,057,451
See accompanying notes to financial statements.			

Governmental Fund Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance and Statement of Activities for the year ended June 30, 2019

	GENERAL <u>FUND</u>	ADJUSTMENTS (NOTE 10)	STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
EXPENDITURES / EXPENSES:			
Program services Management and general Capital expenditures Interest expense	\$ 21,511,422 4,746,729 31,796,664 271,270	\$ 1,143,734 252,377 (31,796,664)	\$ 22,655,156 4,999,106 
Total expenditures / expenses	58,326,085	(30,400,553)	27,925,532
REVENUE:			
Grant from City of Houston – appropriation Grant from City of Houston – direct overhead	24,160,346		24,160,346
appropriation U. S. Department of Justice – government grant revenue Other revenue Other income/(loss)	1,460,000 936,247 116,193	(168,217)	1,460,000 936,247 116,193 (168,217)
Total revenue	26,672,786	(168,217)	26,504,569
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES / CHANGES IN NET POSITION	(31,653,299)	30,232,336	(1,420,963)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES): Other financing sources – inception of lease Other financing sources – other receivable Debt service principal	31,998,860 (474,209) (79,082)	(31,998,860) 474,209 79,082	
Total other financing sources (uses)	31,445,569	(31,445,569)	0
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES / NET POSITION	(207,730)	(1,213,233)	(1,420,963)
Fund balance / net position, beginning of year	965,348	4,092,103	5,057,451
Fund balance / net position, end of year	<u>\$ 757,618</u>	\$ 2,878,870	\$ 3,636,488

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Governmental Fund Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance and Statement of Activities for the year ended June 30, 2018

	GENERAL <u>FUND</u>	ADJUSTMENTS (NOTE 10)	STATEMENT OF <u>ACTIVITIES</u>
EXPENDITURES / EXPENSES:			
Program services Management and general Capital expenditures	\$ 21,014,665 4,441,988 1,269,627	\$ 412,147 84,795 (1,269,627)	\$ 21,426,812 4,526,783
Total expenditures / expenses	26,726,280	(772,685)	25,953,595
REVENUE:			
Grant from City of Houston – appropriation Grant from City of Houston – direct overhead	24,160,344		24,160,344
appropriation	1,460,000		1,460,000
U. S. Department of Justice – government grant revenue	744,654		744,654
Other revenue Other income/(loss)	98,074	4,760 (30,305)	102,834 (30,305)
Total revenue	26,463,072	(25,545)	26,437,527
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES / CHANGES IN NET POSITION	(263,208)	747,140	483,932
Fund balance / net position, beginning of year	1,228,556	3,344,963	4,573,519
Fund balance / net position, end of year	\$ 965,348	<u>\$ 4,092,103</u>	<u>\$ 5,057,451</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Notes to Financial Statements for the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018

#### **NOTE 1 – ORGANIZATION**

Organization – Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc. (HFSC), a component unit of the City of Houston (the City), is a local government corporation created to provide independent forensic services to law enforcement agencies, primarily the Houston Police Department (HPD), and other judicial entities. The formation of HFSC was approved by City Council on June 26, 2012.

HFSC's Board of Directors are appointed by the Mayor of the City and approved by City Council. HFSC receives funding primarily from an interlocal agreement with the City in which funding is received subject to the City's approval of HFSC's annual budget. Funding received must be expended in accordance with the annual budget.

<u>Federal income tax status</u> – HFSC is a local government corporation created to accomplish a governmental purpose of the City and is not subject to federal income tax. Contributions to HFSC are deductible under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

<u>Basis of presentation</u> – These financial statements have been prepared in conformity with the accounting principles and reporting guidelines established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

Measurement focus and basis of accounting — Measurement focus refers to what is being expressed in reporting financial position and performance, that is, which resources are being measured. The financial resources measurement focus measures only financial resources while the economic resources measurement focus measures both financial and capital resources. The measurement focus determines whether a fund balance sheet or statement of net position reports financial or economic resources. Basis of accounting refers to when those resources and commitments and uses of those resources should be recognized. It relates to the timing of the measurements made regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Governmental funds in the fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenue is recognized when it is measurable and available. *Measurable* means the amount of the transaction is known or reasonably estimable. *Available* refers to amounts collected in the current period or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period, generally within 60 days after year end. Expenditures are recognized when the related liability is incurred.

Governmental funds in the government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenue is recognized when it is earned and becomes measurable and expenses are recognized in the period incurred.

<u>Cash</u> consists of demand deposits. Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, HFSC will be unable to recover deposits. At June 30, 2019, the carrying amount and the bank balance of HFSC's demand deposit account were \$1,123,908 and \$1,285,740, respectively. Amounts on deposit that are in excess of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation limit of \$250,000 are collateralized by a security agreement with the bank.

<u>Fund balance</u> is classified based upon the relative strength of spending constraints placed upon the purposes for which resources can be used, as follows:

- Nonspendable fund balance includes amounts that are either not in spendable form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- Restricted fund balance includes amounts constrained to specific purposes by resource providers, through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation.
- Unassigned fund balance includes amounts that are available for HFSC's future use for any purpose.

<u>Net position</u> represents the difference between assets and liabilities. HFSC reports categories of net position, as follows:

- *Invested in capital assets* consists of net capital assets.
- *Restricted* is constrained to a particular purpose. Restrictions are imposed by external organizations such as City ordinances or grantors.
- *Unrestricted* is available for general use by HFSC.

<u>Capital assets</u> include lease assets, forensic science equipment, office equipment, vehicles, and leasehold improvements. HFSC capitalizes capital expenditures of \$5,000 or greater with an estimated useful life of more than one year. Purchased capital expenditures are carried at cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at fair value at the date of transfer. Depreciation expense is recognized using the straight-line method over estimated useful lives of 5 to 15 years.

<u>Lease assets and lease liabilities</u> – Lease assets include right-to-use assets from lease agreements that exceed one year. The right-to-use asset value equals the lease liability, which is the present value of future lease payments expected to be made during the lease term, plus any prepayments made for future periods and direct costs necessary to place the asset into service. Lease liabilities are reported based on the present value of future lease payments expected to be made during the lease term and includes fixed payments, variable payments based on rate or index, and other certain payments.

<u>Grants</u> – Under both the modified accrual and the accrual basis of accounting, receivables from grants are recognized, net of uncollectible amounts, when all applicable eligibility requirements are met provided the commitment is verifiable and the resources are measurable and probable of collection. Revenue recognized as receivable in advance of the time period during which eligibility requirements are met or resources are available, is deferred under the modified accrual basis of accounting, but is recognized as revenue under the accrual basis of accounting and reflected as restricted net position when eligibility requirements are met.

<u>Estimates</u> – Management must make estimates and assumptions to prepare financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. These estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenue, expenditures and expenses and the allocation of expenses among various functions. Actual results could vary from the estimates that were used.

#### NOTE 3 – ADOPTION OF ACCOUNTING STANDARD

HFSC adopted the amendments of GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases*, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019. The statement requires recognition of lease assets and liabilities for certain leases that previously were classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. It establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are the financing of the right to use an underlying asset. Under the statement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about governments' leasing activities. This amendment has not been applied on a retrospective basis to the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2018, as the lease obligation at that time was for less than one year and was immaterial for retroactive application.

#### NOTE 4 – RESTATEMENT OF BEGINNING FUND BALANCE

The beginning fund balance of the General Fund has been restated to record a prior period adjustment to correct accounts payable and accrued liabilities for compensated absences incurred in prior years. A reconciliation of the prior period ending fund balance to the current year beginning fund balance for the General Fund is as follows:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Beginning fund balance previously reported Adjustment to correct accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 475,163 490,185	\$ 747,302 481,254
Beginning fund balance, as restated	\$ 965,348	\$ 1,228,556

The recorded adjustment increased the 2018 and 2017 change in fund balance by \$8,931 and \$481,254, respectively.

#### **NOTE 5 – RELATED PARTIES**

HFSC is a component unit of the City and receives appropriated funds from the City's general fund, as well as an overhead allocation appropriation representing shared costs for the use of City/HPD facilities. HFSC's forensic functions are performed primarily to support HPD.

The City charged HFSC \$1.3 million and \$2.7 million for services provided to HFSC for fiscal years 2019 and 2018, respectively. The City provided \$1.5 million in overhead appropriations representing HFSC's use of the City's property in fiscal years 2019 and 2018. In fiscal years 2019 and 2018, the City appropriated \$17.0 million for general operations and \$7.2 million for services provided by the City for total appropriations of \$24.2 million for operations.

#### NOTE 6 – CAPITAL AND LEASE ASSETS

HFSC's investment in capital assets consists of the following:

	BALANCE AT JULY 1, 2018	ADDITIONS	COMPLETIONS/ DISPOSITIONS	BALANCE AT JUNE 30, 2019
Lease assets – building		\$31,215,077		\$31,215,077
Scientific forensic equipment	\$ 3,770,999	24,642	\$ (158,719)	3,636,922
Furniture and office equipment	736,216	51,402	(93,974)	693,644
Leasehold improvements	161,214		(107,352)	53,862
Vehicles	100,379	85,207		185,586
LIMS database			1,679,867	1,679,867
Work in progress		188,826		188,826
Work in progress – database	1,448,355	231,512	(1,679,867)	
Less accumulated depreciation and				
amortization	<u>(1,634,875</u> )	<u>(891,893</u> )	<u>191,828</u>	(2,334,940)
Capital assets, net of depreciation and				
amortization	<u>\$ 4,582,288</u>	\$30,904,773	<u>\$ (168,217)</u>	<u>\$35,318,844</u>
	BALANCE AT		COMPLETIONS/	BALANCE AT
	JULY 1, 2017	<u>ADDITIONS</u>	DISPOSITIONS	JUNE 30, 2018
Scientific forensic equipment	\$ 3,684,458	\$ 86,541		\$ 3,770,999
Furniture and office equipment	592,130	144,086		736,216
Leasehold improvements	161,214			161,214
Vehicles		100,379		100,379
Work in progress – database	504,338	974,322	\$ (30,305)	1,448,355
Less accumulated depreciation	(1,115,923)	<u>(488,011</u> )	(30,941)	(1,634,875)
Capital assets, net of depreciation	\$ 3,826,217	\$ 817,317	<u>\$ (61,246)</u>	\$ 4,582,288

#### NOTE 7 – LEASES

In April 2019, HFSC entered a 30-year lease agreement for the use of building space. The agreement includes HFSC's commitment to pay predetermined monthly rent, as well as operating expenses, which include operating expenses that are within the reasonable control of the landlord and are capped at 7% per annum. Operating expenses include costs and expenses such as repairs, landscaping, and other costs to maintain, manage, and insure the building with HFSC's share set at 21.62% of the building's total operating expenses. The lease agreement also includes an allowance of \$300,000 to be used by HFSC to purchase lab furniture and equipment. The estimated useful life of the building is 50 years. HFSC used a discount rate of 3.4% to calculate the reported lease liability, which is its estimated borrowing rate.

Annual principal and interest requirements to maturity are as follows:

	PRINCIPAL		INTEREST		TOTAL
2020	\$ 259,445	\$	1,082,492	\$	1,341,937
2021	368,150		1,070,750		1,438,900
2022	380,864		1,058,036		1,438,900
2023	394,018		1,044,882		1,438,900
2024	407,625		1,031,275		1,438,900
2025-2029	2,360,553		4,934,808		7,295,361
2030-2034	4,342,605		4,364,817		8,707,422
2035-2039	5,299,695		3,560,698		8,860,393
2040-2044	8,623,909		2,378,069		11,001,978
2045-2049	 9,482,916	_	785,597	_	10,268,513
Total	\$ 31,919,780	\$	21,311,424	\$	53,231,204

#### **NOTE 8 – GOVERNMENT GRANTS**

HFSC is party to contracts with a federal governmental agency. Should these contracts not be renewed, a replacement for this source of support may not be forthcoming and related expenses may not be incurred. Funding sources of government grants include amounts from the U. S. Department of Justice totaling approximately \$936,000 and \$745,000 during fiscal years 2019 and 2018, respectively.

Government grants require fulfillment of certain conditions as set forth in the contracts and are subject to review and audit by the awarding agency. Such reviews and audits could result in the discovery of unallowable activities and unallowable costs. Consequently, the funding source may, at its discretion, request reimbursement for expenses or return of funds as a result of noncompliance by HFSC with the terms of the contracts. Management believes such disallowances, if any, would not be material to HFSC's financial position or changes in net position.

#### NOTE 9 - EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

HFSC has both a deferred compensation plan and a defined contribution retirement plan covering substantially all full-time employees. Under the terms of the deferred compensation plan, HFSC matches an amount up to 5% of each participant's annual salary. Under the terms of the defined contribution retirement plan, HFSC contributes an amount equal to 2% of each participant's annual salary. HFSC's contributions to these plans were approximately \$878,000 and \$746,000 in 2019 and 2018, respectively.

# NOTE 10 – ADJUSTMENTS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND STATEMENTS AND THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AND STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Total fund balance reported in the governmental fund balance sheet differs from net position reported in the government-wide statement of net position. Differences occur because of the current financial resources focus of the governmental fund statements and the long-term economic focus of the government-wide statement of net position and statement of activities. The provisions of GASB Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State

and Local Governments, imposed this change in focus. The adjustments below show the difference between the statements that result from this difference in measurement focus.

Adjustments reported in the statements of net position from the governmental fund balance sheet consist of the following:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Capital assets, including lease assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources; therefore, are not reported in the governmental fund financial statements.	\$ 35,318,844	\$ 4,582,288
Certain assets included in the statement of net position, including other receivables not available within 60 days, are not reported as assets in the governmental fund financial statements.	474,209	
Long-term liabilities, including lease payables, are not due and payable in the current period; therefore, are not reported in the fund financial statements.	(31,919,780)	
Long-term liabilities, including compensated absences, are not due and payable in the current period; therefore, are not reported in the fund financial statements.	(994,403)	(490,185)
Net adjustment to fund balance to net position of governmental activities	\$ 2,878,870	\$ 4,092,103

Adjustments reported in the statements of activities from the governmental fund statements of revenue, expenditures, and changes in fund balance consist of the following:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Governmental funds report outlays for capital assets as expenditures because such outlays use current financial resources. The statements of activities recognizes the cost of outlays allocated over estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.  Capital outlay  Depreciation expense  Amortization expense	\$ 31,796,664 (545,058) (346,835)	\$ 1,269,627 (488,011)
Governmental funds report resources from long-term debt as current financial resources, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes current financial resources. This amount is the net effect of this difference in the treatment of long-term debt.	(31,919,778)	
Governmental funds do not report resources from receivables not available within 60 days.	474,209	
Expenditures including compensated absences that are not due in payable in the current fiscal year do not require the use of current financial resources; therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.	(504,218)	(8,931)
Governmental funds do not recognize as revenue contributions of donated property because such contributions do not increase current financial resources.  Donated property		4,760
Governmental funds do not recognize losses on disposal of assets because such losses do not impact current financial resources.  Loss on disposal	(168,217)	(30,305)
Net adjustment to (decrease) increase net changes in fund balance to change in net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ (1,213,233)</u>	\$ 747,140

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards for the year ended June 30, 2019

FEDERAL GRANTOR Pass-through Grantor Program Title & Period	CFDA <u>Number</u>	Contract Number	Award <u>Amount</u>	Allowable Federal Expenditures
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUS	TICE			
DNA Backlog Reduction Prog	ram			
#1 01/17 – 06/19	16.741	2016-DN-BX-0142	\$741,000	\$ 221,126
#2 01/18 - 12/19	16.741	2017-DN-BX-0027	\$867,755	476,042
#3 01/19 - 12/20	16.741	2018-DN-BX-0096	\$1,530,927	239,079
Total U. S. Department of Just	936,247			
TOTAL FEDERAL AWARDS	S			\$ 936,247

See accompanying note to schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

Note to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards for the year ended June 30, 2019

#### NOTE 1 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICY

Basis of presentation – The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U. S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Federal expenses include allowable expenses funded by federal grants. Allowable costs are subject to the cost principles of the Uniform Guidance, and include both costs that are capitalized and costs that are recognized as expenses in HFSC's financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

HFSC has elected not to use the 10% de minimus rate for indirect costs.

Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of HFSC, it is not intended to, and does not present the financial position or changes in net assets of HFSC.



# Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

To the Board of Directors of Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc.:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc. (HFSC), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise HFSC's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 23, 2019.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered HFSC's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of HFSC's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of HFSC's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

#### Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether HFSC's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

September 23, 2019

Blazek & Vetterling



#### Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance for Each Major Program and Report on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance

To the Board of Directors of Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc.:

#### Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc.'s (HFSC) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of HFSC's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2019. HFSC's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

#### Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

#### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of HFSC's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U. S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about HFSC's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of HFSC's compliance.

#### Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, HFSC complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2019.

#### **Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

Management of HFSC is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered HFSC's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of HFSC's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

September 23, 2019

Blazek & Vetterling

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs for the year ended June 30, 2019

Section I – Summary of Auditors' l	Results			
Financial Statements				
Type of auditors' report issued:	adverse	disclaimer		
<ul> <li>Internal control over financial reporti</li> <li>Material weakness(es) identified</li> <li>Significant deficiency(ies) identified</li> <li>are not considered to be material</li> </ul>	☐ yes	<ul><li>⋈ no</li><li>⋈ none reported</li></ul>		
Noncompliance material to the finance	yes	⊠ no		
Federal Awards				
<ul> <li>Internal control over major programs</li> <li>Material weakness(es) identified</li> <li>Significant deficiency(ies) identified</li> <li>are not considered to be material</li> </ul>	☐ yes	<ul><li>⋈ no</li><li>⋈ none reported</li></ul>		
Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major programs:	unmodified qualified	adverse	disclaimer	
Any audit findings disclosed that are reported in accordance with 2 CFR §	yes	⊠ no		
Identification of major programs:				
<u>CFDA Number</u> <u>Name of F</u>	Name of Federal Program or Cluster			
16.741 DNA Back	clog Reduction Program			
Dollar threshold used to distinguish b	\$750,000			
Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee?			no	
Section II – Financial Statement Fi	ndings			
There were no findings related to the with Government Auditing Standards		uired to be rep	orted in accordance	

# Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

There were no findings for federal awards required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR §200.516(a).

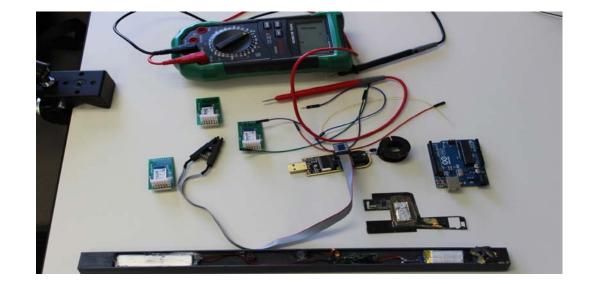
# Crime Scene and Multimedia

October 11, 2019



# Multimedia Lab

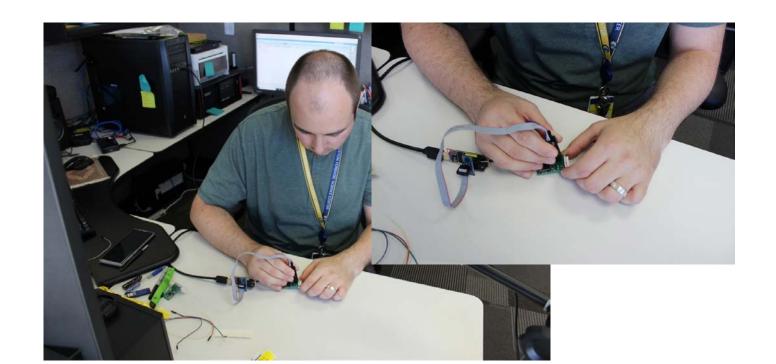
- HFSC's multimedia section has taken an active role in Houston skimmer cases. A "skimmer" is a device used by thieves to steal credit card and PIN number information
- Since June 2019, the multimedia section has completed **17** skimmer cases.
- Multimedia's work is building a bigger picture of the devices themselves and identifying trends:
  - Extracting compromised credit card numbers
  - Phone numbers that can then be used in a subpoena to the telephone carrier to identify the owner
  - Helping identify what the skimmers are connecting to and communicating with (i.e. Bluetooth)





# Multimedia Lab

- •Since work on the skimmers began, the multimedia section has had one case that included camera footage that contained video of the installation
- Each skimming device is a research project into its capabilities to establish workflows and a methodology
- •HPD has expressed appreciation for this work and are using the findings to locate victims and identify suspects





# Detail data



# **Key for Dashboard Section Pages**



Center of ring=total pending cases

TAT= Turnaround Time MTD= Month to date Critical age=30 days Critical pending=requests open over 30 days

# **Key for Dashboard Historical Pages 1/2**

#### **Date Range** 8/31/2019 8/1/2018 **Total TAT by Month** ● Rec'd-Assign TAT ● Assigned TAT ● Total TAT 10.4 10.1 10 8.2 7.4 7.2 August 2018 September March 2019 April 2019 May 2019 June 2019 July 2019 August 2019 October February December January 2018 2018 2019 2019 2018



#### **Selected Time Frame Averages**

8.99
Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg
5.31
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

#### **Requests Completed**





Requests more than 30 days old are considered to be backlogged requests



# **Key for Dashboard Historical Pages 2/2**



#### **Completed by Month**



#### **Total Completed**

7,728

Completed per Month (Avg)\*

594



<sup>\*</sup> months with zero activity are not calculated into the average

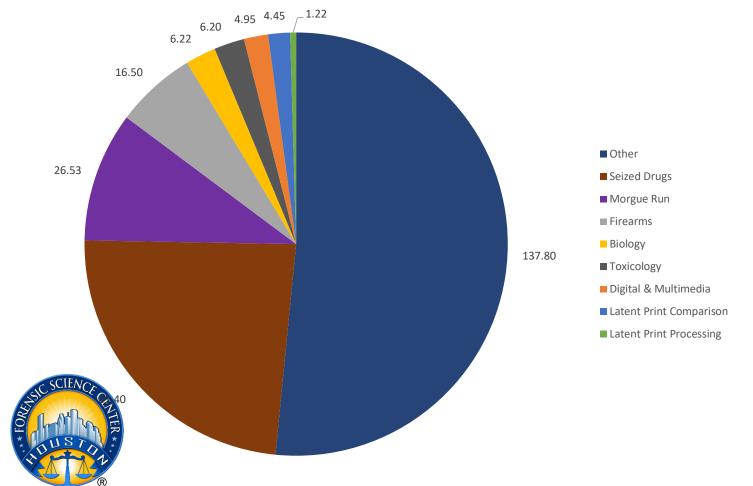
## Client Services and Case Management (CS/CM)



## CS/CM – September

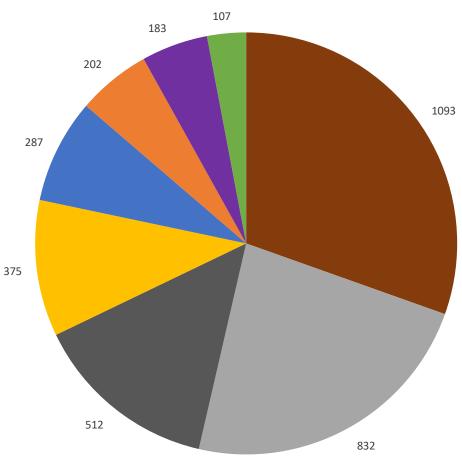
### Total Time by Section (Hours)

See Time Categories by Section slide for breakdown



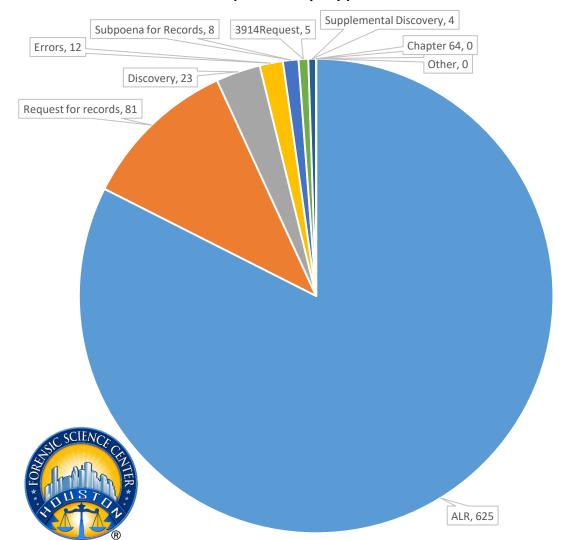
## Evidence Handling

### Total Items by Section



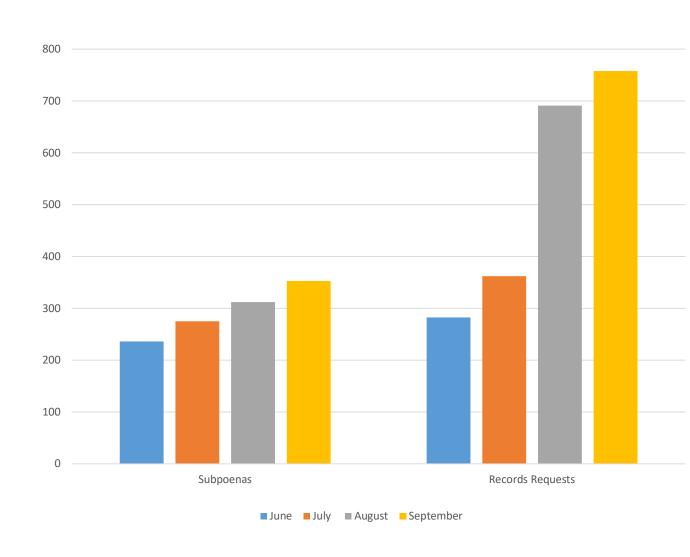
## CS/CM – September

### Requests by Type



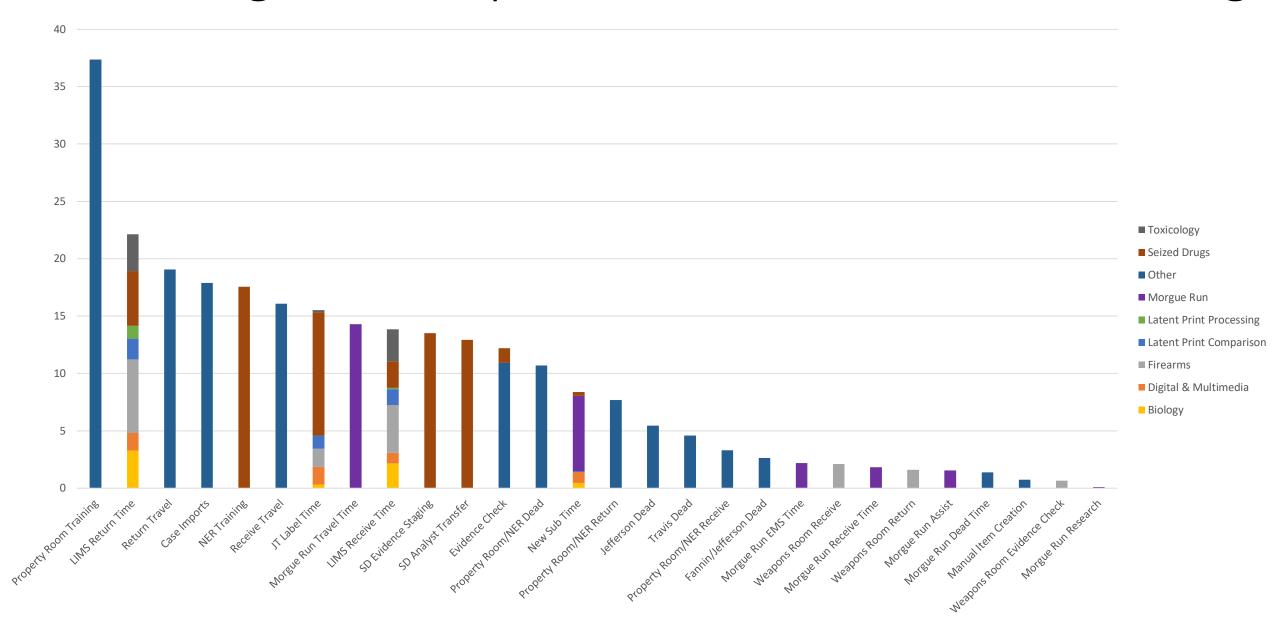
## Administrative

### Subpoenas & Record Requests



## Time Categories - September

## **Evidence Handling**





# of Unassigned # Pending Draft

86

Goal: 150 (+42.67%) Goal: 3 (+100%)

# Pending Admin

21

Goal: 60 (+65%)

Goal= Threshold for the max # of requests in each bucket

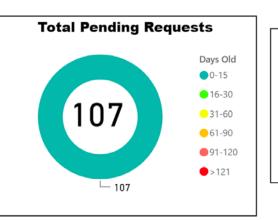
0
Justice Trax Past Critical Age
NaN
Avg Age of Requests > 30 D...
0
Age-Oldest Unassigned
0
Age-Oldest Pending Draft

Age-Oldest Pending Draft
7
Age-Oldest Pending Tech
0
Age-Oldest Pending Admin

Quality TAT
15
Goal: 30, 31







### Overall TAT (Month to Date)

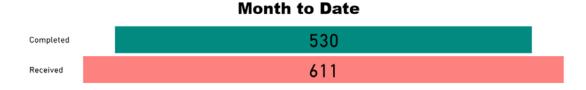
2.6 Goal: 5, 10 Overall TAT (Past 90 Days)

3.9×

### TAT by Phase of Work (MTD)



### TAT by Phase of Work (Past 90 Days)



### 30 Day Avg (Over Past 90 Days)

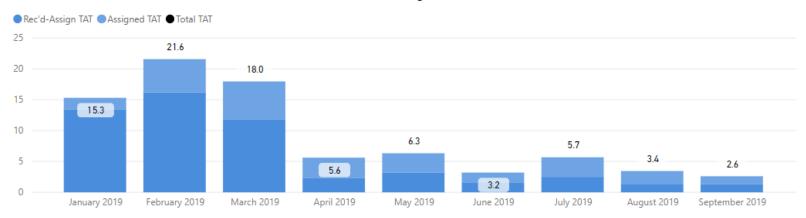
Completed	557
Received	547

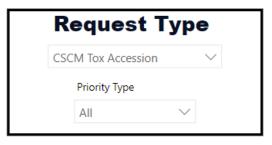


### Date Range

9/1/2018 9/30/2019

### **Total TAT by Month**

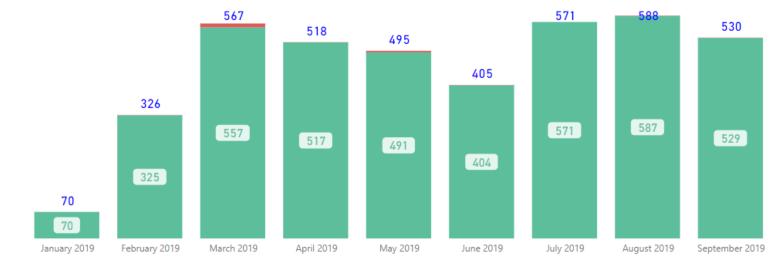




### **Selected Time Frame Averages**

7.93
Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg
3.21
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

### **Requests Completed**



Received to Complete
4070
Requests Completed
19
Requests Completed > 30 Days Old
0.47 %
% Completed > 30 Days Old

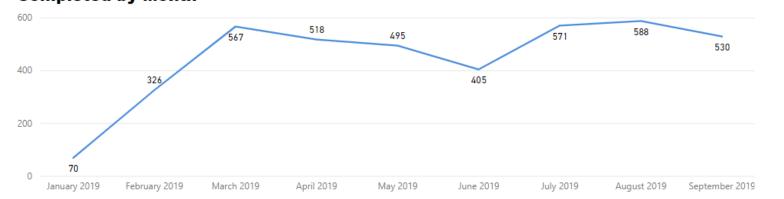
Requests more than 30 days old are considered to be backlogged requests



■ Requests Completed w/in 30 Days
■ Requests Completed > 30 Days Old
■ Total Completed



### **Completed by Month**



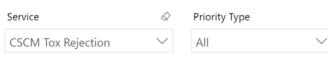
### **Total Completed**

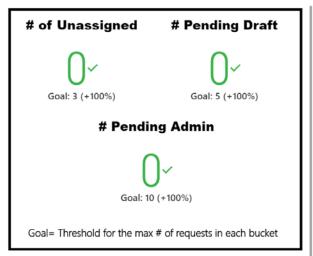
4,070

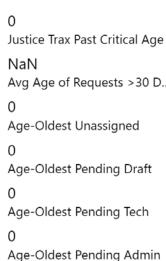
Completed per Month (Avg)\*

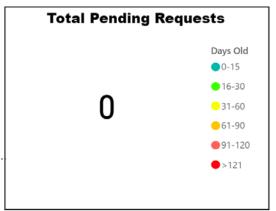


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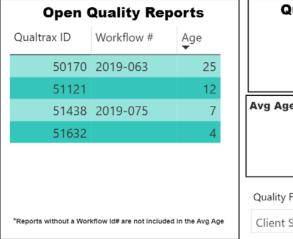




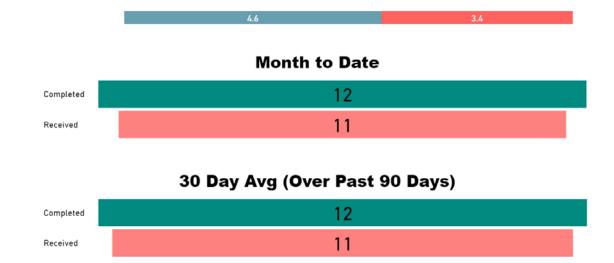
### TAT by Phase of Work (MTD)



### TAT by Phase of Work (Past 90 Days)



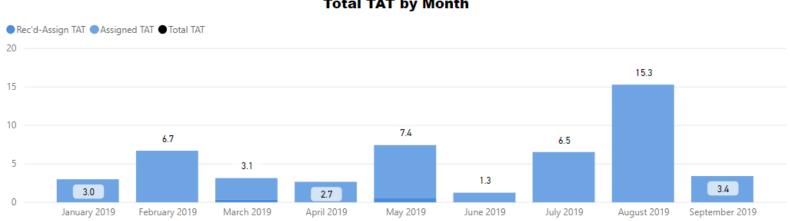






### **Date Range** 9/1/2018 9/30/2019



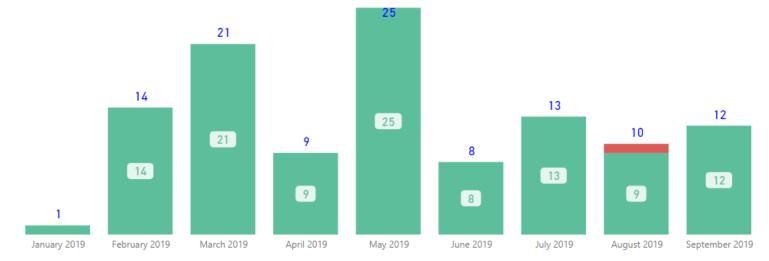


### Request Type CSCM Tox Rejection Priority Type All

### **Selected Time Frame Averages**

5.86 Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg 5.67 Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

### **Requests Completed**

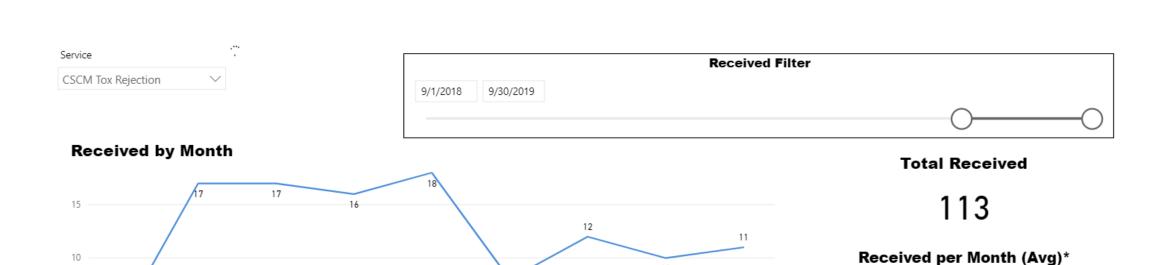


**Received to Complete** 113 **Requests Completed** Requests Completed > 30 Days Old 0.88 % % Completed > 30 Days Old

Requests more than 30 days old are considered to be backlogged requests



■ Requests Completed w/in 30 Days
■ Requests Completed > 30 Days Old
■ Total Completed



10

May 2019 June 2019 July 2019 August 2019 September 2019

Completed Filter

9/1/2018 9/30/2019

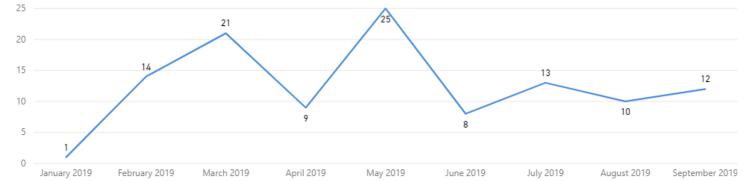
### Completed by Month

February 2019

March 2019

April 2019

January 2019



### **Total Completed**

13

Completed per Month (Avg)\*

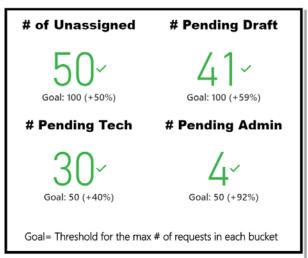


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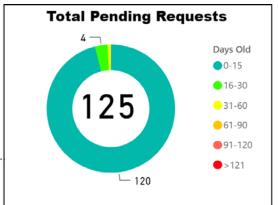
## Seized Drugs







Justice Trax Past Critical Age 53 Avg Age of Requests > 30 D... Age-Oldest Unassigned 26 Age-Oldest Pending Draft Age-Oldest Pending Tech Age-Oldest Pending Admin



### **Overall TAT** (Month to Date)

**Overall TAT** (Past 90 Days)

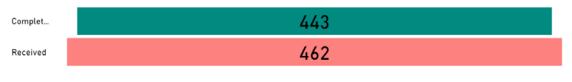
Goal: 14, 15

### TAT by Phase of Work (MTD)



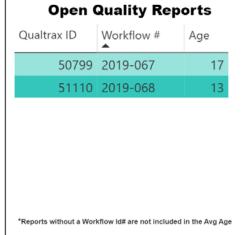


### **Month to Date**



### 30 Day Avg (Over Past 90 Days)

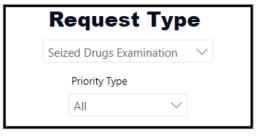
Complet	556
Received	552







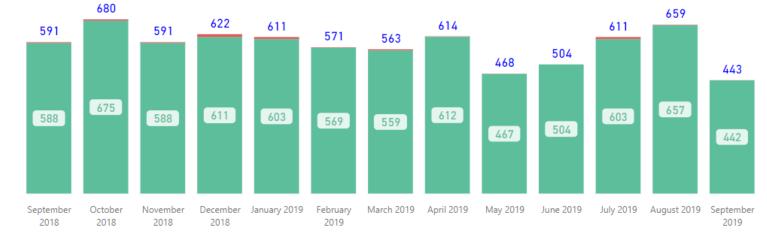
### **Date Range** 9/30/2019 9/1/2018 **Total TAT by Month** ● Rec'd-Assign TAT ● Assigned TAT ● Total TAT 10.4 10.1 9.5 9.0 10 8.9 8.7 10.5 8.3 9.4 7.4 7.2 5 — March 2019 April 2019 May 2019 June 2019 July 2019 August 2019 September September October November December January February 2018 2018 2018 2018 2019 2019



### **Selected Time Frame Averages**

9.06
Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg
5.36
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

### **Requests Completed**

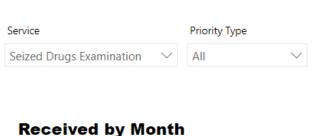


Received to Complete
7528
Requests Completed
50
Requests Completed > 30 Days Old
0.66 %
% Completed > 30 Days Old

Requests more than 30 days old are considered to be backlogged requests



■ Requests Completed w/in 30 Days
■ Requests Completed > 30 Days Old
■ Total Completed







**Total Received** 

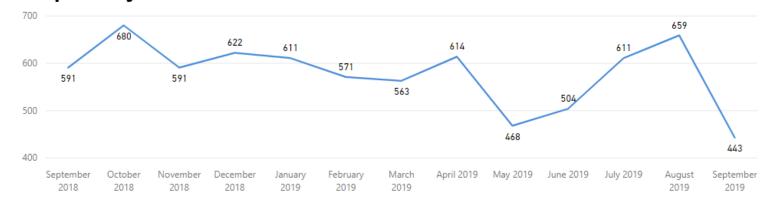
7,515

Received per Month (Avg)\*

578

**Completed Filter** 9/30/2019 9/1/2018

### **Completed by Month**



**Total Completed** 

7,528

Completed per Month (Avg)\*

579

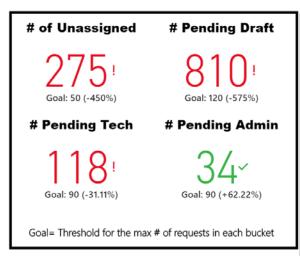
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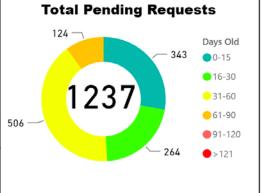
## Toxicology











**Overall TAT** (Month to Date)

**Overall TAT** 

(Past 90 Days)

### TAT by Phase of Work (MTD)



### **Month to Date**

Completed	566
Received	607

### 30 Day Avg (Over Past 90 Days)

Completed	461
Received	539







# Date Range 3/1/2019 9/30/2019 Total TAT by Month Rec'd-Assign TAT ◆Assigned TAT ◆ Total TAT 80 60 48.7 40 40.9 20



### **Selected Time Frame Averages**

62.71
Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg
45.21
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

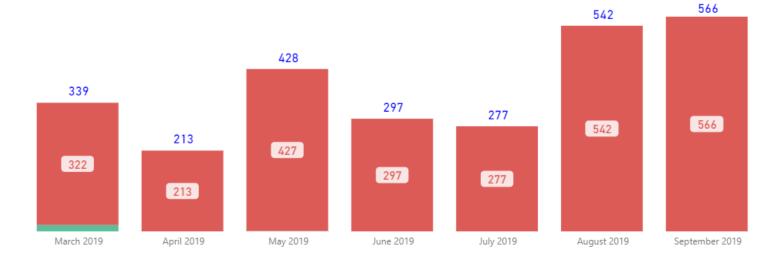
### **Requests Completed**

June 2019

July 2019

August 2019

September 2019



Received to Complete

2662
Requests Completed

2644
Requests Completed > 30 Days Old

99.32 %
% Completed > 30 Days Old

Requests more than 30 days old are considered to be backlogged requests



● Requests Completed w/in 30 Days ● Requests Completed > 30 Days Old ● Total Completed

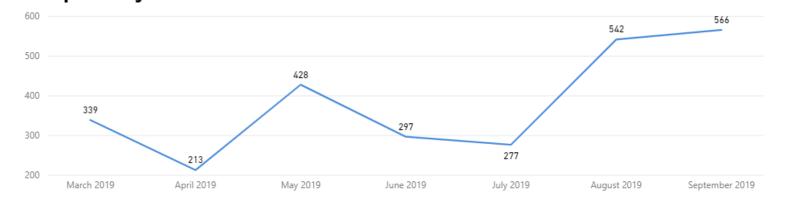
April 2019

March 2019

May 2019



### **Completed by Month**



### **Total Completed**

2,662

Completed per Month (Avg)\*



<sup>\*</sup> months with zero activity are not calculated into the average



# of Unassigned # Pending Draft

129!
Goal: 120 (-7.5%) Goal: 30 (-1386.67%)

# Pending Tech # Pending Admin

O Goal: 30 (+100%) Goal: 30 (-176.67%)

Goal: 30 (-176.67%)

457
Justice Trax Past Critical Age
74
Avg Age of Requests > 30 D.

Age-Oldest Unassigned

147

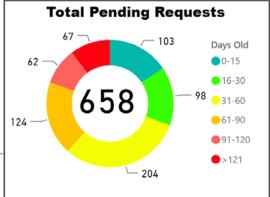
Age-Oldest Pending Draft

0

Age-Oldest Pending Tech

139

Age-Oldest Pending Admin



Completed

Received

Overall TAT (Month to Date)

145.8 goal: 90, 91

Overall TAT (Past 90 Days)

126.4

Goal: 90, 91

34.8

### TAT by Phase of Work (MTD)



### TAT by Phase of Work (Past 90 Days)

	Month to Date
Completed	141
Received	201
	30 Day Avg (Over Past 90 Days)

81

178

50.1







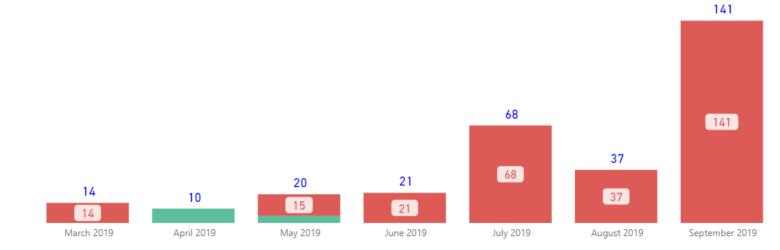
### **Date Range** 3/1/2019 9/30/2019 ☆ 🖸 … **Total TAT by Month** ● Rec'd-Assign TAT ● Assigned TAT ● Total TAT 145.8 104.0 96.9 67.3 53.9 51.4 50 9.0 March 2019 April 2019 May 2019 June 2019 July 2019 August 2019 September 2019



### **Selected Time Frame Averages**

110.21
Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg
63.59
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

### **Requests Completed**



Received to Complete

311
Requests Completed

296
Requests Completed > 30 Days Old

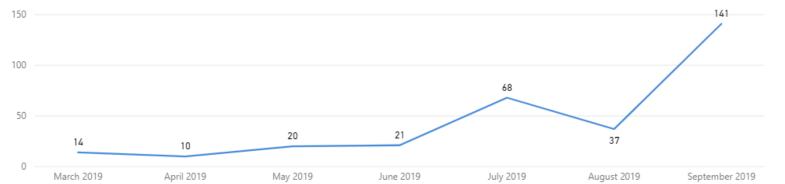
95.18 %
% Completed > 30 Days Old

Requests more than 30 days old are considered to be backlogged requests



■ Requests Completed w/in 30 Days
■ Requests Completed > 30 Days Old
■ Total Completed





311

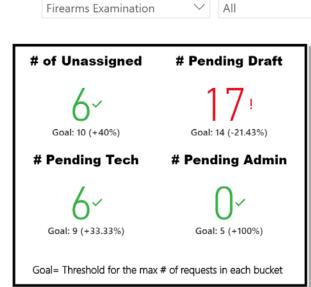
### Completed per Month (Avg)\*



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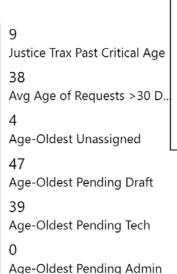
## Firearms

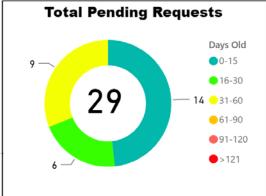




Service

Priority Type





Completed

Received

Overall TAT (Month to Date)

19.5 Goal: 40, 41 Overall TAT (Past 90 Days)

24.2 Goal: 40, 41

### TAT by Phase of Work (MTD)



### TAT by Phase of Work (Past 90 Days)

6.3	15.8	1.6

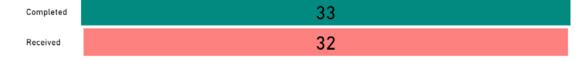
30

### **Open Quality Reports** Workflow # Qualtrax ID Age 48189 53 48434 49 48601 45 50314 50809 17 51853 48328 2019-048 51 \*Reports without a Workflow Id# are not included in the Avg Age





### 30 Day Avg (Over Past 90 Days)





## Date Range 3/1/2019 9/30/2019 Total TAT by Month Rec'd-Assign TAT Assigned TAT Total TAT 30 32.5 27.6

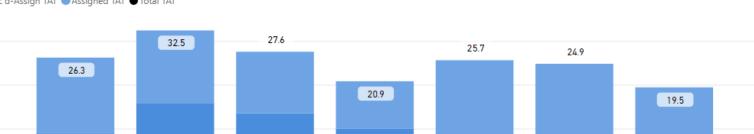
April 2019

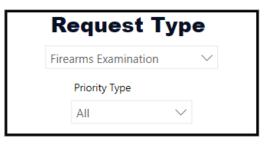
May 2019

March 2019

20

10





### **Selected Time Frame Averages**

25.83
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15.98
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

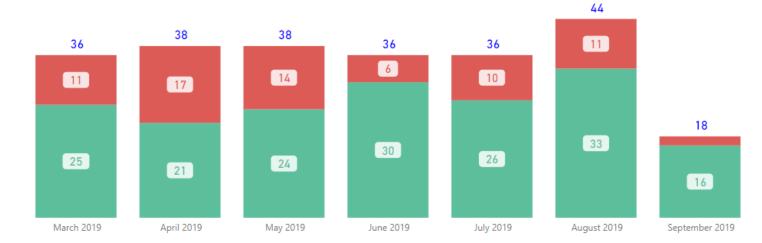
### **Requests Completed**

June 2019

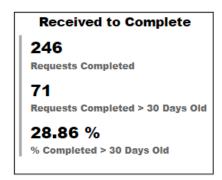
July 2019

August 2019

September 2019



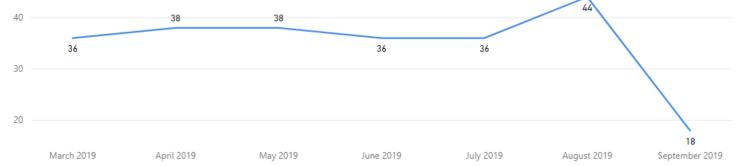
■ Requests Completed w/in 30 Days
■ Requests Completed > 30 Days Old
■ Total Completed



Requests more than 30 days old are considered to be backlogged requests







246

Completed per Month (Avg)\*



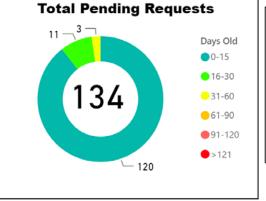
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# of Unassigned # Pending Draft Goal: 20 (-195%) Goal: 35 (-17.14%) # Pending Tech # Pending Admin Goal: 20 (+60%) Goal: 20 (-30%) Goal= Threshold for the max # of requests in each bucket

Justice Trax Past Critical Age Avg Age of Requests >30 D. 42 Age-Oldest Unassigned 56 Age-Oldest Pending Draft Age-Oldest Pending Tech

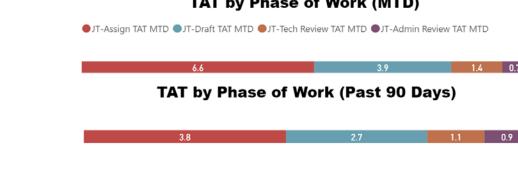
Age-Oldest Pending Admin



**Overall TAT** (Month to Date)

**Overall TAT** (Past 90 Days)

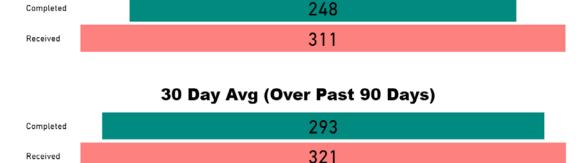
### TAT by Phase of Work (MTD)



### **Open Quality Reports** Workflow # Qualtrax ID 48189 53 48434 49 48601 45 50314 17 50809 51853 48328 2019-048 51 \*Reports without a Workflow Id# are not included in the Avg Age

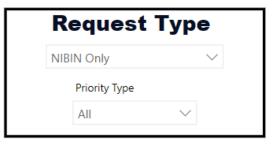








# Date Range 3/1/2019 9/30/2019 Total TAT by Month Rec'd-Assign TAT ● Assigned TAT ● Total TAT 10 7.7 6.6 7.0 5 6.5 6.5



### **Selected Time Frame Averages**

8.47
Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg
5.23
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

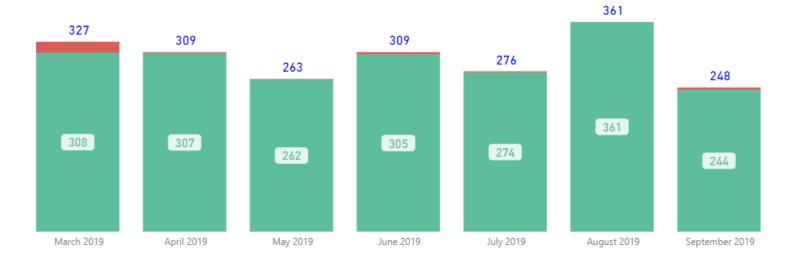
### **Requests Completed**

June 2019

July 2019

August 2019

September 2019



Received to Complete

2093
Requests Completed

32
Requests Completed > 30 Days Old

1.53 %
% Completed > 30 Days Old

Requests more than 30 days old are considered to be backlogged requests



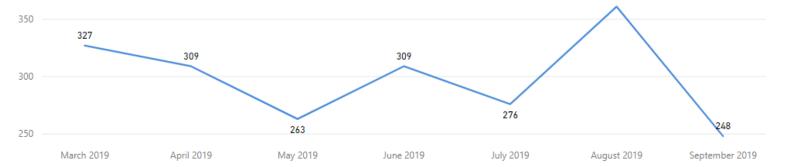
■ Requests Completed w/in 30 Days ■ Requests Completed > 30 Days Old ■ Total Completed

April 2019

March 2019

May 2019





2,093

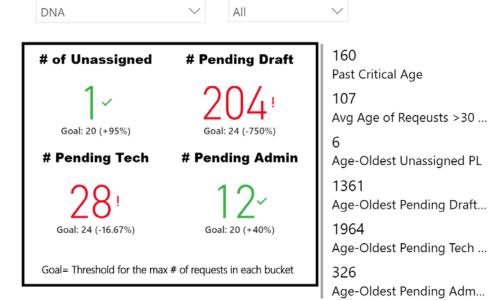
Completed per Month (Avg)\*



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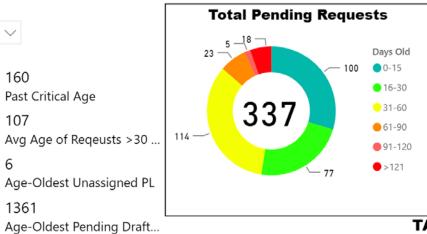
## Forensic Biology





Section

Request Type



**Overall TAT** (Month to Date)

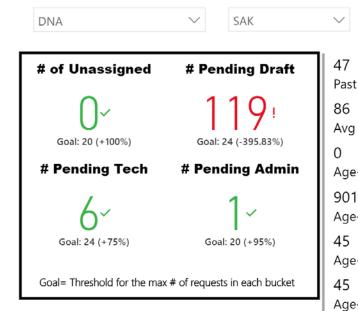
**Overall TAT** (Past 90 Days)

### TAT by Phase of Work (MTD)



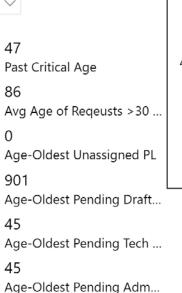
Open (	Quality Re	ports		Quality TAT			3.6	48.2	2
Qualtrax ID	Workflow #	Age	^	2/1					
33435	2018-085	271		Z4				Month to Date	
34624	2018-094	253		Goal: 40, 41		Completed		41	
39886	2019-007	165		Avg Age of Open Reports*		Recieved		181	
45353	2019-029	95		76				101	
46911	2019-034	73		10				30 Day Avg (Over Past 90	Days)
47707	2019-042	61				Commission		/ 1	
47766	2019-043	60	~	Quality Filter		Completed		61	
*Reports without a Wor				Biology/DNA	~	Received		131	

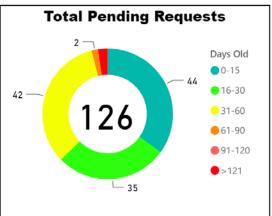




Section

Request Type





Overall TAT (Month to Date)

26.8 Goal: 30, 31 Overall TAT (Past 90 Days)

138.1

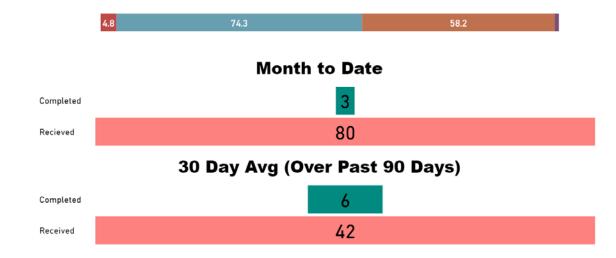
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● PL-Assign TAT MTD ● PL-Draft TAT MTD ● PL-Tech Review TAT MTD ● PL-Admin Review TAT MTD

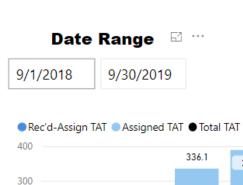
### TAT by Phase of Work (Past 90 Days)

Open (	Quality Rep	orts				
Qualtrax ID	Workflow #	Age	^			
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34624	2018-094	253				
39886	2019-007	165				
45353	2019-029	95				
46911	2019-034	73				
47707	2019-042	61				
47766	2019-043	60	~			
*Reports without a Workflow Id# are not included in the Avg Age						









174.2

September

2018

200

100

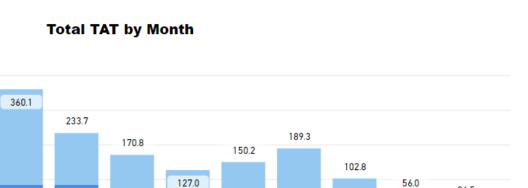
203.3

October

2018

November

2018



March 2019 April 2019 May 2019 June 2019



### **Selected Time Frame Averages**

240.73
Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg
193.92
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

**Received to Complete** 

Requests Completed > 30 Days

1368

1141

83.41 %

**Requests Completed** 

% Completed > 30 Days

34.5

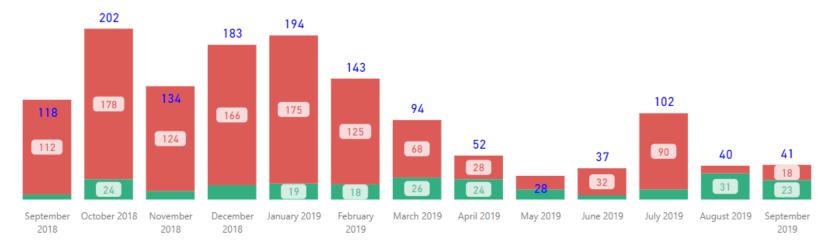
September

2019

August

2019

### **Requests Completed**



Requests more than 30 days old are considered to be backlogged requests

■ Requests Completed w/in 30 Days
■ Requests Completed > 30 Days Old
■ Total Completed

390.0

December

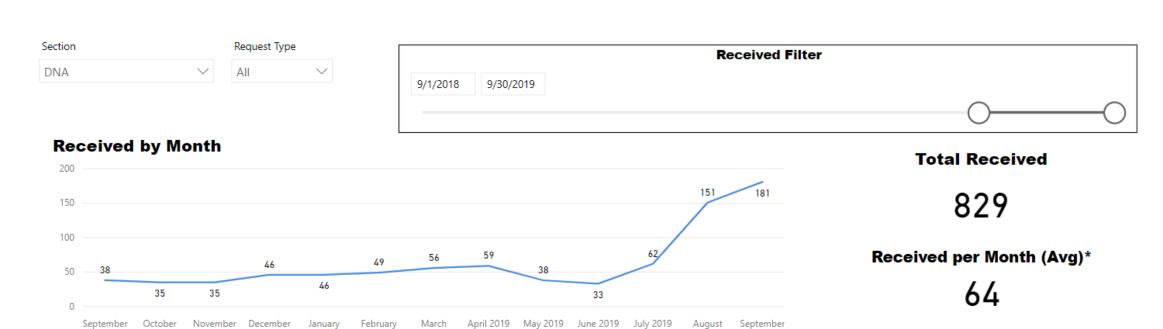
2018

January

2019

February





### **Completed by Month**



### **Total Completed**

Completed per Month (Avg)\*



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## Forensic Biology-Outsourcing

**Total Cases Shipped** 

1741

**Cases Returned** 

1363

**Cases Reviewed** 

**157** 

SAKs shipped: 1080

**SAKs completed: 812** 

Non-SAKs shipped: 661

Non-SAKs completed: 551

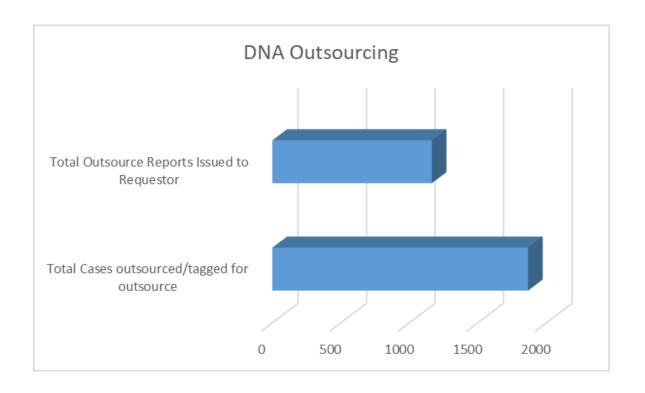
### **Critical issues**

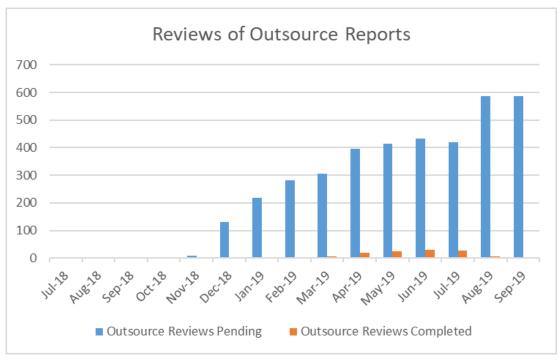
- The in-house review of all outsourced casework
- Bode delayed turnaround time for SAKs
- Current turnaround time ~120 days
- Outsource extension needed due to STRmix implementation and training

- Original project timeline: August 2018 to September 2019
- 585 outsourced cases pending CODIS review (135 in process)
- 378 outsourced cases pending @ Bode
- Bode plans to have all testing completed by October 31, 2019
- Next focus: STRmix training and outsource reviews

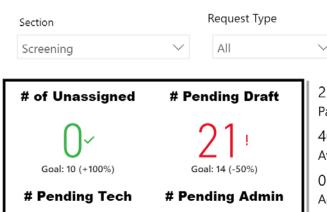


## Forensic Biology -- Outsourcing







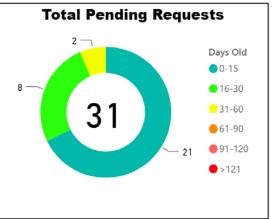


Goal= Threshold for the max # of requests in each bucket

Goal: 12 (+83.33%)

Past Critical Age Avg Age of Reqeusts >30 ... Age-Oldest Unassigned PL Age-Oldest Pending Draft... Age-Oldest Pending Tech ... 41

Age-Oldest Pending Adm...



**Overall TAT** (Month to Date)

**Overall TAT** (Past 90 Days)

Goal: 10, 11

### TAT by Phase of Work (MTD)

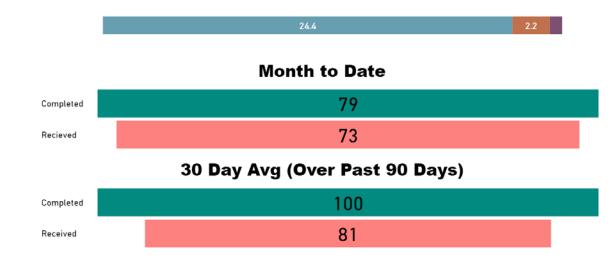
● PL-Assign TAT MTD ● PL-Draft TAT MTD ● PL-Tech Review TAT MTD ● PL-Admin Review TAT MTD 1.4 0.8

### TAT by Phase of Work (Past 90 Days)

Open (	Quality Repo	orts				
Qualtrax ID	Workflow #	Age	,			
33435	2018-085	271				
34624	2018-094	253				
39886	2019-007	165	1			
45353	2019-029	95				
46911	2019-034	73				
47707	2019-042	61				
47766	2019-043	60	`			
*Reports without a Workflow Id# are not included in the Avg Age						

Goal: 16 (+50%)









2019



### **Selected Time Frame Averages**

52.15
Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg
51.15
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

15.3

August

2019

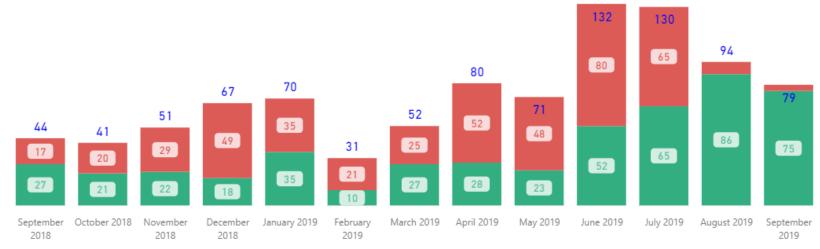
15.0

September

2019

### **Requests Completed**

March 2019 April 2019 May 2019 June 2019



Received to Complete

942
Requests Completed

453
Requests Completed > 30 Days

48.09 %
% Completed > 30 Days

Requests more than 30 days old are considered to be backlogged requests



31.0

September

2018

October

2018

November

2018

December

2018

January

2019

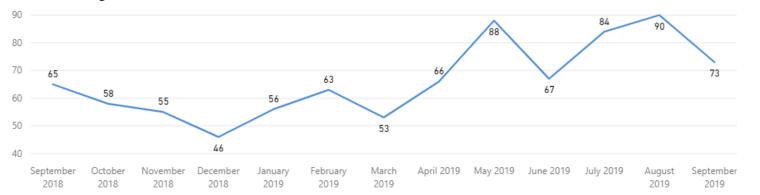
20

■ Requests Completed w/in 30 Days
■ Requests Completed > 30 Days Old
■ Total Completed





### Received by Month



**Total Received** 

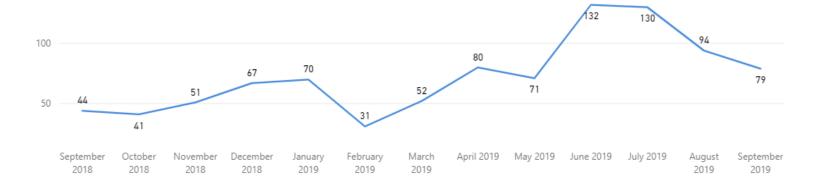
864

Received per Month (Avg)\*

66

9/1/2018 9/30/2019 Completed Filter

### **Completed by Month**



### **Total Completed**

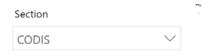
942

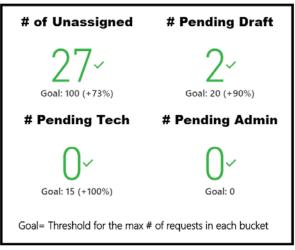
Completed per Month (Avg)\*

72

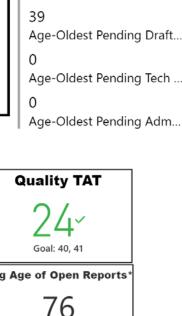


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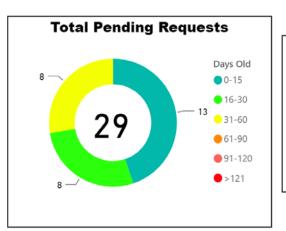


8
Past Critical Age
45
Avg Age of Reqeusts >30
48
Age-Oldest Unassigned PL
39
Age-Oldest Pending Draft
0
Age-Oldest Pending Tech





24 <sup>~</sup> Goal: 40, 41	
Avg Age of Open Reports*	
76	
Quality Filter	
Biology/DNA	~



# Overall TAT (Month to Date)

20.5 Goal: 30, 31 Overall TAT (Past 90 Days)

18.2

Goal: 30, 31

### TAT by Phase of Work (MTD)

● PL-Assign TAT MTD ● PL-Draft TAT MTD ● PL-Tech Review TAT MTD

19.1

### TAT by Phase of Work (Past 90 Days)

Month to Date

Completed 75
Recieved 64

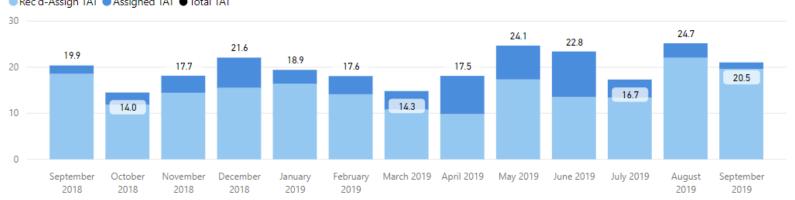
30 Day Avg (Over Past 90 Days)

Completed 169
Received 109



# Date Range 9/1/2018 9/30/2019 Rec'd-Assign TAT ◆ Assigned TAT ◆ Total TAT

### **Total TAT by Month**

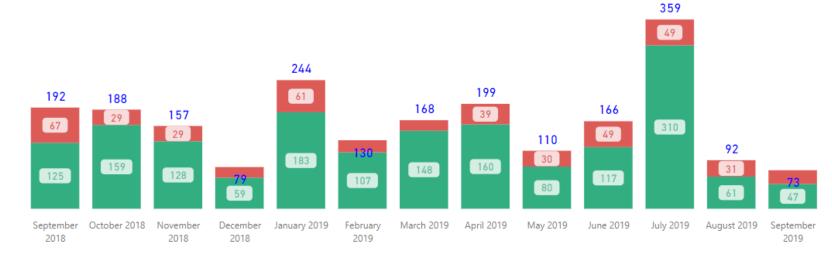


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### **Selected Time Frame Averages**

18.52
Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg
4.52
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

### **Requests Completed**



Received to Complete

2157
Requests Completed

473
Requests Completed > 30 Days

21.93 %
% Completed > 30 Days



● Requests Completed w/in 30 Days ● Requests Completed > 30 Days Old ● Total Completed

Requests more than 30 days old are considered to be backlogged requests



### **Received by Month**



**Total Received** 

2054

Received per Month (Avg)\*

158

### **Completed by Month**



**Total Completed** 

2157

Completed per Month (Avg)\*

166

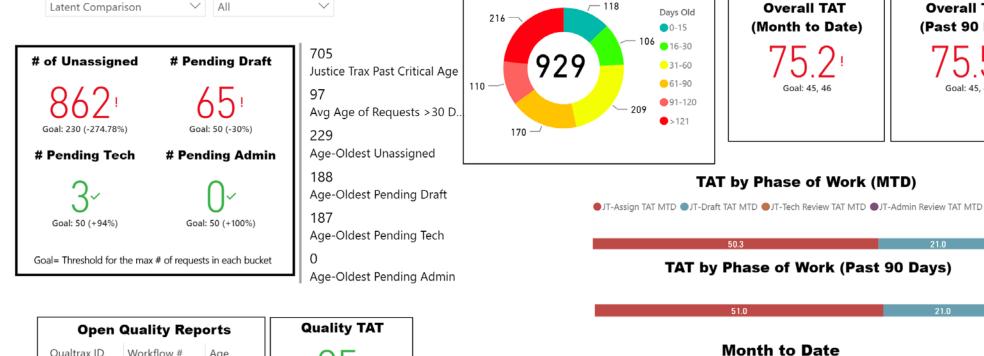


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# Latent Prints



### Requests Received after 2/1/2019 (to allow for targets on incoming requests vs historical backlog)



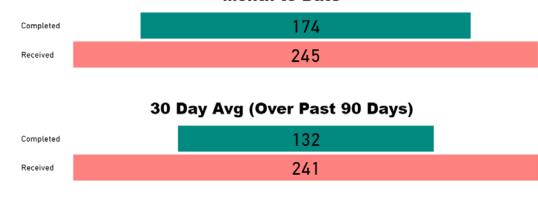
**Total Pending Requests** 





Priority Type

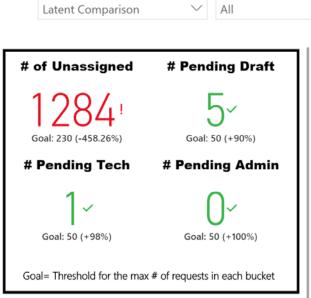
Service



**Overall TAT** 

(Past 90 Days)

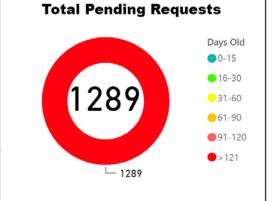
### Requests Received prior to 2/1/2019 (to allow for targets on incoming requests vs historical backlog)



Priority Type

Service



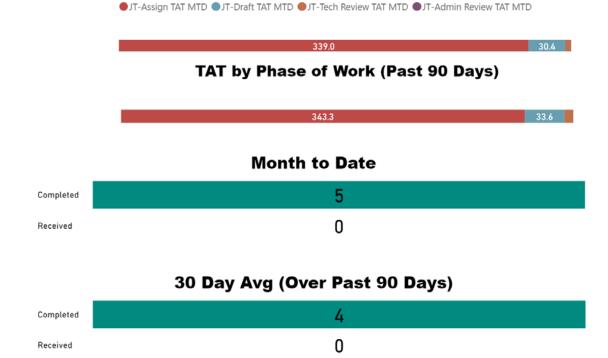


**Overall TAT** (Month to Date) Goal: 45, 46

TAT by Phase of Work (MTD)

**Overall TAT** (Past 90 Days)

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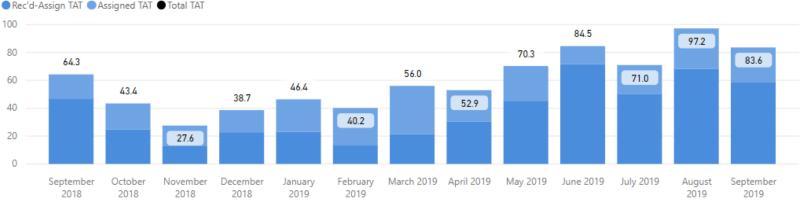


### **Date Range**

9/1/2018 9/30/2019

■ Rec'd-Assign TAT ■ Assigned TAT ■ Total TAT

### **Total TAT by Month**

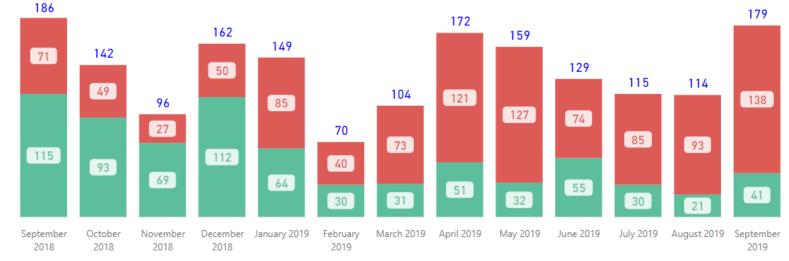




### **Selected Time Frame Averages**

60.76
Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg
21.71
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

### **Requests Completed**



Received to Complete
1777
Requests Completed
1033
Requests Completed > 30 Days Old
58.13 %
% Completed > 30 Days Old

Requests more than 30 days old are considered to be backlogged requests

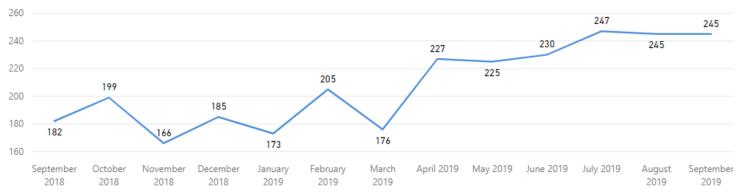


■ Requests Completed w/in 30 Days
■ Requests Completed > 30 Days Old
■ Total Completed





### **Received by Month**



**Total Received** 

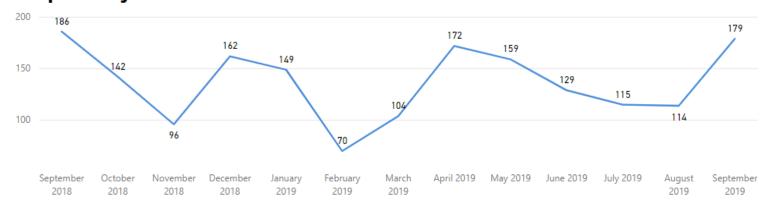
2,705

Received per Month (Avg)\*

208

9/1/2018 9/30/2019 (

### **Completed by Month**



**Total Completed** 

1,777

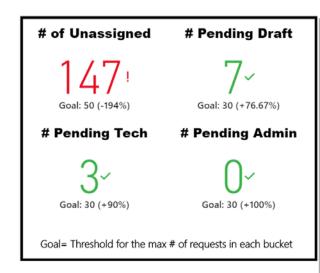
Completed per Month (Avg)\*

137



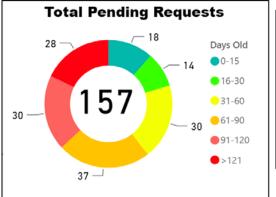
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125 Justice Trax Past Critical Age 98 Avg Age of Requests >30 D.. 265 Age-Oldest Unassigned 262 Age-Oldest Pending Draft 265 Age-Oldest Pending Tech

Age-Oldest Pending Admin



**Overall TAT** (Month to Date)

Goal: 30, 31

**Overall TAT** (Past 90 Days)

Goal: 30, 31

### TAT by Phase of Work (MTD)



**Month to Date** 

Completed	37
Received	39

### 30 Day Avg (Over Past 90 Days)

Completed	32
Received	48

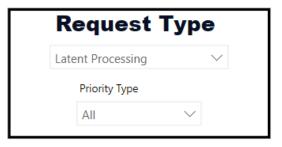








2019

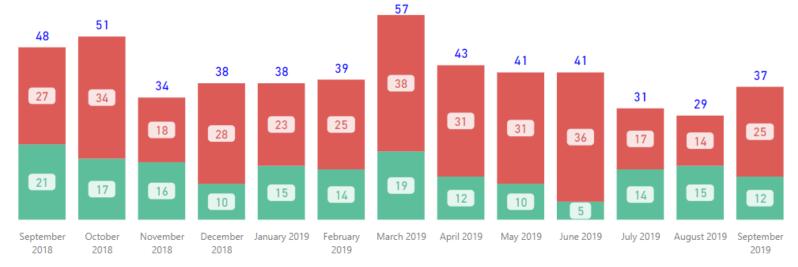


### **Selected Time Frame Averages**

63.40
Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg
26.82
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

2019

### **Requests Completed**



Received to Complete
527
Requests Completed
347
Requests Completed > 30 Days Old
65.84 %
% Completed > 30 Days Old

Requests more than 30 days old are considered to be backlogged requests



2018

2018

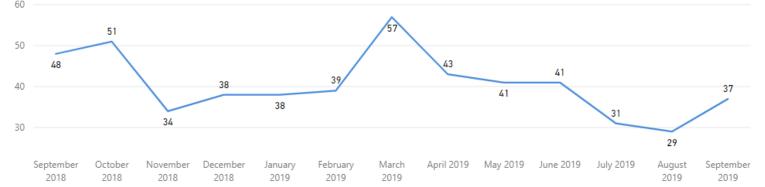
2018

2018

2019

■ Requests Completed w/in 30 Days
■ Requests Completed > 30 Days Old
■ Total Completed





527

Completed per Month (Avg)\*

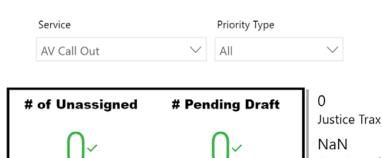
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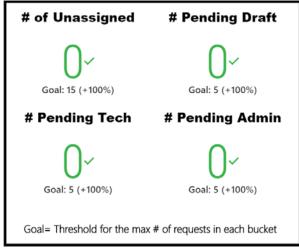


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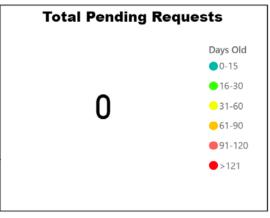






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Justice Trax Past Critical Age
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Avg Age of Requests > 30 D..

O
Age-Oldest Unassigned
O
Age-Oldest Pending Draft
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Age-Oldest Pending Tech
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Age-Oldest Pending Admin



Overall TAT (Month to Date)

1 8 1 !

Goal: 5, 6

Overall TAT (Past 90 Days)

Output

Goal: 5, 6

### TAT by Phase of Work (MTD)

●JT-Assign TAT MTD ●JT-Draft TAT MTD ●JT-Tech Review TAT MTD ●JT-Admin Review TAT MTD

TAT by Phase of Work (Past 90 Days)

1.3 7.0 0.7

# Open Quality Reports Qualtrax ID Workflow # Age 51216 11

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### **Month to Date**

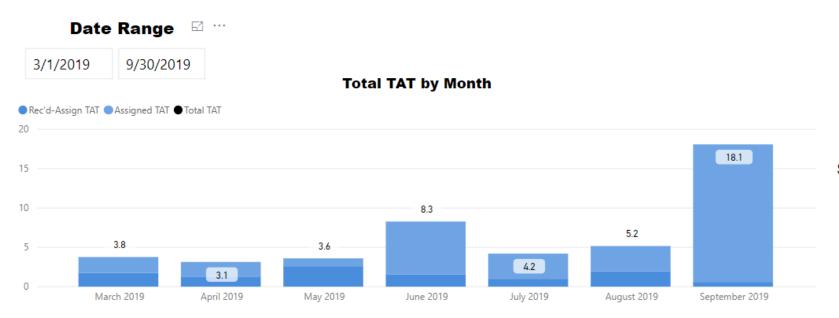
Completed 10

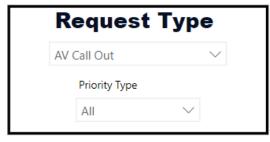
Received 7

### 30 Day Avg (Over Past 90 Days)

Completed 10
Received 10



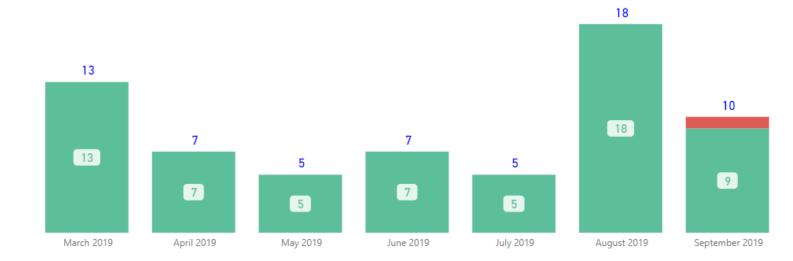




### **Selected Time Frame Averages**

6.80
Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg
5.23
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

### **Requests Completed**



Received to Complete

65
Requests Completed

1
Requests Completed > 30 Days Old

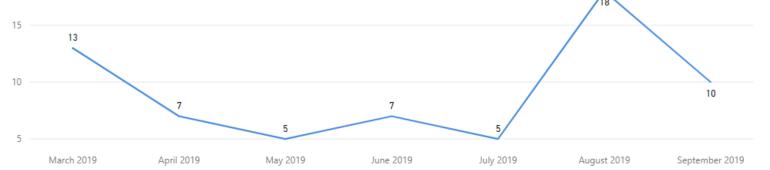
1.54 %
% Completed > 30 Days Old

Requests more than 30 days old are considered to be backlogged requests



■ Requests Completed w/in 30 Days ■ Requests Completed > 30 Days Old ■ Total Completed





65

Completed per Month (Avg)\*

9



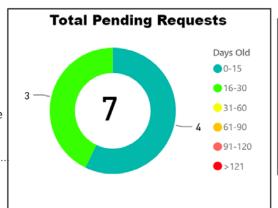
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O
Justice Trax Past Critical Age
NaN
Avg Age of Requests > 30 D...
7
Age-Oldest Unassigned
25
Age-Oldest Pending Draft
19
Age-Oldest Pending Tech

Age-Oldest Pending Admin



Overall TAT (Month to Date)

> 22.5 Goal: 45, 46

Overall TAT (Past 90 Days)

22.9~

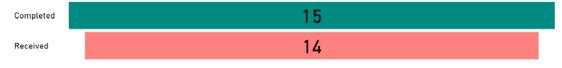
### TAT by Phase of Work (MTD)



### TAT by Phase of Work (Past 90 Days)

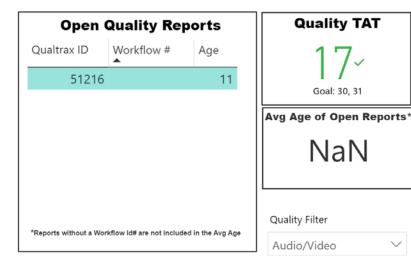
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### **Month to Date**



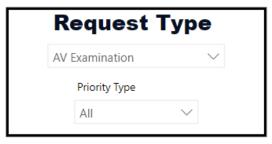
### 30 Day Avg (Over Past 90 Days)

Completed	16
Received	14





# Date Range 3/1/2019 9/30/2019 Total TAT by Month Rec'd-Assign TAT ♠ Assigned TAT ♠ Total TAT 223 23.8 20 18.1 17.7 17.4



### **Selected Time Frame Averages**

20.85
Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg
12.97
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

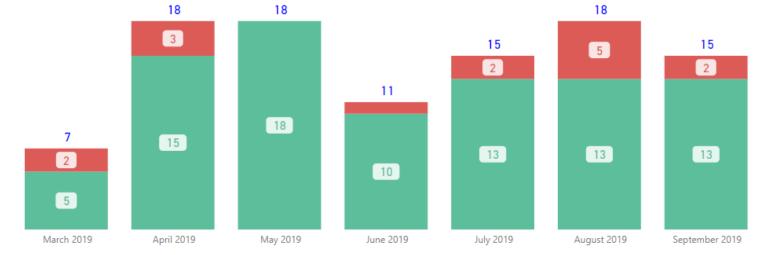
### **Requests Completed**

June 2019

July 2019

August 2019

September 2019



Received to Complete

102
Requests Completed

15
Requests Completed > 30 Days Old

14.71 %
% Completed > 30 Days Old

Requests more than 30 days old are considered to be backlogged requests



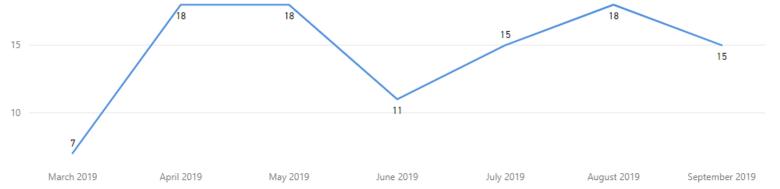
■ Requests Completed w/in 30 Days ■ Requests Completed > 30 Days Old ■ Total Completed

March 2019

April 2019

May 2019





102

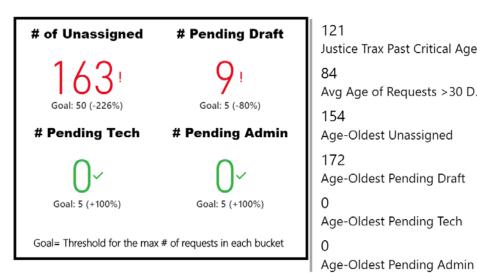
Completed per Month (Avg)\*

5



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**Open Quality Reports** 

Workflow #

Age

29

11

Qualtrax ID

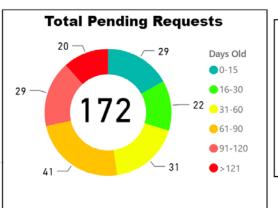
49840

51117

51251 2019-071







**Overall TAT** (Month to Date)

Goal: 45, 46

**Overall TAT** (Past 90 Days)

Goal: 45, 46

### TAT by Phase of Work (MTD)



### TAT by Phase of Work (Past 90 Days)

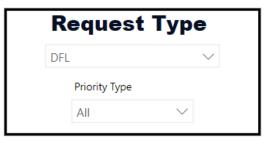
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**Month to Date** 44 Completed 59 Received 30 Day Avg (Over Past 90 Days)





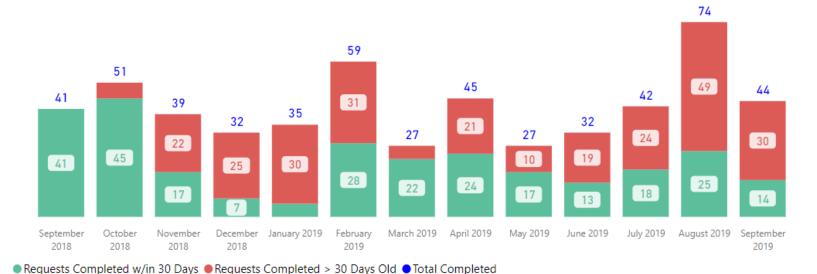




### **Selected Time Frame Averages**

46.49
Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg
6.17
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

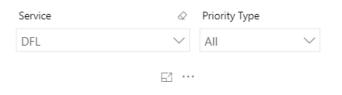
### **Requests Completed**





Requests more than 30 days old are considered to be backlogged requests







### **Received by Month**



**Total Received** 

687

Received per Month (Avg)\*

53

2019 2019

Completed Filter

9/1/2018 9/30/2019

### **Completed by Month**

2018

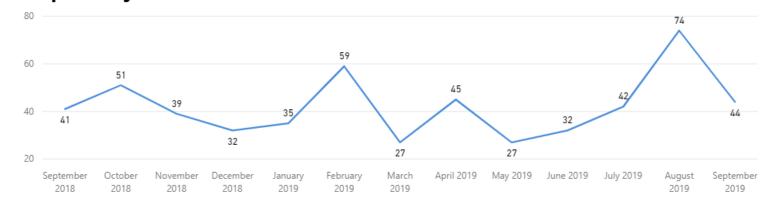
2018

2018

2019

2019

2018



**Total Completed** 

548

Completed per Month (Avg)\*

42



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# Crime Scene Unit



# **CSU**

Call outs 63

Critical issues

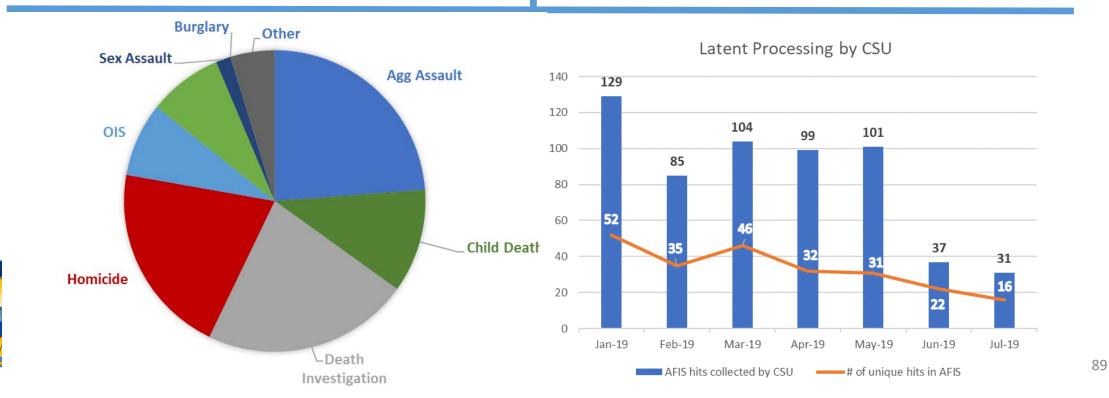
CSU callouts: 63

Cars processed at VEB: 43

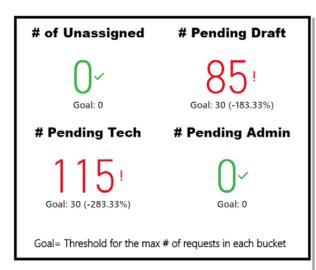
Items of evidence collected: 1,823

Hours spent at scenes: 526hrs = 8hrs/day

- Trainee authorized for supervised casework
- Two CSIs participated in internal audit
- FARO Training ALL CSIs are now trained and authorized

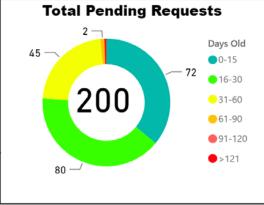






Justice Trax Past Critical Age
44
Avg Age of Requests > 30 D..
0
Age-Oldest Unassigned
56
Age-Oldest Pending Draft
178
Age-Oldest Pending Tech

Age-Oldest Pending Admin



Overall TAT (Month to Date)

39.8!

Overall TAT (Past 90 Days)

40.8
Goal: 30, 31

### **TAT by Phase of Work (MTD)**

● JT-Assign TAT MTD ● JT-Draft TAT MTD ● JT-Tech Review TAT MTD ● JT-Admin Review TAT MTD

17 23.0 15.2

### TAT by Phase of Work (Past 90 Days)

22.9

Qualtrax ID Workflow # Age 26827 2018-IA-41 319 44840 2019-039 101 88 45841 2019-033 48435 2019-049 49 48960 2019-066 40 38 49209 2019-059 37 49241 \*Reports without a Workflow Id# are not included in the Avg Age

**Open Quality Reports** 

Quality TAT

25

Goal: 30, 31

Avg Age of Open Reports\*

92

Quality Filter

Crime Scene



Completed 239

Received 197

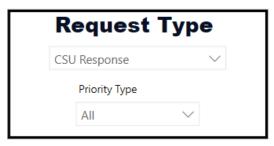
### 30 Day Avg (Over Past 90 Days)

Completed 238

Received 205



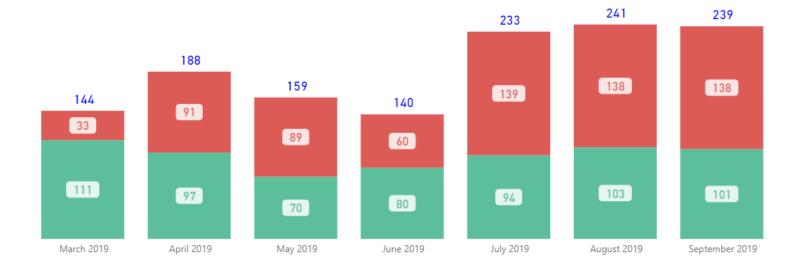




### **Selected Time Frame Averages**

38.38
Total TAT (Rec'd-Compl.) Avg
37.59
Assigned TAT (Asgmt.-Compl.) Avg

### **Requests Completed**



Received to Complete

1344
Requests Completed

688
Requests Completed > 30 Days Old

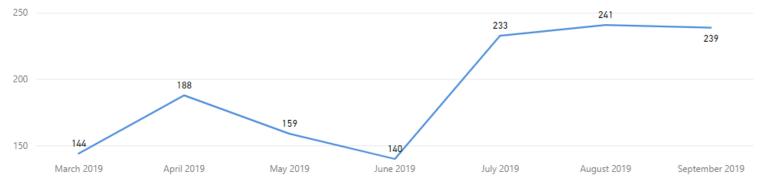
51.19 %
% Completed > 30 Days Old

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■ Requests Completed w/in 30 Days
■ Requests Completed > 30 Days Old
■ Total Completed





1,344

Completed per Month (Avg)\*

192



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### 500 Jefferson Office/Lab Project, 10/11/19 HFSC Board Update

### **Project Status**

- Significant activity over the last month, project construction/testing and balancing/commissioning close to completion (lab looks good):
  - Project now 15 mths from HFSC first seeing 500 Jefferson building
  - Good team effort: HFSC, city, landlord, contractors, consultants

### • 18<sup>th</sup> floor basically complete:

- > Prepared 2<sup>nd</sup> punch list 10/3/19, addressing items remaining
- ➤ Allometrics completed fume hoods certification 10/4/19
- > Re-touched up epoxy floors 10/5-6/19
- Completing furniture install
- > Activating security key pads, card readers, cameras 10/9/19
- > Staff open house 10/8/19
- Testing and balancing, commissioning continues

### • Basement also basically complete:

- ➤ Shooting tank in final location, firing range/armored door/armortex bullet resistant wall panels installed, fume hood certified
- Addressing firing range sprinkler head locations (Fire Marshall requirement), require noise reduction baffles
- > Prepared 1<sup>st</sup> punch list 10/4/19, addressing items
- > Activating security key pads, card readers, cameras 10/9/19
- > Testing and balancing, commissioning continues (less complex)

### Now focused on HFSC move-in, key actions:

 Detailed work plans/work sheets in place/communicated, HFSC steering committee meetings, signed contracts, assigned move coordinators/ duties, communicated significant building/freight elevator needs

- Chemicals pre-disposal completed, piping/gas cylinder install commenced, new LCQQQ venting unit fabrication commenced/then install, completed fume hoods calibration/certification
- 1<sup>st</sup> staff move 10/10/19: 27 staff (FBIO, CS/CM, Latent Print processing), plus lab equipment, cameras, refrigerators, freezers, glassware
- 1<sup>st</sup> instrument move 10/14-17/19: 29 instruments, plus tables, etc. (FBIO, one Toxicology instrument for piping test), plus chemicals, supply room
- HFSC Steering Committee 10/23/19, lessons learned, upcoming actions
- 2nd instrument move 11/4-7/19: 15 instruments, plus tables (Seized Drugs, Toxicology), plus chemicals. 17 Microscopes move 11/5-6/19
- 2<sup>nd</sup> staff move 11/7/19: 45 staff (Firearms, Seized Drugs, Toxicology), plus lab equipment, refrigerators, freezers, glassware
- Other November actions: NIBIN install 11/5-6/19, shooting tank install 11/11-14/19, 2 new LCQQQ install 11/11-15/19
- Hand-back remaining Travis space: still targeted for 2<sup>nd</sup> half November

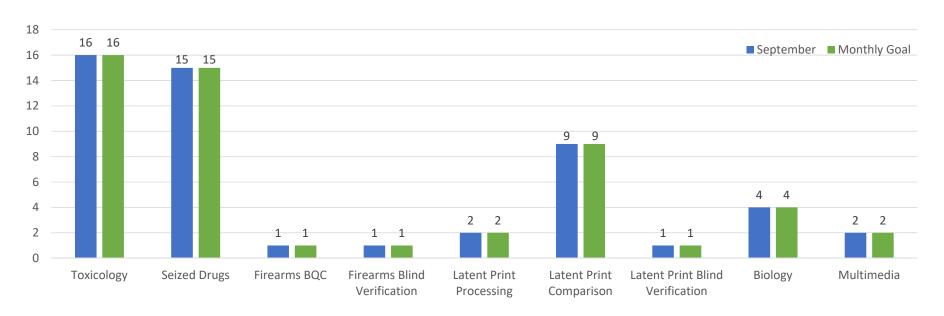
### **Project Budget Status**

- Project budget \$1 million: moves, IT/security, shooting tank, project management, change orders, other
- To date: committed/estimates \$780,000, invoiced \$305,000
- Excludes lab furniture, committed \$335,000, invoiced \$146,000 (funded via grant/landlord). Landlord also reimbursing 3 hydrogen generator purchase

# Quality Division Report October 11, 2019



# BQCs Submitted in September





### Blind Quality: Accomplishments and Challenges

- Quality specialist will present on blind quality paper at the Society of Forensic Toxicologists (SOFT) conference this month
- The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) has denied HPD's request for written approval to submit blinds through the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN.) HFSC cannot submit blinds through NIBIN.

Forensic Discipline	Cases Completed in September	
Toxicology – BAC	19	
Seized Drugs	15	
Dialogy	4 (DNA)	
Biology	4 (screening)	
Firearms – Blind	0	
Verification (BV)	0	
Firearms	1	
<b>Latent Print Processing</b>	2	
<b>Latent Print Comparison</b>	10	
Latent Print – Blind	0	
Verification (BV)	U	
Multimedia	2	



# Audits/Disclosures/Corrective Actions

Toxicology report from 2015 had a typographical error in the reported blood alcohol concentration (BAC) results

- Typo led to reporting a result as under the legal limit when in fact it was above
- Two items tested in case, one accurately reported as above the legal limit
- Report amended, notifications made to district attorney and defense
- Audit was performed using statistical sampling



## Audits/Disclosures/Corrective Actions

Toxicology report from 2015 had a typographical error in the reported blood alcohol concentration (BAC) results

- Review completed: 320 cases reviewed from a sample size of 1,967
- Audit findings: 95% confidence level that this type of error occurs in no more than 1% of blood alcohol cases
  - 1 typographical error in 320 cases (error rate of 1%)
  - nonconformance report being finalized for disclosure to TFSC



# 2019 Proficiency Testing (PT)

Discipline		Tests in Progress	Tests Completed	Comments
Seized Drugs		7	8	Investigation completed for two tests, both deemed satisfactory
Toxicology		7	7	
Firearms		18	1	
Crime Scene		1	1	
Latent Prints		1	6	
NA. Itimo adia	Audio/Video	7	-	
Multimedia	Digital	3	-	
Forensic Biology		23	20	

# Seized drugs proficiency tests

• Involved analysts notified of results • Subsequent analysis detected codeine in both test samples Quality division determined seized drug SOP followed in original analysis, despite non-consensus result • Blind spot in SOP has been revised, completed audit of previous casework to see if any others had been impacted • Involved analysts completed an additional internal proficiency test

# Detailed Data



### 2019 Testimony Data

- 51 analysts have testified this year
- 47 of 51 have been monitored
  - 1 analyst had a non-technical expert monitor him analyst will be monitored by a technical expert at next testimony or transcript from this testimony will be requested
  - 3 testified for work done prior to HFSC employment no monitoring needed
- Transcript review project
  - 3 transcripts in committee final review process



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	<b>Quality Notified</b>	Summary of Notification	Comments	
Biology				
2019-065 IR	9/4/2019	The outsource case review checklist and CODIS entry form had not been completed in a 2007 Forensic Biology case file.		
2019-072 IR	9/12/2019	A Forensic Biology deduction was revised to be in accordance with the section's current interpretation guidelines. Two loci were revised to be more conservative, and new statistical calculations were generated.		
2019-076 IR	9/10/2019	A Forensic Biology report was amended to revise the conclusions of two mixtures based on the results of additional testing.		
Client Service	es/Case			
Managemen	t			
2019-075 IR	9/19/2019	A Client Services/Case Management (CS/CM) specialist mistakenly left three DWI kits out on the counter for approximately 2.5 hours while she was accessioning. The kits were placed back into the refrigerator upon discovery.		
Crime Scene				
2019-073 CAR	9/19/2019	As part of HFSC's transcript review project, one of a Crime Scene Investigator's (CSI's) testimony transcripts was reviewed. It is HFSC's opinion that the CSI testified beyond the scope of his expertise by answering certain questions regarding footwear examination and comparison. While footwear comparison is an established forensic discipline, HFSC does not provide this service nor is it included in our scope of accreditation.		
Forensic Mul	Forensic Multimedia Unit			

HFSC's Quality Division investigates nonconforming work and helps develop solutions in compliance with accreditation and legal standards. With regard to the items listed above, the Division has not detected any use of inaccurate results in a criminal proceeding.

### **Quality Division Notifications**

Incidents, Corrective and Preventive Actions

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	<b>Quality Notified</b>	Summary of Notification	Comments		
2019-071 CAR	9/13/2019	While a Multimedia staff member was photographing a cellphone, a magnet accidentally fell onto it causing damage at the bottom of the screen.			
Latent Prints					
2019-064 IR	9/3/2019	The Latent Print section discovered that latent prints were not being registered to the state AFIS system. Several reported cases stated that prints were registered before this issue was discovered. A memo was written to notify stakeholders.			
2019-069 CAR	9/12/2019	During a review of the case record, Latent Print management discovered that a comparison was reported as "inconclusive" however there was no documentation to support this comparison or its verification. This error should have been identified during the technical/administrative review process.			
Management	ŧ				
2019-070 CAR	9/13/2019	Security footage was requested from one of the cameras located at 1200 Travis. Upon investigation it was determined that the cameras in 1200 Travis had been offline since March 2019.			
Seized Drugs	Seized Drugs				
2019-067 IR	9/5/2019	A laboratory report with preliminary testing results was amended to correct the reported units of an item from "grams" to "ounces". This case was discovered when a request for confirmatory analysis was received.			

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Wednesday, October 2, 2019

### **Quality Division Notifications**

Incidents, Corrective and Preventive Actions

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	Quality Notified	Summary of Notification	Comments
2019-068 CAR	9/11/2019	While conducting reviews an analyst discovered datafiles on a gas chromatography mass spectrometer (GC/MS) computer that were not documented in the instrument's logbook nor in the corresponding case record. The datafiles clearly identified the analyst who ran the samples and have been included in the case record.	
2019-074 CAR	9/23/2019	A Toxicology report incorrectly identified the drug name for an item as the active parent drug rather than the inactive metabolite of that drug. Both the concentration and uncertainty of measurement associated to this item were correctly reported.	

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