# Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting June 8, 2018



#### HOUSTON FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER, INC.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING June 8, 2018

Notice is hereby given that beginning at 9:00 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.
- 3. Appointment and election of officers: Dr. Peter Stout as president, Dr. Amy Castillo as vice president, Mr. David Leach as treasurer and Ms. Jordan Benton as secretary.
- 4. Reading of draft minutes of May 11, 2018 Board meeting. Consideration of proposed corrections, if any. Approval of minutes.
- 5. Public Comment.
- 6. Report from Board Chair, including a monthly update of activities and other announcements.
- 7. Report from Ms. Lori Wilson regarding quality assurance, including review of testimony monitoring, proficiency tests and corrective actions.
- 8. Forensic Toxicology Analyst Corissa Rodgers gives status update on changes to the eDiscovery website.
- 9. Monthly operations report from Vice President and COO, including a review of turnaround times and backlogs.
- 10. Treasurer's report regarding company financials and other fiscal updates.
- 11. Report from President and CEO, including technical updates, outreach efforts, staffing changes and other corporate business items.
- 12. Executive session in accordance with Sections 551.071 and 551.074, et seq. of the Texas Government Code for deliberation regarding real property and to discuss a personnel matter between CEO and President Dr. Peter Stout and HFSC General Counsel Renee Byas.
- 13. Reconvene and discuss possible action related to executive session.

#### -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 may address any subject relevant to the purpose of the Corporation; however, under Texas law the Board may not respond to or otherwise discuss a subject not listed on the Agenda set out above. (Exception: The Board may discuss a proposal to place a subject on the agenda for a future meeting.) 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 meeting or session of the Board should be held or is required in relation to any items included in this Notice, then such closed or executive meeting or 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 that date, hour and place given in this Notice or as soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by the Notice as the Board may conveniently meet in such closed or executive meeting or session concerning any and all subjects and for any and all purposes permitted by Section 551.071-551.089, inclusive, of the Open Meetings Act, including, but not limited to:

Section 551.071 - Consultation with Attorney

Section 551.072 - Deliberation Regarding Real Property

Section 551.073 - Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gift

Section 551.074 - Personnel Matters

Section 551.076 - Deliberation Regarding Security Devices

Section 551.084 - Exclusion of Witness

Section 551.087 - Economic Development Negotiations

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, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the Board with regard to any matter considered in such closed or executive meeting or session, then such final action, final decision, or final vote shall be at either:

A. The open meeting covered by this Notice upon the reconvening of the public meeting,

B. At a subsequent public meeting of the Board upon notice thereof, as the Board shall determine.

# 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 5th day of June, 2018 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 5th day of June 2018.

Jordan Benton

#### Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc.

### MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES May 11, 2018

The undersigned, being the duly appointed secretary of the Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc., (the "Corporation") hereby certifies the following are true and correct minutes of the May 11, 2018 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 filed on May 8, 2018, 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 Nicole B. Cásarez, Board chairwoman, at approximately 9:01 a.m. on Friday May 11, 2018 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: Nicole B. Cásarez, Philip Hilder, Francisco G. Medina, Janet Blancett and Chief Mary Lentschke.

The following directors were absent: Anthony Graves, Dr. Robert "Bob" H. McPherson, Dr. Stacey A. Mitchell, Sandra Guerra Thompson and Tom P. Allen (ex-officio)

Chairwoman Cásarez declared a quorum was present

- E. Chairwoman Cásarez noted a draft of the minutes of the April 13, 2018 Board meeting had been distributed to the directors. Ms. Blancett made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Hilder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- F. Chairwoman Cásarez asked if members of the public wished to address the Board. No one addressed the Board.
- G. Chairwoman Cásarez presented a chair's report. She welcomed Dr. Darrell Davis, a member of HFSC's Technical Advisory Group, to the meeting. Ms. Cásarez said she met with Mayor Sylvester Turner and he had asked her to serve another term on the Board. Ms. Cásarez said she had agreed to serve at least another year as Chairwoman to continue assisting with HFSC's facility needs. The Chairwoman told the Board of CNN would be airing its final episode of "Death Row Stories," featuring Mr. Graves' wrongful conviction and exoneration.
- H. Dr. McPherson joined the meeting at approximately 9:03 a.m.

- I. Dr. Stout gave the president's report. Dr. Stout discussed pending disclosures to the Texas Forensic Science Commission (TFSC.) He reviewed the lab's grant proposals. Dr. Stout reviewed the April 2018 's average turnaround time (TAT), backlogs and requests received. Dr. Stout noted the continual decrease in the latent print backlog. Dr. Stout shared recent outreach activities, including a tour with Board member Philip Hilder. He also provided a staff update and shared information about staff who achieved certification in their field.
- J. Mr. Graves joined the meeting at approximately 9:25 a.m.
- K. Mr. Darrell Stein, director of information strategy, updated the Board on HFSC's ongoing transition to a new Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS). Mr. Stein reminded the Board of the project's complexity and said due to unforeseen issues that are being resolved, there is no deadline for when it will be complete. Currently, the team is transferring information to a cloud-based environment and ironing out last-minute issues with a custom-made request portal. Mr. Stein said three disciplines are operating in the new JusticeTrax LIMS. The remaining disciplines are still using the old LIMS until the new request portal is operational.
- L. Dr. Stout requested the Board extended his signing authority to \$350,000 to ensure the vendor, Catapult, can continue work on the custom-made portal. Dr. McPherson made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Hilder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- M. Dr. Amy Castillo, vice president and COO, presented the operations report. She reminded the Board that the transition to the new LIMS and an independent network has impacted all operations. Dr. Castillo reported the Client Services & Case Management (CS/CM) division is expected to be accredited in June. As part of its accreditation, HFSC has informed stakeholders it will refuse to analyze evidence that is improperly handled or packaged. Chairwoman Casarez said the Board supports HFSC rejecting any evidence that has not been handled according to proper protocol. Dr. Castillo reviewed each section's scorecard, including CODIS (Combined DNA Index System) and process improvement projects. She talked about each section's TAT, accreditation, current backlogs among other updates. Mr. Jerry Pena, director of the Crime Scene (CSU) and digital & multimedia units, updated the board about his team's accomplishments.
- N. Ms. Courtney Head, manager of forensic biology, presented the Board with a plan for HFSC to eliminate a longstanding backlog in the DNA section She said the current plan would allow the lab to outsource all incoming work, including sexual assault kits (SAK), during the next 10-12 months. Ms. Head said by outsourcing incoming casework the section would be able to focus on cross-training all staff and eliminating backlogged cases. Staff needs to be cross-trained to do all parts of the DNA testing process to eliminate bottlenecks that cause backlogs. Ms. Head said she believed at the end of the outsourcing and training project the section would have a process in place that allows them to have a sustainable 30-day turnaround time. She said outsourcing will cost about \$2.43 million and would be paid for by HFSC and grant dollars. Board members expressed concern about whether testimony provided by analysts at a private laboratory would meet HFSC standards. They questioned whether it would be wise to retest

evidence in-house for cases that come to trial. Ms. Head said while this is done on occasion, there is a concern about consuming evidence in retesting and that all private labs are accredited and vetted ahead of time by HFSC's DNA technical lead to ensure they meet our standards. Ms. Head said the lab had also used outsourcing to successfully eliminate its inherited rape kit backlog, as well as a much smaller backlog that accumulated in 2016.

- O. Mr. Leach requested Board approval to reallocate funds in HFSC's FY18 budget. Chairwoman Cásarez made a motion to approve the budget reallocations. Dr. McPherson seconded the motion. The Board approved the budget reallocations unanimously.
- P. Mr. Leach presented a treasurer's report. Mr. Leach said HFSC is working to fill open positions and the budget will be fully used once personnel are hired. Mr. Leach gave a line-item overview of spending to-date as well as an update on grants.
- Q. Ms. Lori Wilson, quality director, gave an update for April 2018. Ms. Wilson shared information about proficiency tests, the blind quality control program and internal audits.
- R. Pursuant to Section 551.071, consultation with attorney, Section 551.072, deliberation regarding real property, and Section 551.074, personnel matters, of the Texas Government Code, the Board went into executive session at approximately 11:17 a.m. HFSC's general counsel Ms. Renee Byas, Dr. Stout and Dr. Castillo were present in the executive session.
- S. The executive session concluded at approximately 12:08 p.m. The meeting reconvened in open session.
- T. The Chairwoman reviewed that during the executive session, the Board reviewed Dr. Stout's performance over the past year. Ms. Casarez made a motion to provide Dr. Stout with a three percent pay raise. Dr. McPherson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously
- U. The meeting ADJOURNED at approximately 12:09 p.m.

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# Houston Forensic Science Center

### **INTEROFFICE MEMO**

**To:** Peter Stout, PhD, President and CEO

From: Lori Wilson, Quality Director

Amy Castillo, PhD, COO

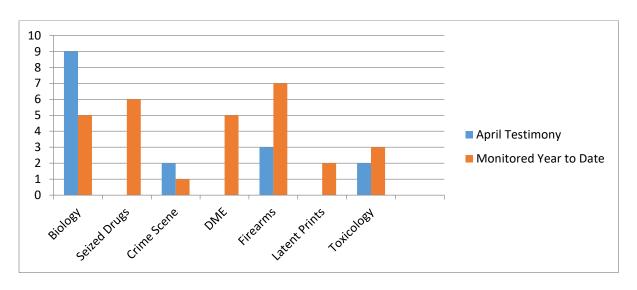
**Cc:** Jerry Pena, Director, Crime Scene/Digital and Multimedia Division

**Date:** June 5, 2018

Re: Quality Division Update for May 2018

### **TESTIMONY MONITORING**

Twelve staff members testified in sixteen proceedings during the month. Testimony was monitored in four proceedings. One of these was the first time this year the analyst was monitored.



## PROFICIENCY TESTS

Proficiency activity is shown below.

Test Identifier	Discipline	Number of Tests Assigned	Number of Participants	Date Assigned	Date Submitted to Provider	Issue?
18-5701	Forensic Biology	8	15	1/9/2018	2/27/2018	no
18-5162	Latent Prints	1	1 external 6 internal	1/30/2018	3/21/2018	no
18-564	Toxicology: Blood Alcohol	3	3	2/15/2018	4/13/2018	no
PARF-A 2018	Forensic Biology: Parentage	1	1	2/22/2018	4/11/2018	n/a
18-5702	Forensic Biology	8	varies	3/23/2018	5/15/2018	n/a
18-5671	Toxicology: Urine Drug	2	2	3/27/2018	n/a Drug Toxicology not online	n/a
18-501	Seized Drugs	7	7	4/11/2018	5/24/2018	n/a
18-5332	Latent Prints: Footwear Imprint Evidence	1	1	4/11/2018	5/18/2018	n/a
18-0201	Digital: Computer Examination	6	6	5/15/2018	due 7/13/2018	n/a
18-526	Firearms Examination	5	5	5/21/2018	due 7/23/2018	n/a

### **BLIND QUALITY CONTROL PROGRAM**

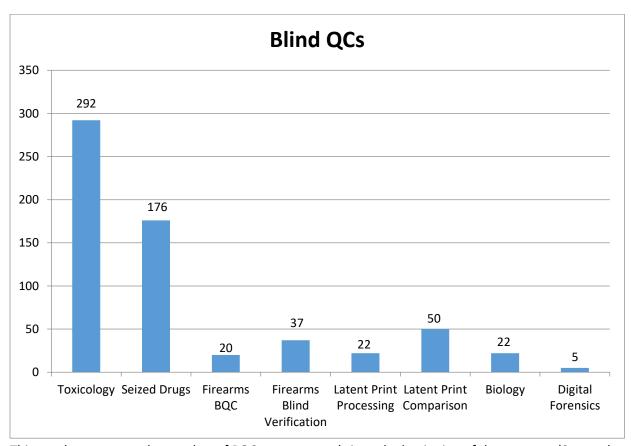
May activity is shown below.

Discipline	Number of Cases Assigned	Number of Cases Completed	Results
Toxicology	14	8	satisfactory
Seized Drugs	33	30	satisfactory
Firearms – Blind Quality Control	1	0	n/a
Firearms – Blind Verification	1	1	satisfactory
Latent Print Processing	3	5	satisfactory
Latent Print Comparison	10	8	satisfactory

Biology	0	1 including DNA, 1 screening only	satisfactory
Digital Forensics	1	1	TBD*

 \*Analysis is complete but, as of the date of this report, it has not been reviewed by the Quality Division.

As reported in April, a BQC cell phone was analyzed by the DFL but the report did not fulfill the entire request for analysis. The technical work was correct but in some instances the analyst provided only snippets of conversations instead of the entire text conversation. In routine casework, the item could be resubmitted to the DFL and the remaining conversations could be obtained. However, because the analyst had shown that technically he could do the work, the Quality Division did not resubmit the phone. Furthermore, the DFL SOP does not specifically address how to report information extracted manually (because the phone was a flip phone, the entire text message did not appear on the screen; the analyst had to scroll through the text to read the entire message). Therefore, this is being handled as a preventive action and the DFL SOP will be updated to include instructions for manual extraction and reporting.



This graph represents the number of BQC cases created since the beginning of the program (September 2015) through the end of May 2018.

Please see Attachment 1 for additional BQC details.

#### INCIDENTS/CORRECTIVE/PREVENTIVE ACTIONS

Information regarding specific incidents and corrective actions reported during the month is included as **Attachment 2**.

#### **COMPLAINTS**

No complaints were received during the month.

The DNA complaint made against HFSC to the Texas Forensic Science Commission in January 2017 remains open.

#### **DISCLOSURES**

There were no disclosures made during the month.

#### **AUDITS and INSPECTIONS**

The Crime Scene Unit internal audit was conducted the week of May 21. The audit report is not final but nonconformance information is paraphrased below.

- There were several instances of grammatical errors and other administrative mistakes in reports that should have been corrected during administrative review.
- CSU reports do not include measurement uncertainty nor a statement indicating that all
  measurements are approximate. The type of measuring device and the identity of the
  measuring device used on each scene are not recorded in the case record.
- Some scene diagrams included the offense date but did not include the date the diagram was created as required by the Quality Manual.
- One report did not include reference to all items collected at the scene and submitted to the HPD Property Room as required by SOP.
- To date, CSU has a proficiency testing policy and procedure but has not completed any tests.
- Photographs of tire track evidence included an L-scale but did not also include a tape measure as required by SOP.
- A porous control was used to test a crime scene reagent, but the SOP requires a non-porous control
- In some instances, all evidence items included on the crime scene rough sketch were not included on the final scene diagram.

The Quality Division conducted chain of custody audits from April 16<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> for disciplines currently operating in JusticeTRAX LIMS, which includes Digital Forensics, Seized Drugs and Latent Prints. Inconsistencies were noted in approximately 2% (23) of the 1176 case records reviewed. Inconsistencies included:

- gaps (more than one day) between the transfer of evidence from Porter Lee LIMS and creation of the evidence in JusticeTRAX LIMS
- creation of evidence in JusticeTRAX prior to transfer of the items from Porter Lee

The Quality Division recommends a standardized procedure for transfer of evidence between LIMS be created and communicated to all disciplines to prevent additional inconsistencies when the other disciplines transition to JusticeTRAX. In addition, chain of custody reviews should be included in the technical or administrative review process. This will be included as a requirement in the next issue of the Quality Manual.

Quality File Reviews were completed on ten DFL case records. No administrative nonconformances were noted in any of them.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

# Attachment 1



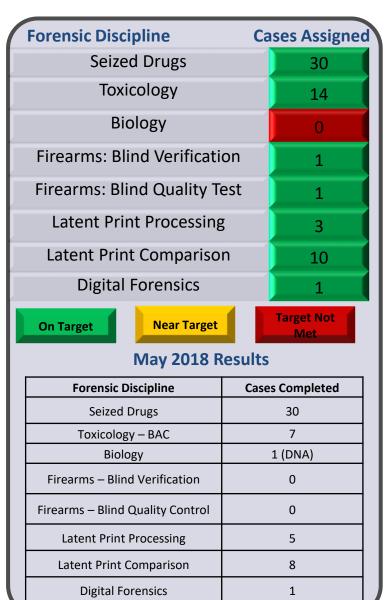
# Blind Quality Testing Project Update – May 2018

Qua	lity	<b>Division</b>	n Goals
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Discipline	Target Cases Assigned
Seized Drugs	30/month
Toxicology	14/month
Biology	4/month
Firearms – Blind Verification	1/month
Firearms – Blind Quality Control	1/month
Latent Print Processing	3/month
Latent Print Comparison	10/month
Digital Forensics	1/month

### **Challenges**

- Biology blinds are temporarily on hold until a definitive CODIS upload process has been established to ensure that BQC donor profiles are not inadvertently uploaded (continued from last month)
- •The Quality Division relies on Firearms section management to create BQC cases; due to their workload the goal was almost not met this month



## Mitigation

- Biology staff members are establishing a CODIS upload procedure
- •The Quality Division gave ideas to the Firearms section for preparing cases in advance rather than waiting until the end of the month

## **Achievements**

- The Seized Drug goal was increased to 30/month for this month
- The Latent Print Comparison goal was increased to 10/month
- All but one section goal was met or exceeded

# Attachment 2

	<b>Quality Notified</b>	Summary of Notification	Comments
Client Service Management			
2018-031 IR	5/29/2018	A CS/CM Specialist transferred accessioned evidence to a rack location within Toxicology refrigerator 5, but the LIMS chain of custody for these items showed the rack was in Refrigerator 3.	
2018-033 IR	5/4/2018	A DWI toxicology kit was accepted and accessioned by a CS/CM Specialist without initials across the seal. The evidence should have been rejected since it did not have a proper seal as defined in the Quality Manual and the Toxicology Analytical Manual.	
Crime Scene			
2018-041 CAR	5/31/2018	Swabs that were not properly labeled were found in a crime scene unit vehicle. The swabs have been circumstantially linked to a case based on logbook records and the recollection of the investigator however the swabs were not documented in the crime scene investigator's notes.	
Digital Foren	sics		
2018-036 IR	5/10/2018	An analyst was photographing a submitted cell phone as part of her examination when the camera fell from the tripod, struck the evidence device, and damaged the screen.	
Forensic Mul	timedia Unit		
2018-032 CAR	5/7/2018	In three cases, documentation of the original digital evidence items was not captured before the items were labeled with the forensic case number, item number, analyst initials, and date. This is a violation of the FMU SOP.	

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.

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## **Quality Division Notifications**

5/9/2018

Incidents, Corrective and Preventive Actions

	Quality Notified	Summary of Notification	Comments
2018-IA-33 CAR	5/30/2018	A forensic software used during analysis was not included on the written report as required by FMU SOP.	
Latent Prints			
2018-037 IR	5/14/2018	While attempting to issue an amended latent print comparison report, the original report (issued in JusticeTrax LIMS on 12/29/2017), was inadvertently reset. When the original report was reset, all of the milestones associated with it were lost and the original report was replaced in JT LIMS by the amended report.	
2018-039 IR	5/22/2018	Evidence described as containing 'possible dried blood' was analyzed by the Latent Print Unit. The Unit did not communicate with the stakeholder prior to analysis to determine if the possible blood was considered evidence. HFSC is in the process of writing a company-wide collection and preservation of biological evidence policy to address situations such as this one.	
2018-040 CAR	5/22/2018	A preliminary AFIS association report issued by the Latent Print Unit included reference to an incorrect forensic case number. An amended report will be issued.	
Seized Drugs			

## **Toxicology**

2018-034

IR

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The analyst analyzed the correct item but included an

laboratory report. This administrative error did not have

incorrect item number and item description on the

an impact on the analytical results.

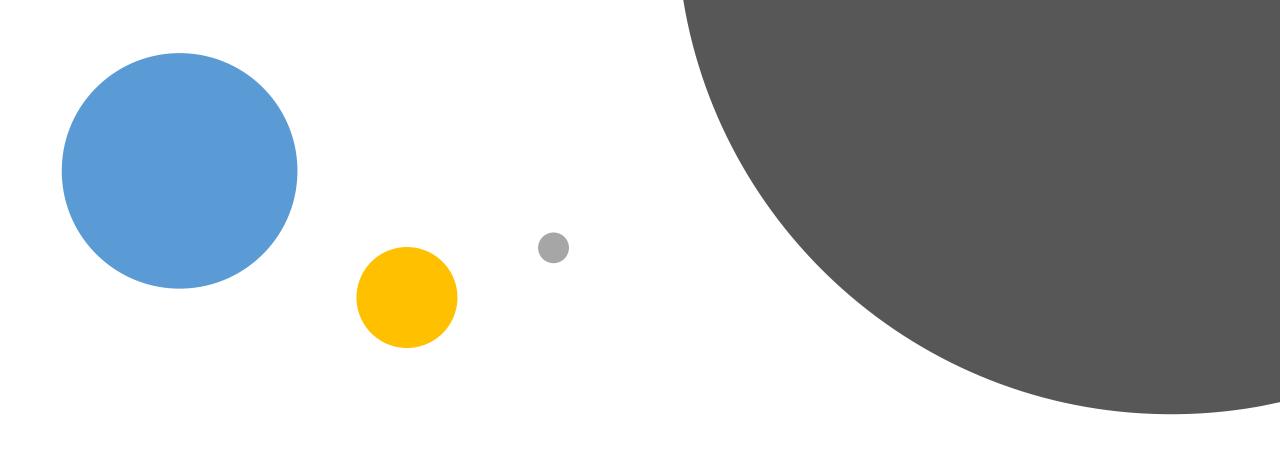
# **Quality Division Notifications**

Incidents, Corrective and Preventive Actions

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Friday, June 1, 2018

	<b>Quality Notified</b>	Summary of Notification	Comments
2018-035 IR	5/10/2018	While scanning historical Toxicology case records, the Client Services/Case Management Division noticed an incorrect 2014 forensic case number was associated with a 2013 HPD incident number. Further research discovered that due to a sequencing glitch in LIMS, multiple cases got their forensic case number re-assigned. The total number of affected cases are yet to be determined.	
2018-038 IR	5/16/2018	After completion of alcohol analysis, evidence items were transferred into Toxicology Refrigerator 3. However, the chains of custody indicated the items were transferred to Toxicology Refrigerator 5.	



# eDiscovery Update

Corissa Rodgers
June 2018

# What is eDiscovery?

- Electronic records search and archive
  - Accreditation
  - SOPs and manuals
  - Technical records
  - Training records
- User-friendly search filters
- Tool for HFSC staff and stakeholders alike
- Commonly requested records



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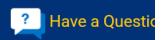


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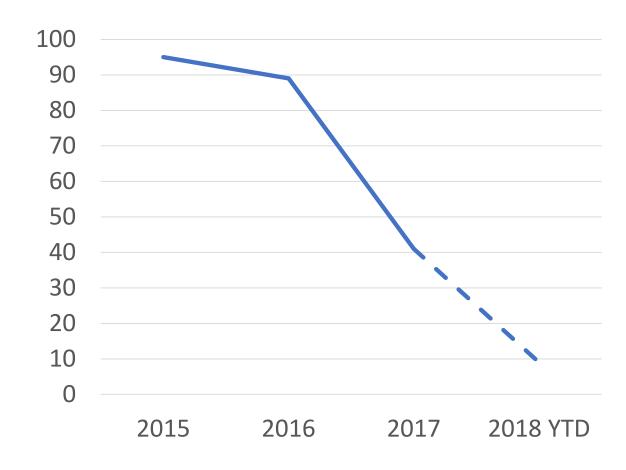




# Why eDiscovery?

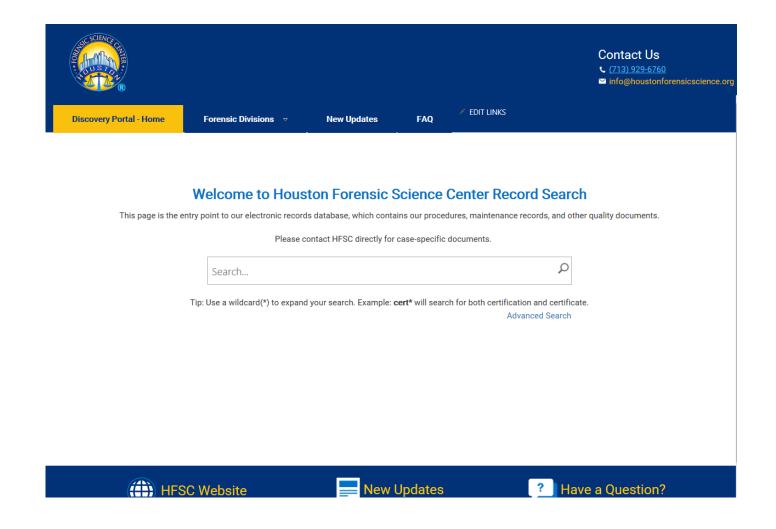
- Time savings
  - Public records requests
  - Discovery order compilation
- Quick access from anywhere
  - Testimony
  - Daily use
- Commitment to transparency
- Leading by example
  - TFSC wants all Texas labs to follow suit
  - Texas DPS, Idaho State Police

# Effect on Public Information Requests (by year)



# What's going on?

- Improving website
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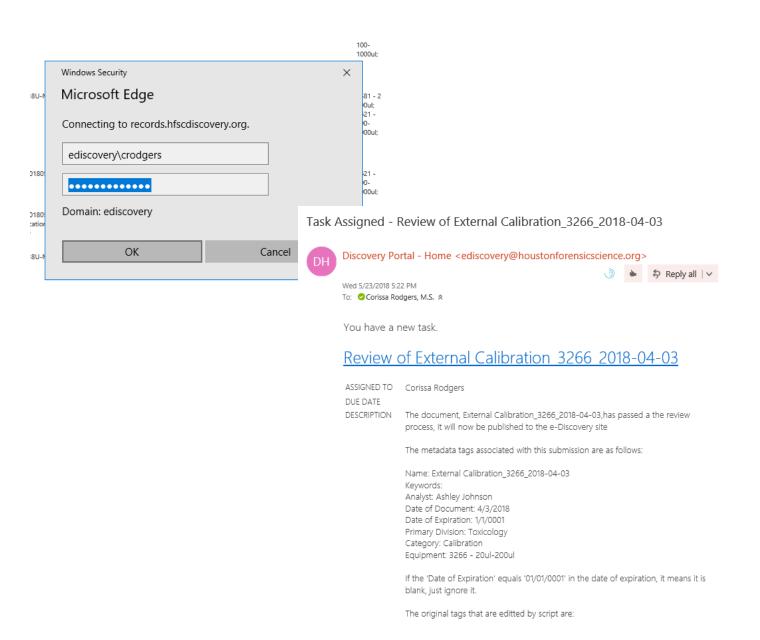
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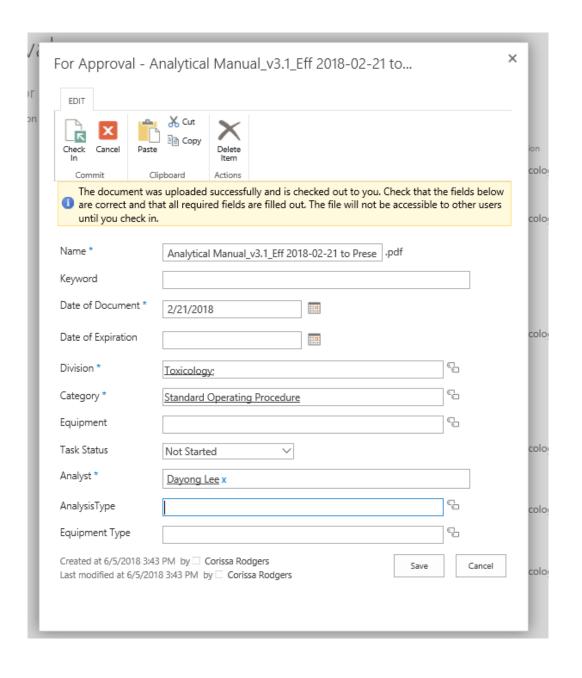
# Smooth sailing?

- Internal: logging in
  - Up to 5 attempts before lockout
  - Please type carefully!
  - IT ticket if all else fails
- Internal: approval workflows
  - IT designing each section workflow by hand
  - Testing and revising



# Next steps

- Uploading and approving
  - Current SOPs and training manuals
  - By June 15
- Going live with improved site
  - End of June
- Notifying stakeholders



# President's Report

June 8, 2018



# Strategic planning

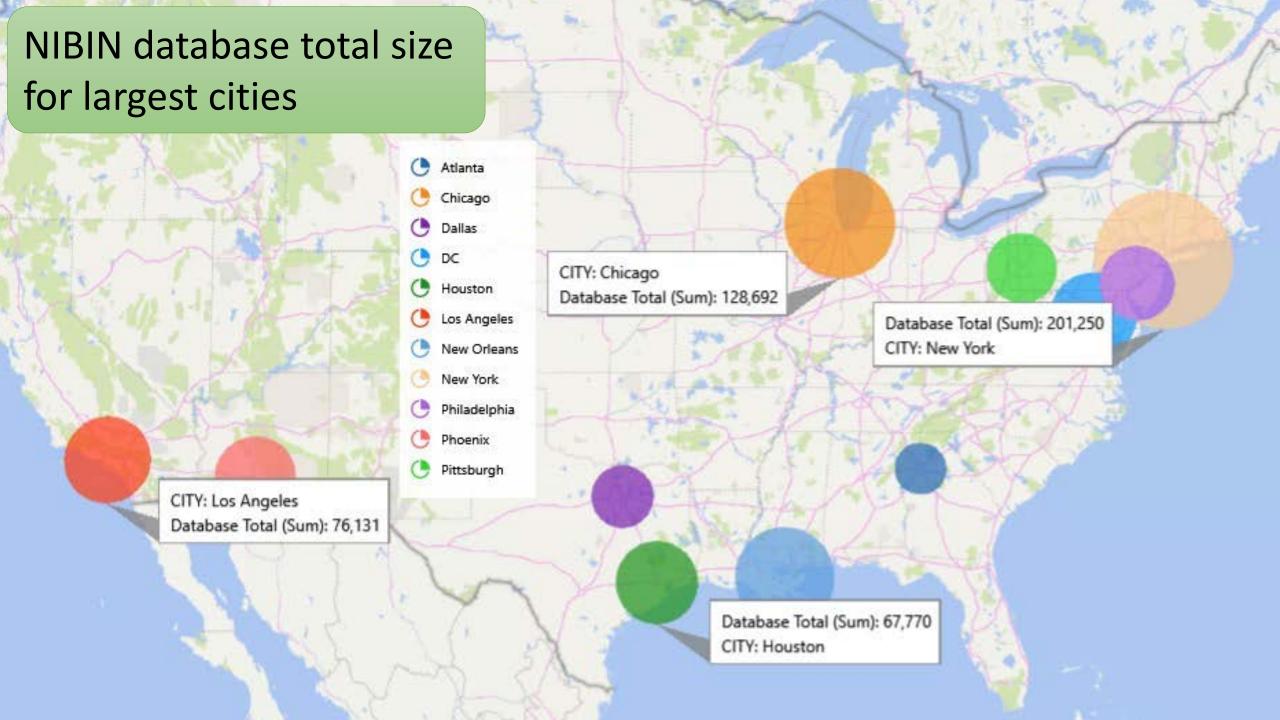
- 3 years into the 5-year plan, the point to revisit
- Some items no longer relevant
- Started with a smaller group to set high-level framework
- Next group ~40 people including managers and staff (June 15)
- Next will be broader input still
- Align what the goals and measurements are with how we operate

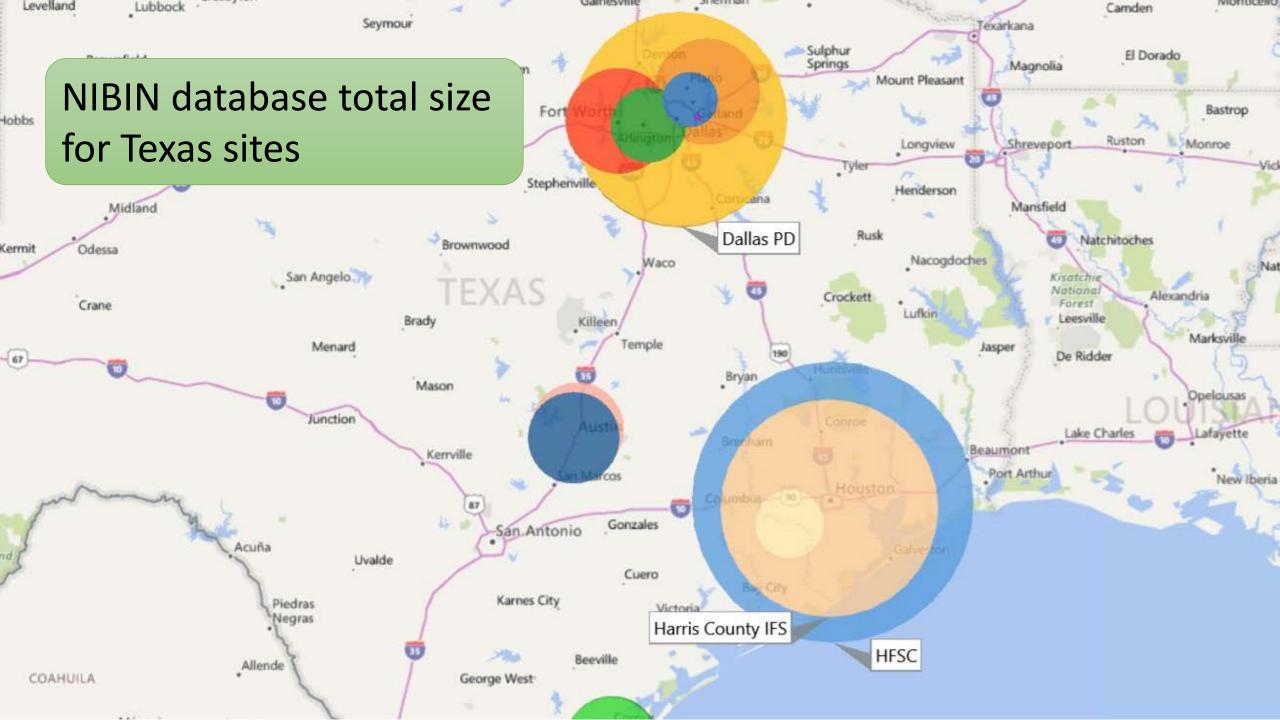


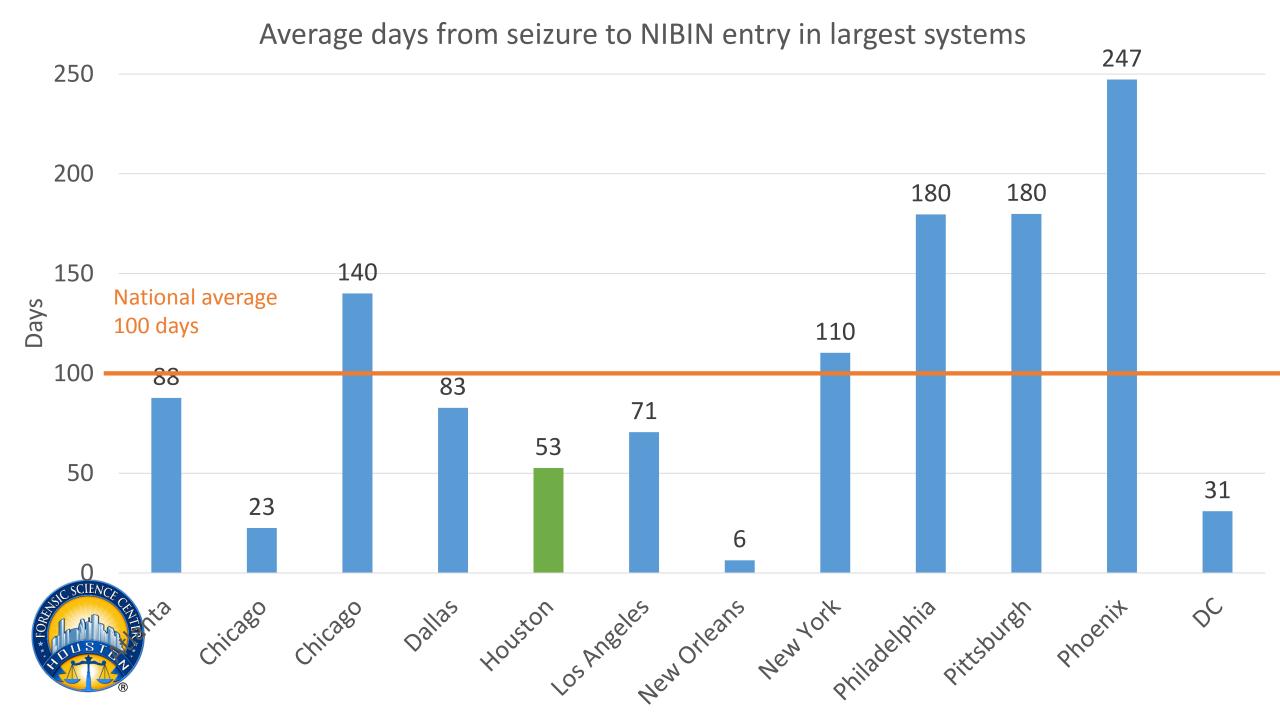
# Mayor's commission on gun violence

- First meeting was May 31
- 37 members from a variety of stakeholders
- Kicked off by Mayor Turner, AEC Slinkard talked about gun violence
- Mostly housekeeping of starting up, mechanics

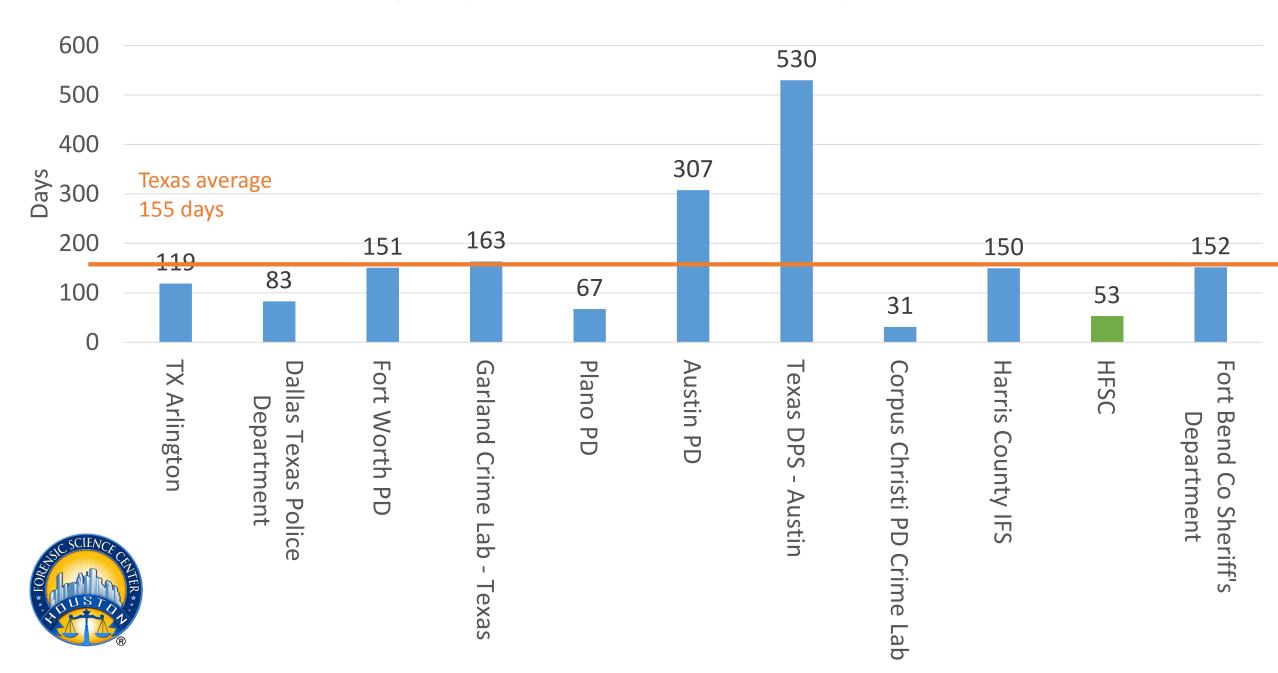




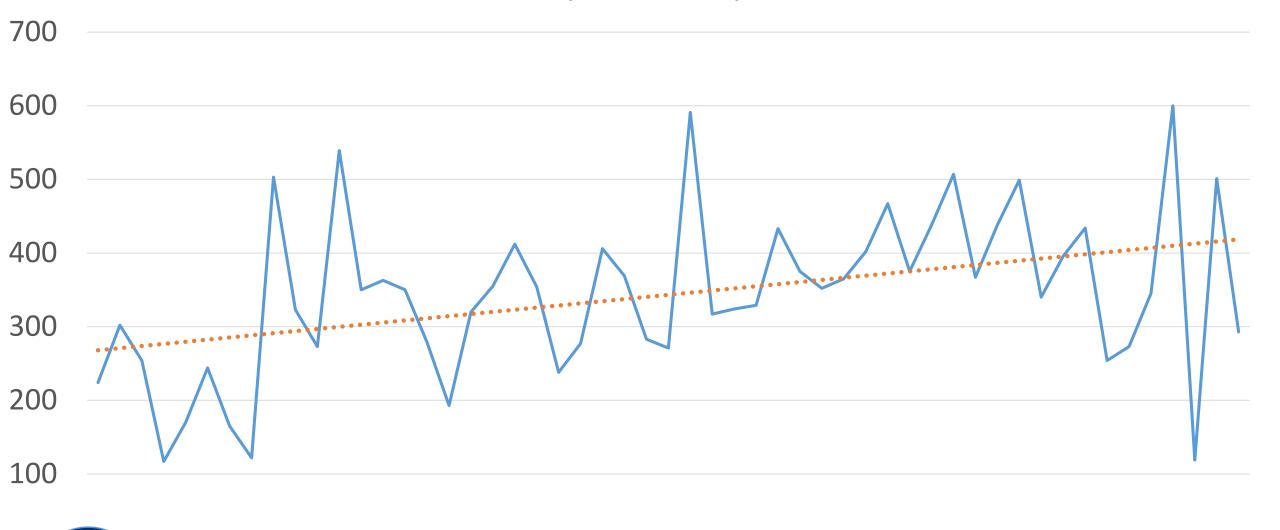


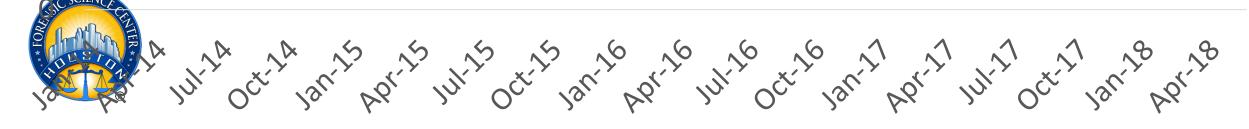


# Average days from seizure to NIBIN entry in Texas



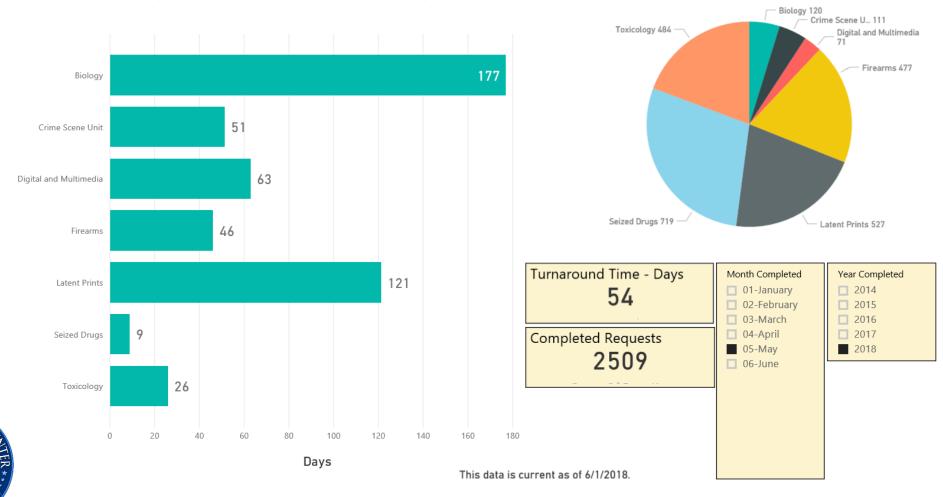
# HFSC Total NIBIN requests completed each month



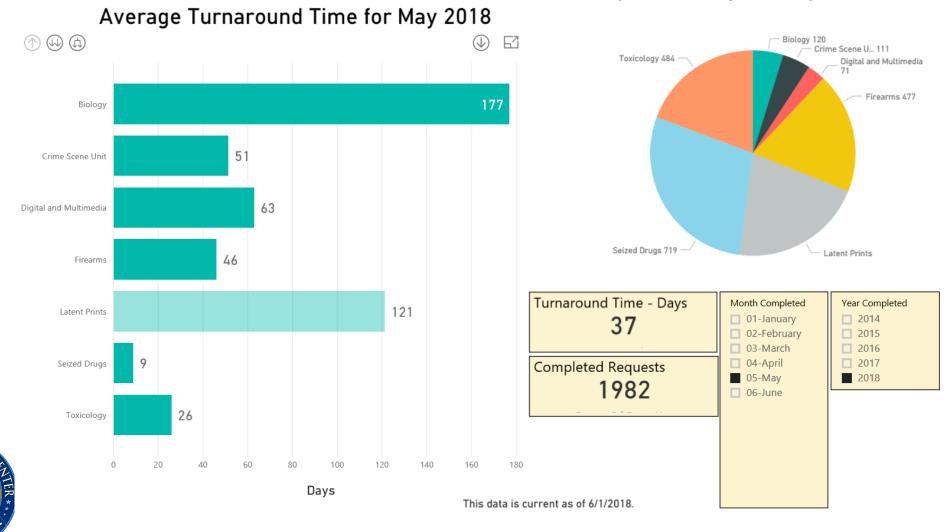


## Requests Completed by Section

# Average Turnaround Time for May 2018



# Requests Completed by Section

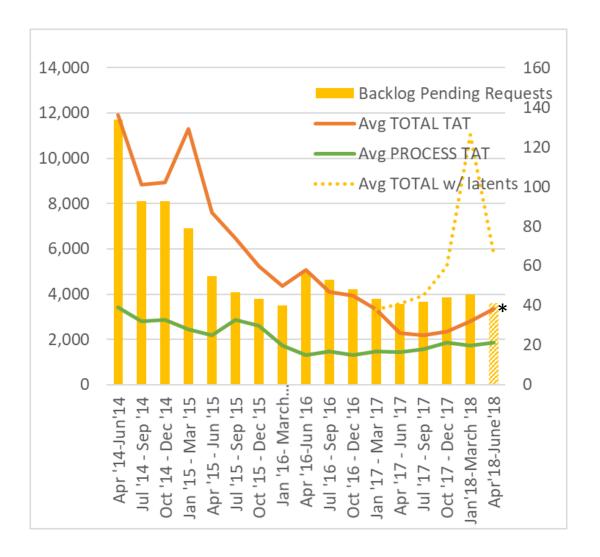


# From the start of HFSC

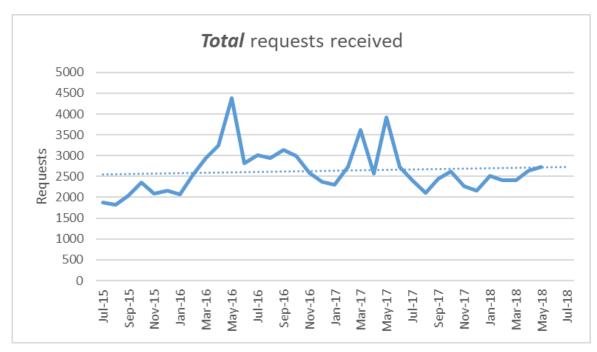
- ♣72%\* in Avg TOTAL turnaround (TAT) time
- 69% in backlogged requests
- **45%** in Avg PROCESS TAT
- **♣**83%\* in WAIT gap

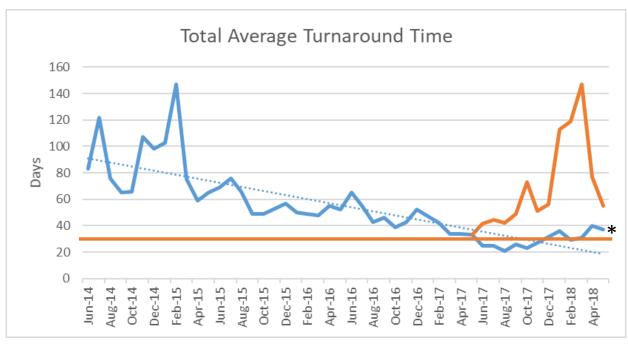
<sup>\*</sup> Total turnaround time calculation affected by latent print backlog, values presented with and without latent prints TAT





## Requests received







<sup>\*</sup> Total turnaround time calculation affected by latent backlog. Calculated without latent prints

#### Outreach

- TV viewing of Death Row Stories
- ASCLD
- Tour with forensic scientists from Costa Rica
- Bayou Breakfast Club presentation
- Mayor Turner's Gun Violence Commission
- Explorers' Program open house
- Council Member Michael Kubosh tour of HFSC
- Meeting with Council Member Mike Knox



#### Certifications

- Brent Larsen Certified Forensic Video Technician
  - •Law Enforcement and Emergency Services Video Association (LEVA)
- •Carlos Sorto Certified Crime Scene Investigator
  - •International Association for Identification (IAI)



## Staffing – June 6, 2018

- 197 staff members
  - 10 COH civilians
  - 7 COH classified
  - 180 HFSC
- 16 open positions; 11 offers accepted
  - 3 client services/case management specialists
  - 1 CODIS assistant administrator
  - 1 crime scene investigator
  - 3 forensic analysts FBIO
  - 1 supervisor CSU
  - 1 training coordinator FBIO
  - 1 triage specialist FBIO (grant funded)

- 5 active vacancies
  - 1 forensic analysts FBIO (grant funded)
  - 1 latent print examiner
  - 1 supervisor CSU
  - 1 supervisor FBIO
  - 1 systems analyst

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- 2 vacancies pending
  - 1 quality associate
  - 1 quality specialist

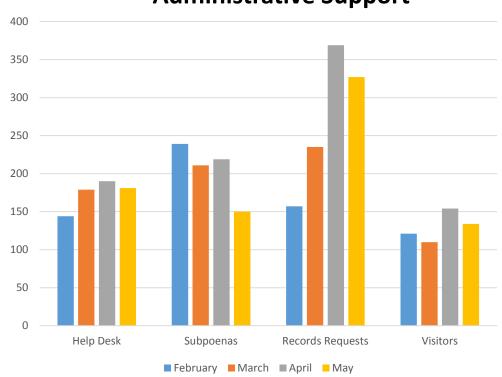
# Operations Report

June 8, 2018

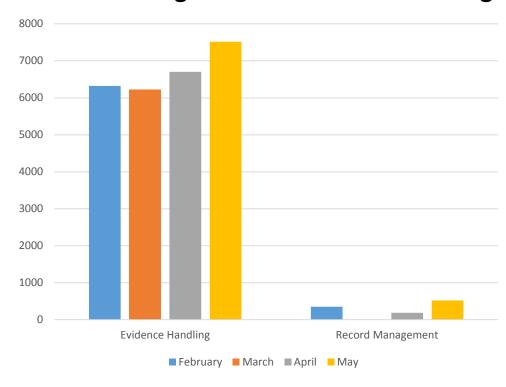


## CS/CM – May

#### **Administrative Support**



#### **Record Management & Evidence Handling**

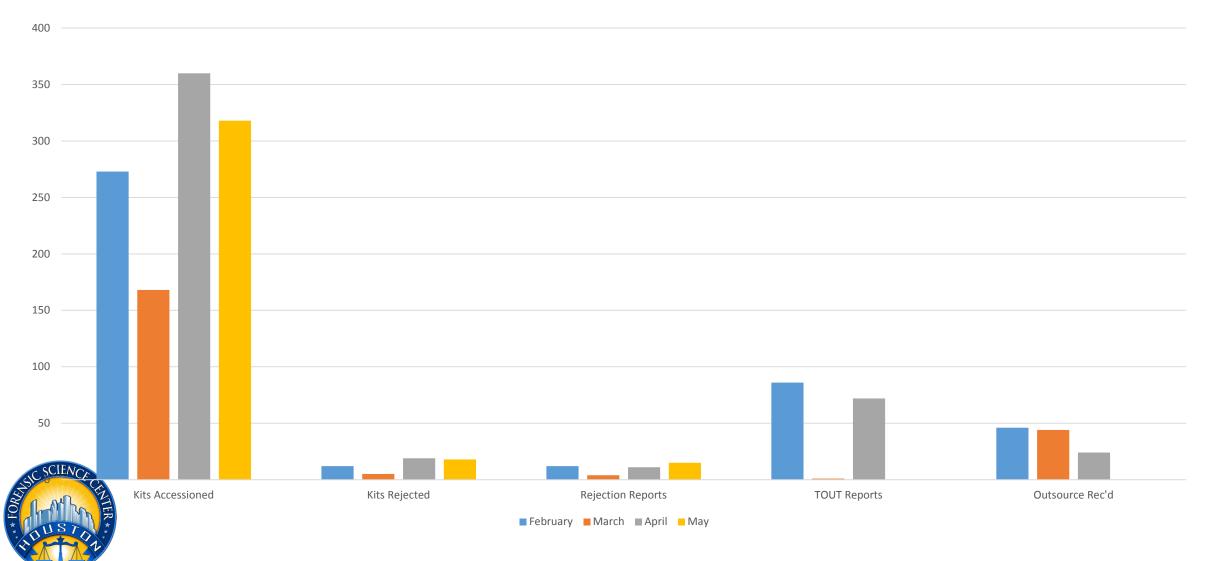






 Five requirements required to achieve accreditation sent to International Association of Property & Evidence on June 1

## CS/CM – May Toxicology Support



## Seized Drugs





Critical issues

2

**Seized Drugs**: 9-day TAT average

2 pending requests >30 day

**Target:** TAT average <14 days

Less than 3 requests >30 days

#### **Critical issues**

- Potential impacts of additional expedited case needs
- Network transition including manual entry of case requests

- Back to uninterrupted operations (post-LIMS and post-network transitions)
- Continued pressure on resources from increased case complexity and requests for expedited cases
- Continue to track submission of opioid cases
- Collaborations with R&D on grant submissions focusing on opioid cases

## Toxicology







Alcohol: 26-day avg,

7 pending requests >30 day

Tox: 33-day avg

11 pending requests >30 day

Out-Tox: 16-day avg

0 pending requests >30 day

#### **Critical issues**

- Down two analysts; one in training, one started on 6/4; one going on 12-week leave
- LIMS issues affecting COC
- Accessioning delays

- Alcohol training of new analyst to be completed June 2018
- Drug methods going live June 2018; expecting longer TAT with in-house tox analysis
- DWI alcohol sub-21 days (target threshold)
- Working with CS/CM to facilitate accessioning



## Forensic Biology



Critical issues
4

SA Kit: 110-day avg TAT

200 pending SAK requests >30 day of those: ~149 >60 day, ~75> 90 day

SAK "other": 150-day avg

Non-SAK DNA: 264-day avg 689 total requests >30 days

\*\* All sexual assault kit requests are in process

#### **Critical issues**

- Target: minimum 12 DNA report writers, currently 6
- Training "boot camp" (5 began in December, 3 in progress)
- 33 aging SAKs associated with corrective action, rework in progress delaying final report
- Supervisor vacancy as of June 23

- 3 DNA analysts in training for report writing, projected completion in July
- Training coordinator hired, starting July 23
- Additional process improvement projects (CODIS)
- Implementing outsourcing, cross-training plan
- Immediate goal of no SAKs >90 days



## CODIS (National DNA Database)





Critical issues

2

Profiles Entered: 50

Hits: Local: 7

State: 60 National: 3

CODIS Hit Report: 35-day avg,

51 total pending requests

#### **Critical issues**

- Transition to new CODIS staff structure
  - Training on CODIS-related tasks, add'l resources needed
- Time commitment to Lean Six Sigma CODIS project

- Continued TAT for CODIS hit reports <30 days</li>
- New assistant CODIS administrator beginning June 18
- Posting, hiring CODIS liaison
- Lean Six Sigma CODIS project

#### Latents





Critical issues

1

**Comparisons**: 128-day avg TAT from request

1,530 pending requests >30 day

**Processing**: 57 -day avg TAT from request,

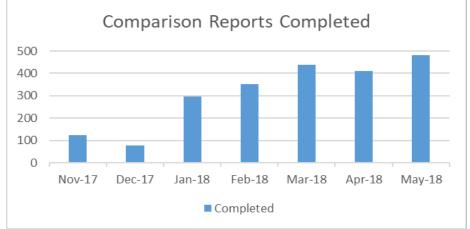
31 pending requests >30 day

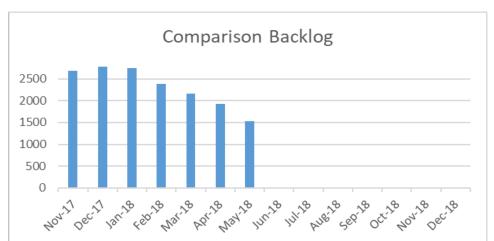
#### **Critical issues**

One examiner vacancy due to move to lead processor position

#### Anticipate entire backlog to be cleared by the end of 2018







#### **Firearms**





Critical issues

Exams: 28-day avg,

10 pending requests >30 day

NIBIN: 58-day avg,

525 pending requests >30 day

of these 195 requests processed in

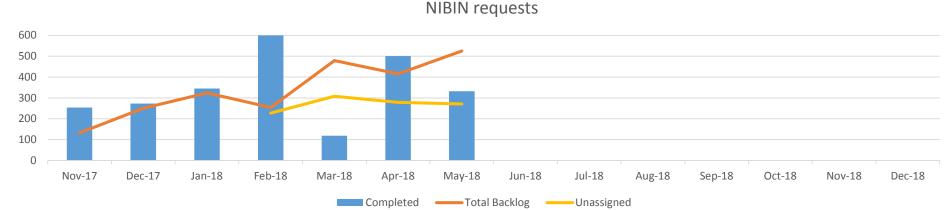
**NIBIN** database

**Target:** <25 days

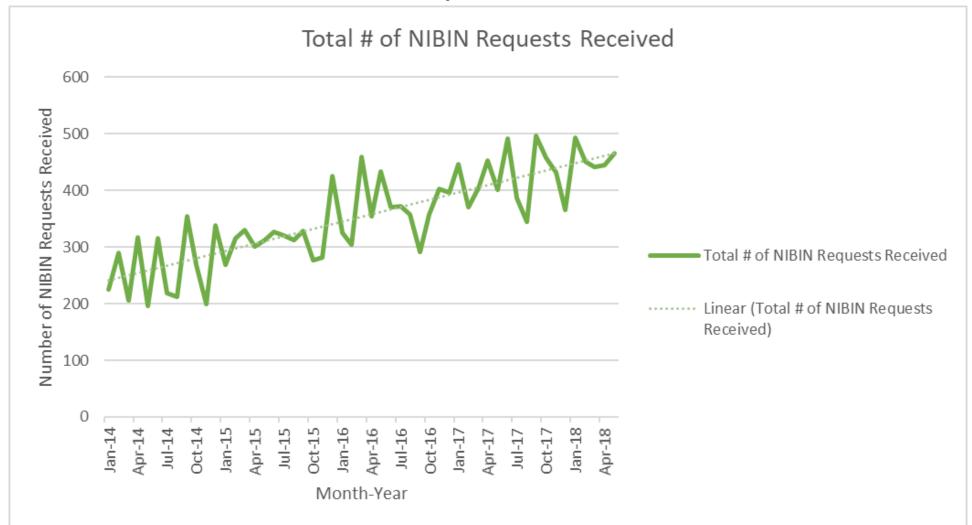
#### **Critical issues**

- Backlog in NIBIN requests for guns
- Transition to new LIMS and network (7-day LIMS outage)
- Delay in signing off newly hired examiner





## Increase in NIBIN Requests





## Digital and Multimedia



**A/V**: 97-day avg

65 pending requests >30 day

**AVCO**: 11-day avg

0 pending requests >30 day

Digital: 12-day avg,

0 pending requests >30 day

\*AVCO: Audio/Video Call Out

#### **Critical issues**

- Digital multimedia backlog
- Transition to new LIMS/network/workflow

- AVCOs down from 20 to 12 days TAT
- Digital multimedia (A/V) backlog down from 83 to 65
- A/V pending technical reviews dropped from 48 to 2 since January 2018
- Digital has up to 80 percent success rate unlocking Apple phones with new tool
- Working with quality division to complete corrective actions from audit
- New analyst in training



#### Lean Six Sigma (LSS) Development Group Current Projects





Projects in Queue 10

- CODIS project
  - On schedule
  - Timeline: March-September 2018
- Supply Chain Management
  - Delayed by two weeks
  - Timeline March-August 2018
- Management Dashboard
  - On schedule
  - Timeline April 2018-January 2019



## **CSU**



Call outs 53

Critical issues

**CSU** callouts: 53

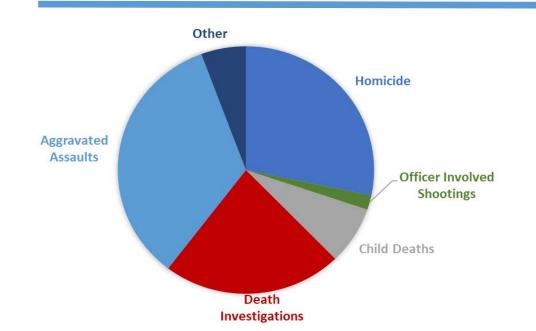
Items of evidence collected: 1,569

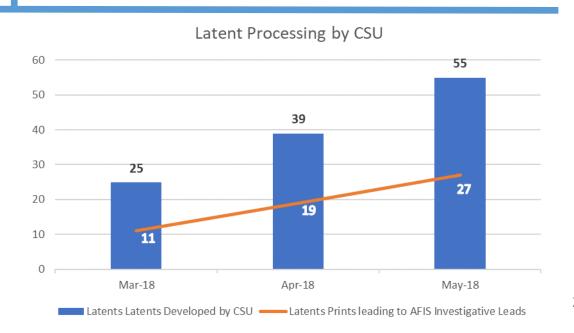
Cars processed at VEB: 32

Hours spent at scenes: 571 = 18hrs/day

#### **Critical issues**

- Preparing for accreditation this summer
- Specialized training for CSIs

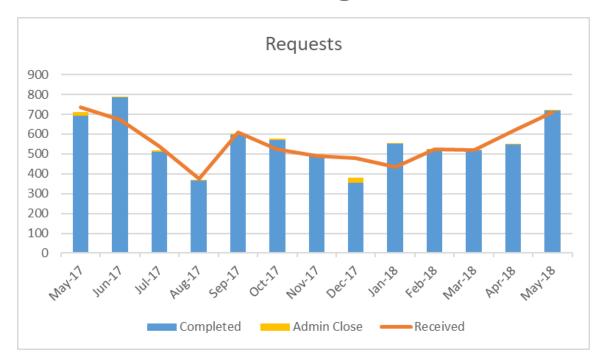


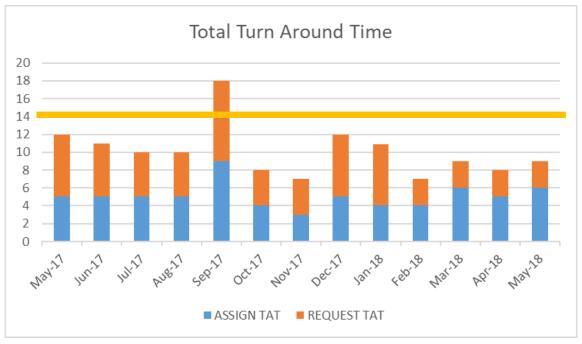


# Detail data



## Seized Drugs



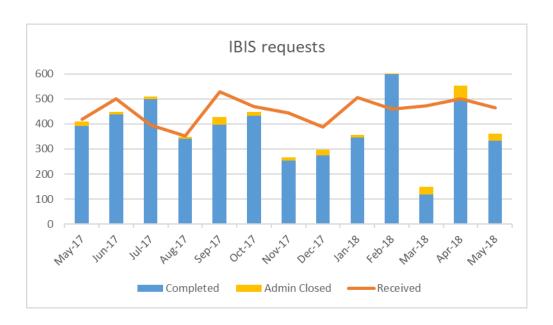


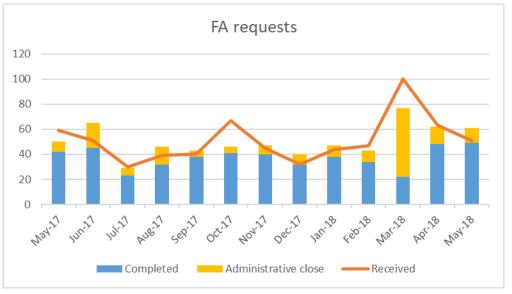
CS Live in Justice Trax on 12/11/17, metrics combined/manually tracked from Jtrax and Porter Lee for December

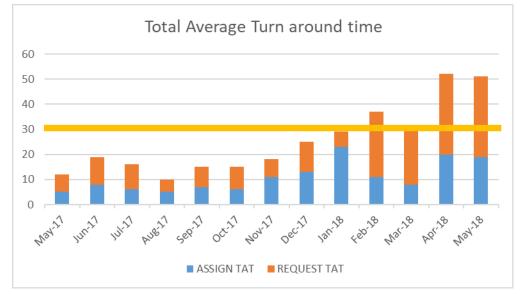


☐ Orange bar indicates TAT target limit of 14 days.

## Firearms



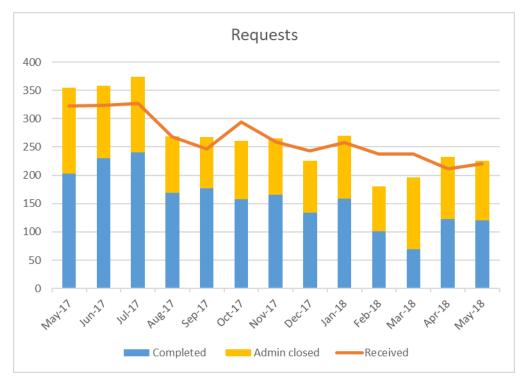


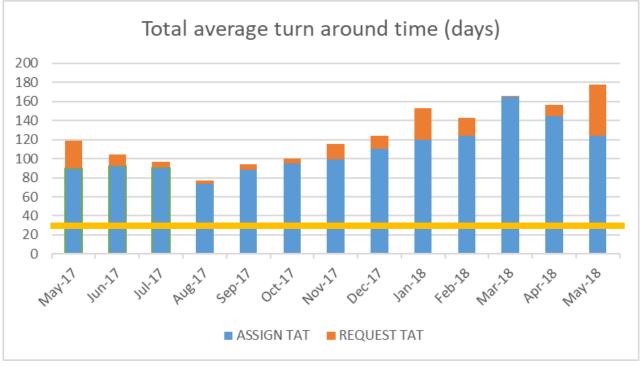




## Forensic Biology -- Total

Note: change in presentation at February 2017. Requests now for FBIO and Sexual Assault Kits. Turnaround time is a combined average time. Green bars represent the change in metric status.

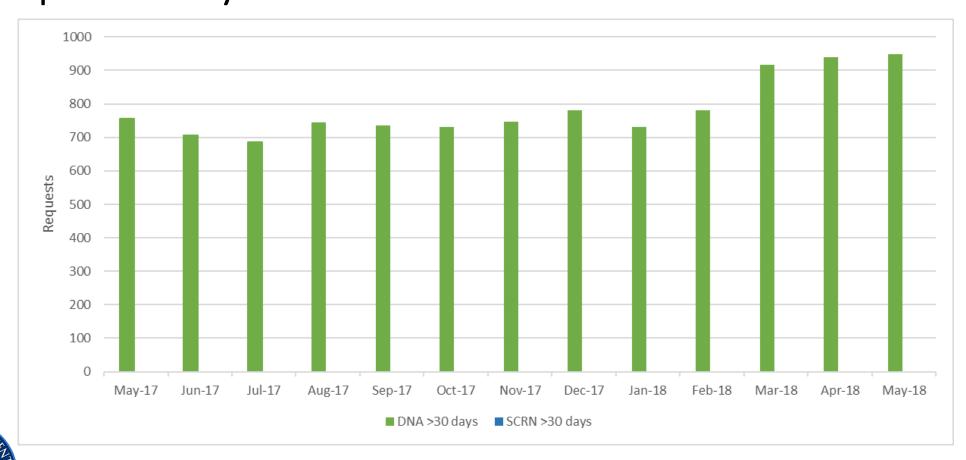




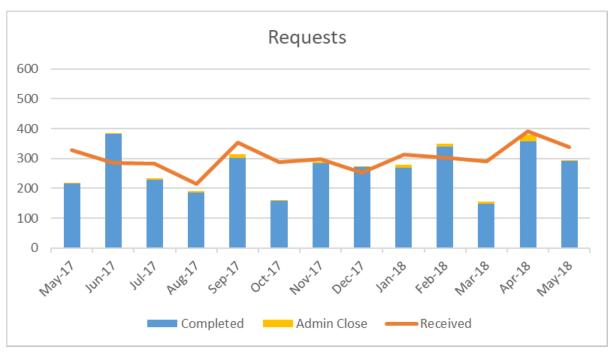


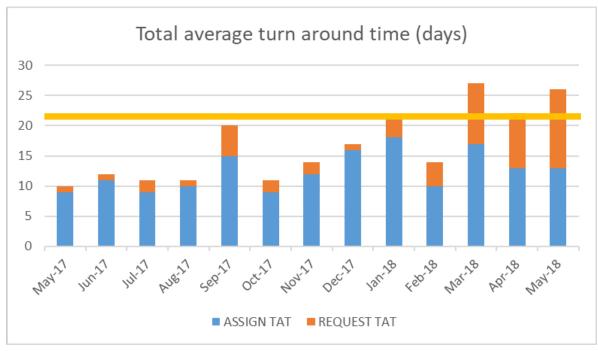
# Total DNA Backlog (>30 day) requests by month

Note: change in presentation at February 2017. Total requests represent SAK and FBIO requests (green bar).



## Toxicology: Alcohol







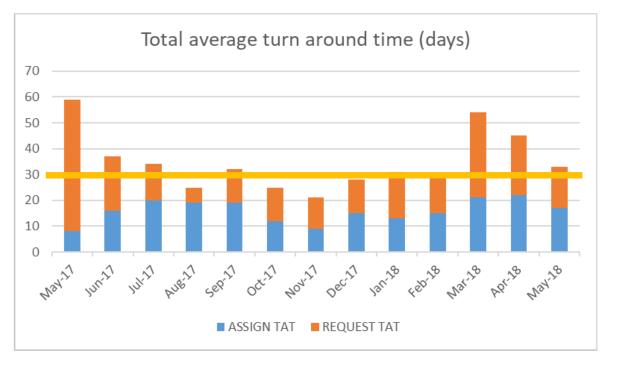
## Toxicology: Other Drugs

Requests

180
160
140
120
100
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60
40
20
0

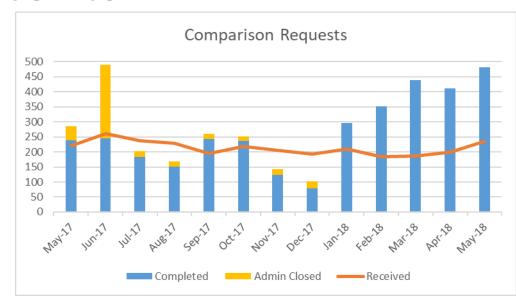
Admin Close

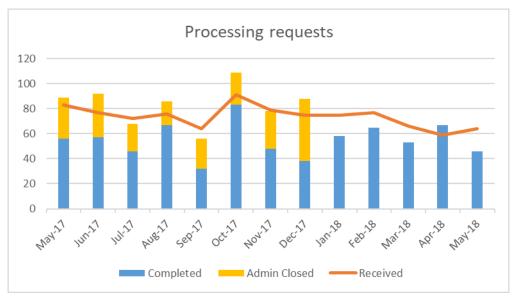
Approximately 300 legacy toxicology analysis cases that preceded HFSC were closed out in February. With the collaboration of HPD, no analysis was conducted, but reports were issued with instructions for ordering analysis should it be needed.

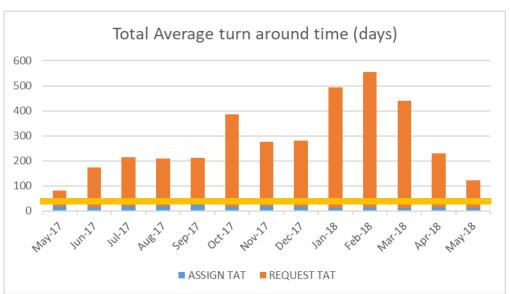




## Latents

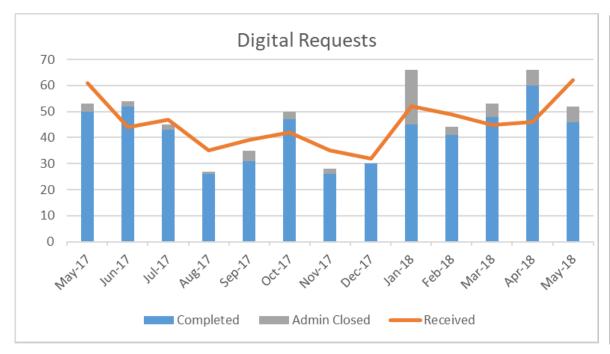


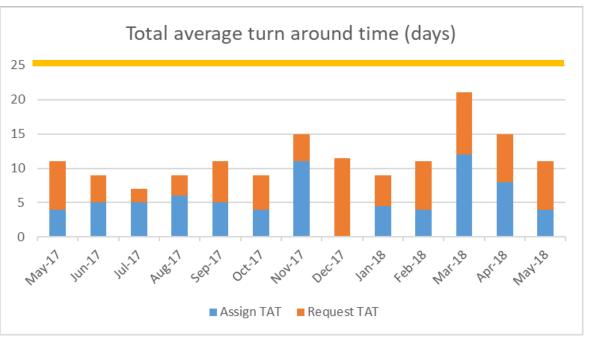




Latents Live in Justice Trax on 12/18/17, metrics from Porter Lee but estimated due to time in Jtrax in December

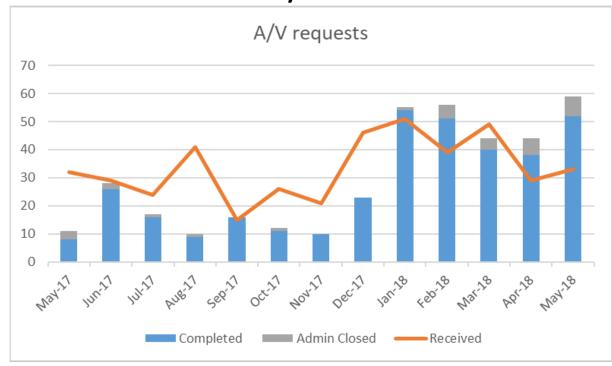
## DME -- Digital

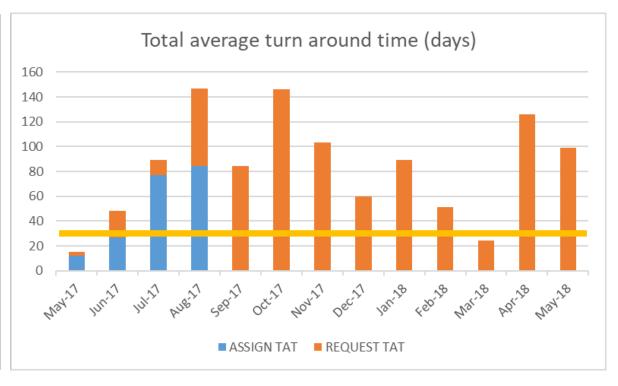






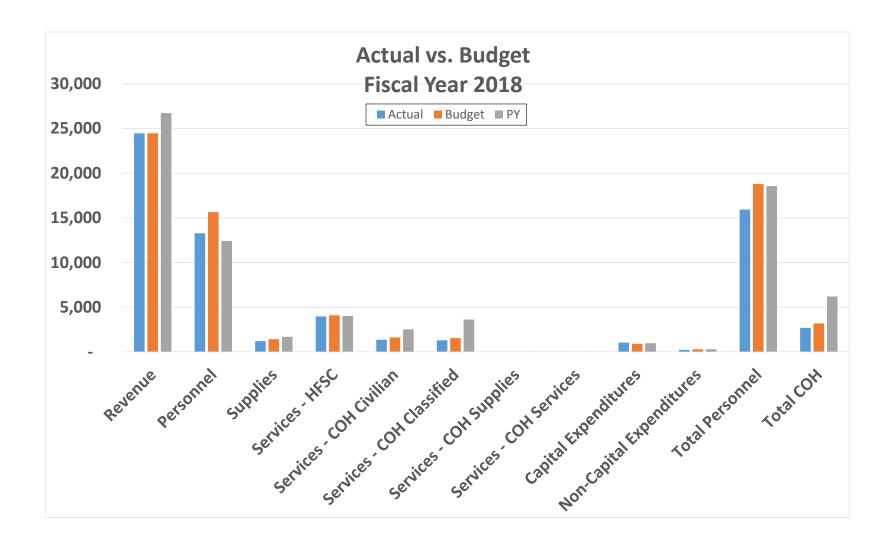
## DME -- A/V





Starting with December Metrics-A/V and AVCO metrics both reported together





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		May 1- May 31,		May 1 - May 31,					July 1- May		July 1- May						
		2018	Budget V3	2017	Budget - Actual	%	FY18 - FY17	%	31, 2018	Budget V3	31, 2017	Vs. Budget	%	Vs. FY17	%	Budget V3	Completed
			# of Months							# of Months							
Revenues:			1							11							
411000	City of Houston-Appropriations	s -	\$ 2,013	\$ 740	\$ (2,013)	-100%	\$ (740)	-100%	\$ 22,351	\$ 22,147	\$ 23,420	\$ 204	1%	\$ (1,070)	0%	\$ 24,160	93%
415000	City of Houston Direct OH-Appro	122	122	122	0	0%	-	0%	1,338	1,338	1,460	0	0%	(122)	-8%	1,460	92%
416000	City of Houston - Safe funds	-		-	-	0%	-	0,0		-,,,,,		-	0%	` -	0%	.,	0%
420000	Contributions	-	_	1	-	0%	(1)	-100%	8	_	5	8	0%	3	0%		0%
425000	In-Kind Donations	-		-	-	0%	-		34		14	34	0%	20	0%		0%
426000	Training Services	-		-	-	0%	-		5		20	5	0%	(15)	-75%		0%
440000	Grants	1	85	-	(84)	-99%	1		689	931	1,771	(242)	-26%	(1,082)	0%	1,016	68%
450000	Forensic Services	-	4	-	(4)	-100%	-		27	46	28	(19)	-41%	(1)	-5%	50	54%
450001	Miscellaneous Copy Fees	-	-	-	-	0%	-		-	-	-	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%
450002	Interest Income	0	0	0	(0)	-59%	0	30%	5	5	4	(0)	-1%	0	0%	5	91%
Total Income		123	2,224	863	(2,101)	-94%	(740)	-86%	24,457	24,467	26,722	(10)	0%	(2,266)	-8%	26,691	92%
Expenses:																	
Pers	sonnel:																
500010	Salary Base - Civilian	1,005	1,155	791	151	13%	(213)	-27%	10,779	12,706	10,220	1,928	15%	(559)	-5%	13,862	78%
501070	Pension - Civilian	59	68	47	9	13%	(12)	-26%	653	747	630	94	13%	(23)	-4%	815	80%
502010	FICA - Civilian	74	79	58	5	6%	(15)	-26%	790	866	725	76	9%	(65)	-9%	945	84%
503010	Health Insurance - Active Civil	87	98	73	11	11%	(14)	-19%	902	1,080	730	178	16%	(173)	-24%	1,178	77%
503015	Basic Life Ins - Active Civil	10	6	14	(3)	-56%	4	30%	79	68	75	(11)	-16%	(3)	0%	74	106%
503060	Long Term Disability - Civilian	3	0	3	0	0%	- (4)		41	1	36	114	0%	- (5)	0%	1	0%
503090	Workers Comp - Civilian Adm	3	14	3	11	77%	(1)	-19%	41	155	36	114	73%	(5)	-15%	169	24%
503100 504030	Workers Comp - Civil Claims Unemployment Claims - Admin		-	-					0	•	-	(0)	0% 0%	(0)	0% 0%	-	0% 0%
504030	Pension - GASB 27 Accrual	0		_	_		(0)		0		_	(0)	0%	(0)	0%		0%
504031	Unemployment Taxes - Admin	0	3	0	2	82%	(0)	-71%	28	30	12	1	4%	(16)	-134%	32	88%
		1,239	1,423	987	184	13%	(252)	-26%	13,273	15,654	12,428	2,380	15%	(845)	-7%	17,077	78%
Sun	plies:																
511010	Chemical Gases & Special Fluids	3	1	1	(1)	-113%	(2)	-184%	12	13	14	1	9%	2	13%	15	84%
511040	Audio Visual Supplies	_		-	-	11070	-	10170	_			_	0%	_	0%		0%
511045	Computer Supplies	(0)	5	12	5	107%	12	103%	14	51	47	38	73%	34	71%	56	25%
511050	Paper & Printing Supplies	3	3	3	(1)	-35%	0	2%	23	28	30	5	18%	7	24%	30	75%
511055	Publications & Printed Material	1	1	0	1	47%	(1)	-1925%	8	16	17	8	49%	9	51%	18	47%
511060	Postage	0	0	0	0	44%	0	80%	1	1	1	0	22%	0	30%	1	72%
511070	Miscellaneous Office Supplies	11	8	8	(2)	-26%	(2)	-30%	85	93	100	8	8%	15	15%	101	84%
511080	General Laboratory Supply	70	101	217	31	31%	147	68%	987	1,107	1,381	120	11%	395	29%	1,208	82%
511090	Medical & Surgical Supplies	-	0	-	0	100%	-		1	1		1	44%	(1)	0%	1	52%
511095	Small Technical & Scientific Eq	-	2	2	2	100%	2	100%	8	19	19	11	56%	10	55%	21	40%
511110	Fuel	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%
511120	Clothing	1	3	9	2	58%	7	84%	29	38	29	9	24%	0	2%	41	69%
511125	Food/Event Supplies	0	2	0	2	98%	0	80%	9	18	18	9	49%	9	47%	20	47%
511130	Weapons Munitions & Supplies	0	0	-	0	61%	(0)		4	4	8	1	16%	5	57%	5	77%
511145	Small Tools & Minor Equipment	0	1	1	1	79%	0	63%	12	14	12 6	2	12%	(0)	-1%	15	81%
511150	Miscellaneous Parts & Supplies		1	1	1	84%		67%		14		6	41%	(2)	-40%	15	54%
		89	129	254	40	31%	165	65%	1,200	1,418	1,682	218	15%	482	29%	1,547	78%

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Serv	ices:																
520100	Temporary Personnel Services	2		-	(2)		(2)		19	-	7	(19)	0%	(12)	0%	-	0%
520105	Accounting & Auditing Svcs	3	4	3	0	13%	(0)	-15%	36	39	31	4	9%	(5)	-16%	43	83%
520106	Architectural Svcs	-	-	-	-		-		-		-	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%
520107	Computer Info/Contracting Svcs	-	2	-	2	100%	-		0	26	28	26	100%	28	100%	28	0%
520109	Medical Dental & Laboratory Ser	10	15	90	5	34%	80	89%	90	160	495	71	44%	405	82%	175	51%
520110	Management Consulting Services	5	25	4	20	80%	(1)	-16%	283	274	550	(9)	-3%	267	49%	299	95%
520112	Banking Services	0	0	0	(0)	-9%	(0)	-44%	3	3	3	0	15%	1	16%	3	78%
520113	Photographic Services	-	0	-	0	100%	-		1	1	0	1	47%	(0)	-103%	1	49%
520114	Misc Support Serv Recruit Relo	6	9	9	3	37%	4	41%	100	96	90	(3)	-4%	(9)	-10%	105	95%
520115	Real Estate Rental	84	90	84	6	6%	(0)	0%	895	989	1,016	94	9%	121	12%	1,079	83%
520118	Refuse Disposal	-	0	-	0	100%	-		2	4	4	2	50%	2	0%	4	45%
520119	Computer Equip/Software Maint.	196	74	93	(122)	-166%	(102)	-109%	998	809	430	(189)	-23%	(568)	-132%	882	113%
520121	IT Application Services	-	11	48	11	100%	48	100%	99	119	43	19	16%	(57)	0%	130	77%
520123	Vehicle & Motor Equip. Services	-	1	1	1	100%	1	100%	0	7	3	7	100%	3	100%	8	0%
520124	Other Equipment Services	45	34	73	(10)	-31%	28	39%	347	378	274	30	8%	(74)	-27%	412	84%
520143	Credit/Bank Card Svcs	-	0	0	0	100%	0	100%	0	0	1	0	64%	1	87%	0	33%
520145	Criminal Intelligence Services	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%
520520	Printing & Reproduction Serv.	-	1	0	1	100%	0	100%	3	11	14	8	70%	10	75%	12	27%
520605	Public Information Svcs	4	1	0	(3)	-330%	(4)	-3958%	13	11	9	(2)	-19%	(3)	-34%	12	109%
520705	Insurance (Non-Medical)	8	12	12	4	32%	4	31%	93	130	109	37	29%	16	15%	142	65%
520760	Contributions	-	0	-	0	100%	-		-	1	1	1	100%	1	0%	1	0%
520765	Membership & Prof. Fees	2	4	1	2	48%	(1)	-164%	24	39	47	16	40%	24	50%	43	55%
520805	Education & Training	11	13	7	1	10%	(4)	-60%	139	138	92	(0)	0%	(47)	-51%	151	92%
520815	Tuition Reimbursement	14	3	11	(11)	-360%	(3)	-27%	43	34	42	(9)	-27%	(1)	-2%	37	116%
520905	Travel - Training Related	8	14	18	6	41%	9	52%	151	157	166	5	4%	14	9%	171	88%
520910	Travel - Non-training Related	4	3	1	(1)	-25%	(3)	-264%	27	32	17	5	17%	(10)	-58%	35	76%
521405	<b>Building Maintenance Services</b>	11	4	2	(7)	-180%	(9)	-482%	45	42	25	(3)	-7%	(20)	-79%	46	98%
521505	Utilities	0	1	0	1	80%	(0)	-61%	4	13	11	9	71%	8	67%	14	27%
521605	Data Services	10	•	1	(4)	-76%	(8)	-539%	70	60	58	(10)	-17%	(12)	-21%	65	107%
521610	Voice Services, Equip & Labor	2	6	10	4	63%	8	77%	52	65	65	13	20%	13	20%	71	73%
521705	Vehicle/Equipment Rental/Lease	-	0	-	0	100%	-		-	0	1	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%
521725	Other Rental Fees	2	•	1	1	39%	(1)	-110%	33	35	26	2	6%	(7)	-29%	38	87%
521730	Parking Space Rental	23	12	5	(10)	-85%	(17)	-329%	158	136	134	(23)	-17%	(24)	-18%	148	107%
521905	Legal Services	-	5	-	5	100%	-		43	60	2	17	28%	(41)	0%	65	66%
522205	Metro Commuter Passes	5	5	6	0	6%	1	14%	55	59	67	4	6%	12	17%	64	86%
522305	Shipping and Freight	1	2	3	1	57%	2	69%	15	20	20	5	26%	5	27%	22	68%
522430	Misc. Other Services & Chrgs	9	13	1	4	30%	(8)	-645%	131	141	135	10	7%	4	3%	154	85%
522720	Insurance - General & Professional	-	-		-		-		-	-	-		0%		0%	-	0%
523100	Civilian Payroll	122		179	25	17%	57	32%	1,357	1,611	2,518	254	16%	1,161	46%	1,758	77%
523200	Classified Payroll	104		222	35	25%	118	53%	1,296	1,539	3,617	243	16%	2,321	64%	1,679	77%
523300	Supplies	-	0	-	0	100%	- (0)		0	0	27	0	16%	27	0%	0	77%
523400	Services	3	J	2	(1)	-20%	(2)	-111%	26	31	30	5	16%	4	14%	33	77%
523000	Sub-Contractor (COH-HPD) Total	230		402	60	21%	173	43%	2,679	3,181	6,193	502	16%	3,513	57%	3,470	77%
		693	661	887	(32)	-5%	193	22%	6,651	7,272	10,211	621	9%	3,560	35%	7,933	84%

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

For the Period July 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018

		Current Month (Preliminary)						YTD							FY18		
		FY18	FY18	FY17		Vari	iance		FY18	FY18	FY17		Vari	ance		FY18	% Year
		May 1- May 31, 2018	Budget V3	May 1 - May 31, 2017	Budget - Actual	%	FY18 - FY17	%	July 1- May 31, 2018	Budget V3	July 1- May 31, 2017	Vs. Budget	%	Vs. FY17	%	Budget V3	Completed
No	on-Capital Expenditures																
551010	Furniture and Fixtures	3	8	2	5	62%	(1)	-48%	34	92	90	58	63%	57	63%	100	34%
551015	Computer Hardware/SW	30	15	16	(15)	-94%	(14)	-85%	175	170	141	(5)	-3%	(34)	-24%	185	95%
551025	Scientific/Foren Eqmt	2	2	-	(0)	-26%	(2)		14	18	65	5	26%	52	79%	20	68%
	Total Non-Capital Expenditures	35	25	18	(10)	-38%	(17)	-92%	222	280	296	57	21%	74	25%	305	73%
Ca	apital Expenditures																
170140	Improvements	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%
170210	Furniture & Fixtures	-	-	-	-		-		-	-		-	0%	-	0%	-	0%
170230	Computer Hardware/SW	-	8	-	8	100%	-		230	86	355	(144)	0%	125	0%	94	0%
170240	Scientific/Foren Eqmt	-	74	10	74	100%	10	100%	51	809	469	758	94%	418	89%	883	6%
170980	Const in Progress	240	-	-	(240)		(240)		761	-	147	(761)	0%	(614)	0%		0%
	Total Capital Expenditures	240	81	10	(159)	-195%	(230)	-2367%	1,042	895	971	(147)	-16%	(71)	-7%	977	107%
Total Expense and	d Capital Before Depreciation	2,296	2,320	2,155	24	1%	(141)	-7%	22,388	25,518	25,590	3,129	12%	3,202	13%	27,838	80%
561230	Depreciation	41	36	38	(5)	-15%	(4)	-10%	445	396	433	(49)	-12%	(12)	-3%	432	103%
570505	FA Gain/Loss	-	-			0%		100%	-	-		-	0%	-	0%	-	0%
610000	City of Houston Direct Overhead	122	122	122	(0)	0%	-	0%	1,338	1,338	1,460	(0)	0%	122	8%	1,460	92%
	Grant and Training Expense	-	24	-	24	100%	-		-	260	-	260	100%	-	0%	284	0%
Total Expense and	d Capital After Depreciation	2,459	2,501	2,315	42	2%	(144)	-6%	24,171	27,513	27,531	3,341	12%	3,311	12%	30,014	81%
Ne	et Ordinary Income less capital spending	(2,336)	(277)	(1,452)	(2,144)	774%	(884)	61%	285	(3,046)	(808)	3,330	-109%	1,045	-129%	(3,323)	-9%

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

(in '000's)

		liminary As of 5/31/18	As of 3/31/18	1	As of 2/31/17	As of 09/30/17		
ASSETS								
Cash and Cash Equivalents  Bank of Texas-Operating	\$	2,487	\$ 6,162	\$	10,667	\$	14,769	
Total Current Assets		2,487	 6,162		10,667		14,769	
Accounts Receivable		20	 32 32		35 35		353 353	
Capital Assets Net of Depreciation Capital Assets Accumulated Depreciation		5,984 (1,561)	 5,723 (1,478)		5,021 (1,356)		4,975 (1,236)	
Total Net Capital Assets		4,423	 4,244		3,665		3,740	
Other Assets Prepaid - HR Prepaid - Insurance Prepaid - Service Agreements Prepaid - Other		21 36 7	 - 43 68 91		5 81 126 95		13 98 184 86	
Total Other Assets		65	202		306		380	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	6,995	\$ 10,639	\$	14,673	\$	19,242	
LIABILITIES								
Accounts Payables Payroll Tax Liability Other Liabilities, Including Fund 2213 Billing Deferred - Others Total Liabilities	\$	202 480 405 6 1,094	\$ 199 540 252 6 997	\$	111 481 229 6 828	\$	444 531 282 6 1,264	
NET POSITION/FUND BALANCE								
Unrestricted/Unassigned Temporarily Restricted - SAFE Funds		1,478	5,398		10,105		14,152	
Net Investment in Capital Assets  Total Net Position	-	4,423 5,901	 4,244 9.642		3,740 13,845		3,826 17,978	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	\$	6,995	\$ 10,639	\$	14,673	\$	19,242	

**Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc. Finance Division List of Grant Contracts** As of May 11, 2018

#### **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

Amount Award Number: 2016-DN-BX-0142 Awarded Invoiced Remaining

Amount of Award: \$ 741,000

**Grant Inception to date:** (380,592)380,535 (57)

**Grant Balance:** 360,408

Awarding Agency: USDOJ-OJP-NIJ

Status: Awarded

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

Amount Award Number: 2017-DN-BX-0027 Awarded Invoiced Remaining

Amount of Award: \$ 867,755 **Grant Inception to date:** (113,430)45,932 (67,499)

**Grant Balance:** 754,325

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

Status: Awarded

Amount Awarded Invoiced Remaining Award Number: 2017-DN-BX-0176

Amount of Award: \$ 114,000 114,000 **HFSC Match** 38,000 38,000

(999)(999 **Grant Inception to date:** 

**Grant Balance:** 151,001

#### **Solicitation**

Awarding Agency: USDOJ-OJP-NIJ

Discipline: Seized Drugs

**Primary Recipient: RTI** 

Name of Project: Applied Research and Development in Forensic Science for Criminal Justice Purposes

HFSC will work with RTI to provide technology evaluation for seized materials at our laboratory. This will help ensure RTI is

Purpose: able to fully evaluate the use of near infrared (NIR)

spectroscopy for the detection of drugs from seized material

during the course of the project.

Collaboration: HFSC

Start and End Dates: Start 01/01/2019

Contact: Katherine Moore / Megan Grabenauer

Solicitation Number: NIJ-2018-13600

**Amount Requested:** 

Status: Letter of Support

Awarding Agency: NIJ

Discipline: Seized Drugs

**Primary Recipient: HFSC** 

Research and Evaluation for the Testing and Interpretation of

Physical Evidence in Publicly Funded Forensic Laboratories -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 Purpose: nationalized mass spectral standard. In addition, both results

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 - 12/31/2022

Contact: Peter Harrington Solicitation Number: NIJ-2018-13900

> Amount Requested: \$ 773,000

> > **HFSC Requested** \$ 355,322

Submitted Status:

Awarding Agency: NIJ

Discipline: Seized Drugs

Primary Recipient: Texas Southern University

Name of Project: W.E.B. Du Bois Scholars in Race and Crime Research Assessing the Impact of the No Lab, No Plea Policy

> This research serves to evaluate the No Lab, No Plea policy instituted in Harris County, Texas and to gauge how it impacts

racial disproportionalities in the handling of drug offense

Purpose: cases. We also aim to determine whether reduced forensic

turnaround times and the analysis of forensic evidence are

related to sentencing outcomes.

Collaboration: Texas Southern University/HFSC **Start and End Dates:** 01/01/2019 - 12/31/2022

Contact: Howard Henderson

Solicitation Number: NIJ-2018-14220

Total Amount Requested: \$ 455,249.00 **HFSC Requested Funds:** \$ 112,357.00

Status: Submitted

Awarding Agency: NIJ

**Discipline:** Latent Prints

Primary Recipient: RTI

Name of Project: Applied Research and Development in Forensic Science for Criminal Justice Purposes

HFSC fully intends to collaborate and provide the resources to assist RTI in creating and validating the fingerprint database. We are able to assist in this research effort by providing the

Purpose:

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.

Collaboration: HFSC

Start and End Dates: Start 01/01/2019 Contact: Heidi Eldridge

Solicitation Number: NIJ-2018-13600

**Total Amount Requested:** 

Status: Letter of Support

Awarding Agency: NIJ

Discipline: Seized Drugs Primary Recipient: TSU/US/SHSU

"Applied Research and Development in Forensic Science for

Name of Project: Criminal Justice Purposes"

The Houston Forensic Science Center (HFSC) is pleased to offer our support to Texas Southern University with University of

**Purpose:** Houston and Sam Houston State University (the Partnership) for their proposal to develop a mobile sensor for multiplex

detection of "fentalogs" in street drugs.

Collaboration: HFSC

Start and End Dates: Start 01/01/2019

Contact: Ashraf Mozayani

Solicitation Number: NIJ-2018-13600

**Total Amount Requested:** 

Status: Letter of Support