

# The ANSI/NIST-ITL Standard: Forensic Data Interchange

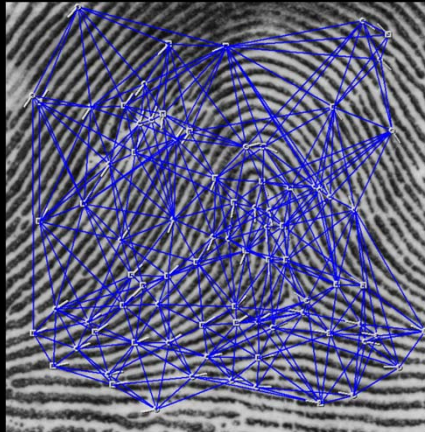


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National Institute of  
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U.S. Department of Commerce

# Existing Capabilities

ANSI/NIST-ITL 1-2011

# Latent Friction Ridge Prints



## Extended Feature Set Markups

- Cores
- Deltas
- Distinctive Characteristics
- Minutiae
- Dots
- Incipient Ridges
- Creases & Linear Distortions
- Ridge Edge Features
- Pores & Ridge edge fields

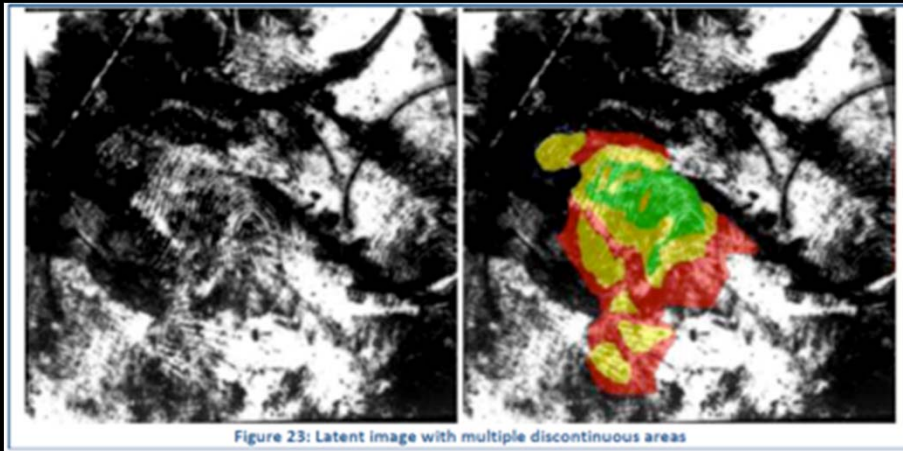


Figure 23: Latent image with multiple discontinuous areas

-- Automated Matching  
-- Forensic Analysis &  
Comparison

# Body Images

## Face

### Prior -- Ante-mortem:

- \* Passport, driver license, family photos, etc.
- \* Try to get frontal and fairly recent

### Post-mortem or for living amnesiacs:

- \* All angles

Mark eye locations using 2D markups

- Automated Matching
- Forensic Analysis & Comparison

## Other Parts, Scars, Tattoos, Injuries

### Prior -- Ante-mortem:

- \* As available
- \* Distinctive features (e.g. club foot, extra finger, broken nose, etc.)

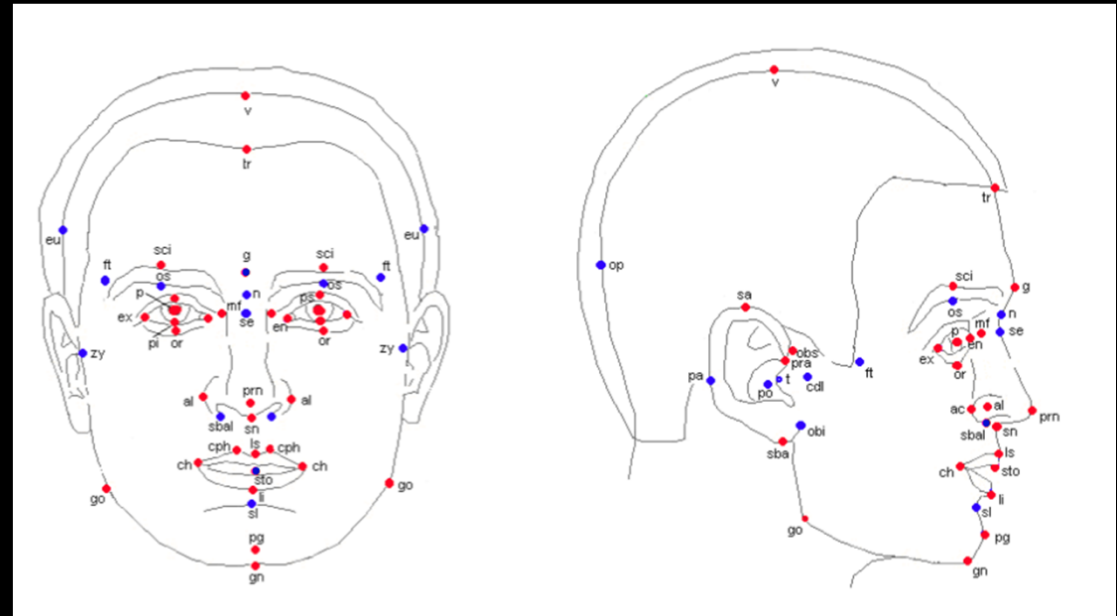
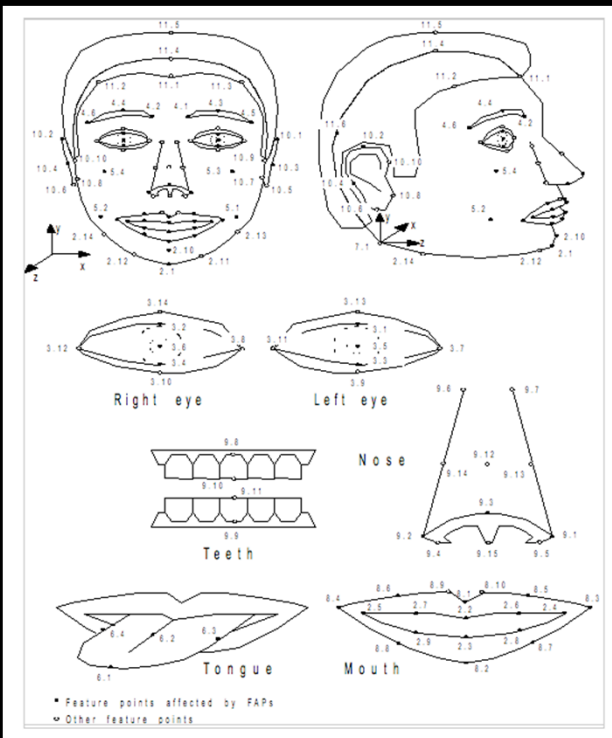
### Post-mortem or for living amnesiacs:

- \* With ruler

-- Forensic Analysis & Comparison

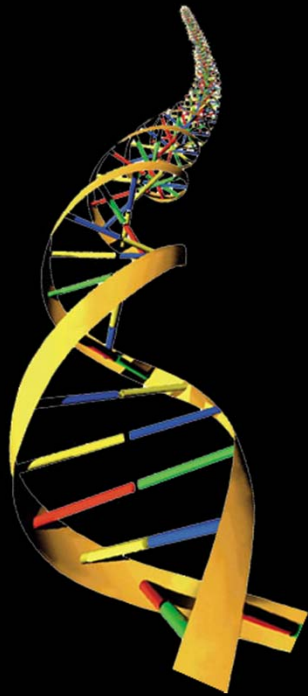
# Image Markups

- Forensics:
  - 2D and 3D anthropomorphic facial image markup fields



# DNA

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- Rapid DNA and Laboratory Processing
- Pedigree tree
  - Claimed and Validated relationships
  - Data on victim and relatives in one transaction
- X-STR, Y-STR, Mitochondrial

# Conformance Test Tools



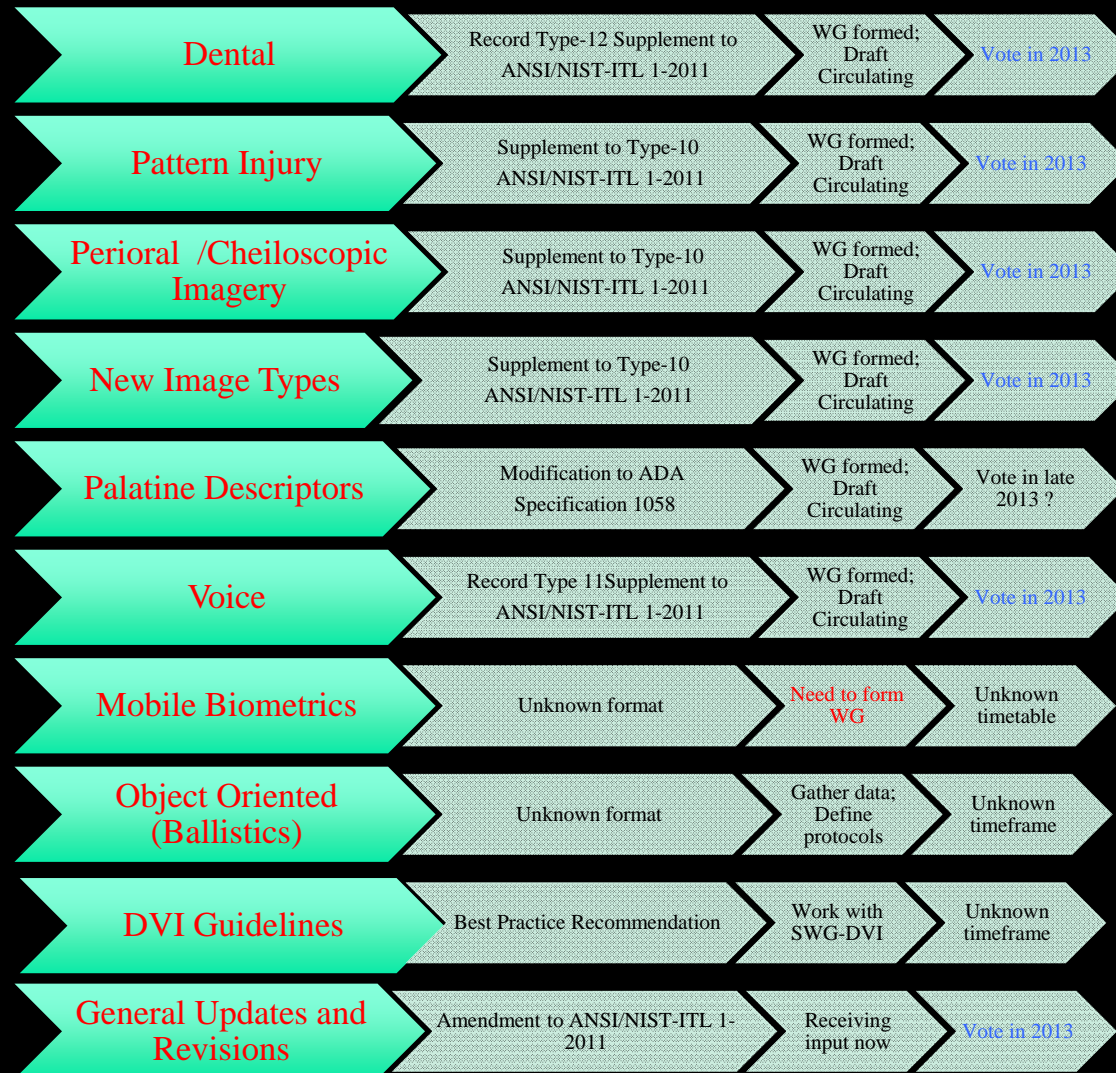
Biometric Conformance  
Test Software for  
ANSI/NIST-ITL 1-2011  
(AN-2011) Transactions\*

- Test assertions based on NIST SP 500-295
  - CTM for AN-2011
- Tests for selected Record Types in traditional encoding:
  - Installer
  - Command Line Interface
- Under development: tool to test XML encoding

\* Developed by NIST/ITL Computer Security Division. Sponsored, in part, by DHS/US-VISIT

# What more do we need to do?

Combined in  
one Supplement





# Dental Forensics?

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Identify deceased individuals when facial features and / or fingerprints are not available or DNA cannot be matched

Decomposition of soft tissue

Extreme trauma

Co-mingling of samples in a mass disaster

Of the victims identified in Phuket, nearly 75% were traced through dental records, about 15% through fingerprints and 10% through a combination of the two. Just a fraction was identified through DNA.

*Above statistics from: Triodent, June 2011, Dentistry still plays most vital role in victim identification*

# Dental Working Group



**ADA** American Dental Association®  
America's leading advocate for oral health



- Dental Forensics

- Working with the American Dental Association to base Type-12 record upon their Spec 1058
- Meetings held in Argentina, Washington, D.C., New York (with SWG-DVI), Lyon (with INTERPOL), Atlanta (with AAFS), and San Francisco (with ADA)
- FBI has done the update to the ANSI/NIST-ITL XML schema for the current draft
- Will be presented as a supplement to ANSI/NIST-ITL 1-2011 for voting

# Dental Forensics

Draft available at

[http://www.nist.gov/itl/iad/ig/ansi\\_standard\\_dental\\_forensics.cfm](http://www.nist.gov/itl/iad/ig/ansi_standard_dental_forensics.cfm)

Based on ADA Specification 1058

Familial Data Set

Dental History Data Set

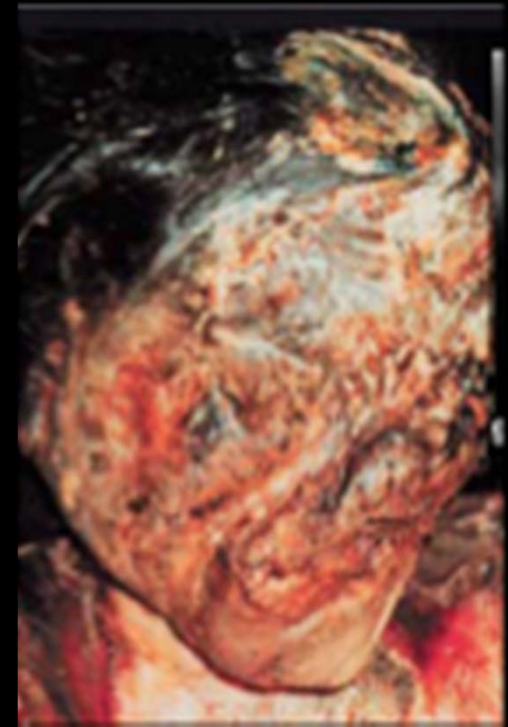
Tooth Data Set

Mouth Data Set

Visual Image Data Set

Radiograph Image Data Set

Includes DICOM data & images (Electronic Health Record)



# Key Challenges : Dental Forensics

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Teeth numbering not the same in US and other nations

Decision: Use ISO standard for transmission

Dental Forensic Systems all use different data definitions and levels of detail

Decision:

- \* Use the ADA Spec 1058 as a 'translator'
- \* State the level of aggregation for each system (i.e. NamUS, WinID, NCIC, UDIM, Plass & FastID)
- \* Include original encoding with transmission to help resolves ambiguities

# Pattern Injury

## New Fields added to Type-10

### Field 10.046: Victim / VIC

current subject status

living

deceased

unknown

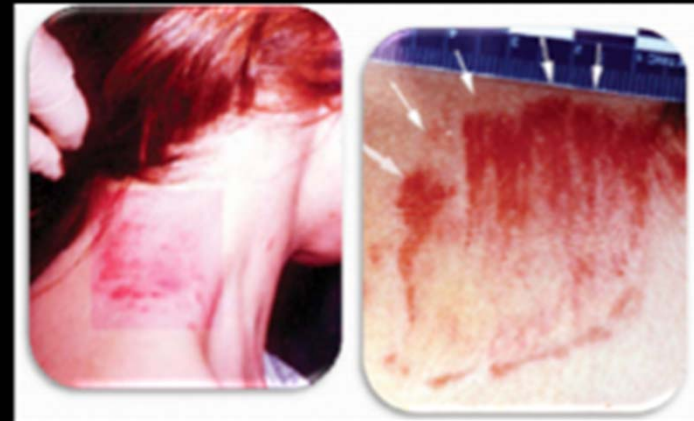
body status

Class 1 Natural Tissue (Whole or Fragment)

Class 2 Decomposed (Whole or Fragment)

Class 3 Skeletal (Whole or Fragment)

LIVING



### Field 10.047: Data collection organization / DCO

# Pattern Injury

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## Field 10.048: Pattern injury description

Image location (using NCIC codes to define body parts)

Type of injury (Avulsion, laceration, etc.)

Color of injury

Surface contour

Shape and size (measured using 2D ABFO ruler)

Tissue characteristics

Underlying structure

Possible cause (human, animal, object, etc.)

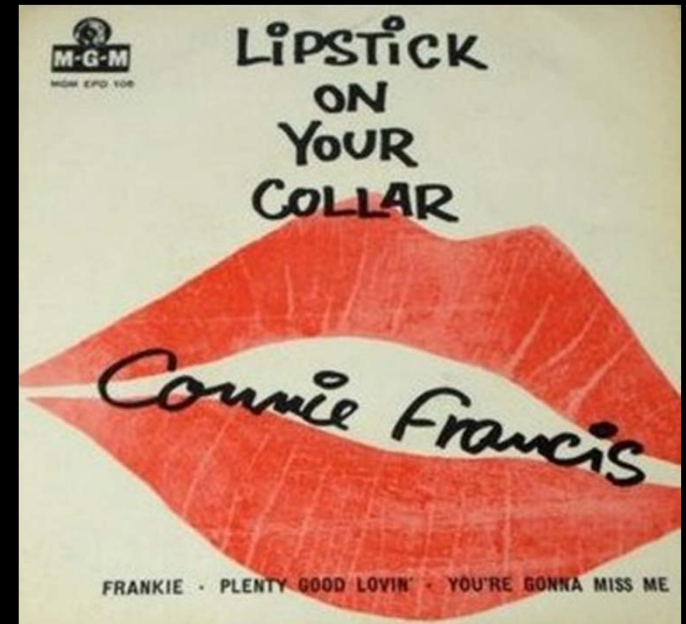
# Perioral / Cheiloscopic

Recommend use of Field 10.029: 2D facial feature points / FFP to indicate features of the lip print when sending an image of the lips of the possible suspect.

Add new code to Table 58 (Type-10 image types) as Perioral.

Modify Field 10.040 NCIC SMT code to use the NCIC codes to specify location of the lip print on the victim's body.

Include information about common cheiloscopic classifications



# New Image Types

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Modify Field 10.012 Color space / CSP to include more possibilities than currently (grayscale, color and undefined)

Sonogram

Radiograph (X-ray), including CT scans  
and cone-beams

Magnetic resonance image (MRI)





# Palatine Descriptors

**Problem:** ADA Mouth Data Set does not include descriptors for dental arch, rugae ramification or shape.

**Solution:**

Initiate a revision to ADA specification 1058 instead of adding descriptors to ANSI/NIST-ITL in the Supplement.

**Impact:**

Descriptors will not be included initially when Dental Supplement is adopted. Expected to take more than a year.

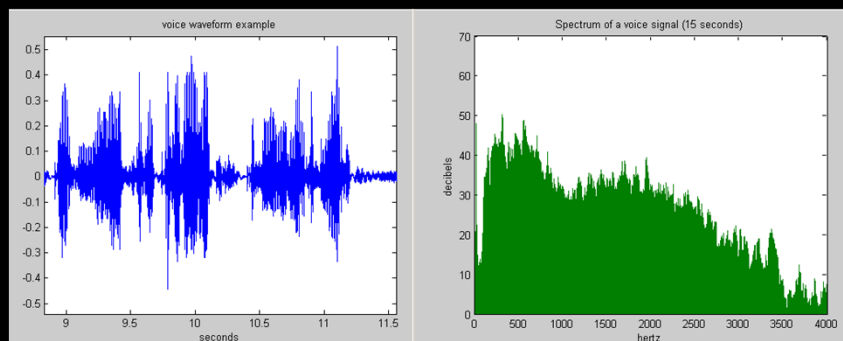


# Forensic Voice

For investigatory and forensic uses  
not intended for applications like access control

Includes audio recordings, as well as related information  
diarization (when speech occurs during the recording)  
transcription (what is said)  
redaction annotation ('bleeping' of portions –  
sometimes required by legal authorities)  
snipping annotation (cutting out portions of a longer recording)  
audio characteristics (recording device, CODECs, etc.)  
geographic location of speakers and recording device(s)  
speaker characteristics (impairment, language, etc.)

Example: Compare a recording of a ransom call in a kidnapping case  
against known voice samples of suspects



# Mobile Biometrics

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## Mobile ID Best Practice Recommendation (BPR)

- \* issued in 2009
- \* defined subject acquisition profiles
- \* defined military and law enforcement profiles
- \* requires use of ANSI/NIST-ITL standard

## ANSI/NIST-ITL 1-2011

- \* incorporates key points of the BPR

Technological advancements and modified operational needs suggest that a new document is needed

**Key point: What type?**

# ANSI/NIST-ITL LITE

**Figure 1**  
**SEPARATE MOBILE UNITS COLLECTING DATA ON THE SAME PERSON IN DIFFERENT PLACES AND/OR TIMES**

## Concept 1

- In this example, two units may be used in the field -- independently or together: a 3 modality biometric capture device and a Rapid DNA device.
- Due to limited bandwidth or because operators are not to type in data in the field, the samples are sent with minimum packaging to a local unit, where more information is added to the transaction(s). That is then forwarded to a central site where the normal ANSI/NIST-ITL transaction is formed with all required information. This allows interoperability between systems and organizations to be maintained.

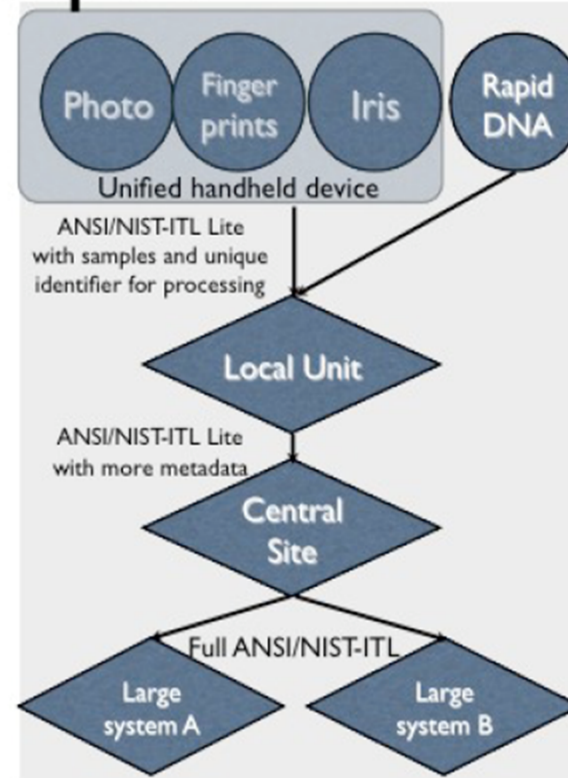


Figure 2  
Rapid Identification with Limited Bandwidth

## Concept 2

- The interactions with the field unit would be with minimum payload
- The local station composes an ANSI/NIST-ITL formatted transaction for submission and handles the response

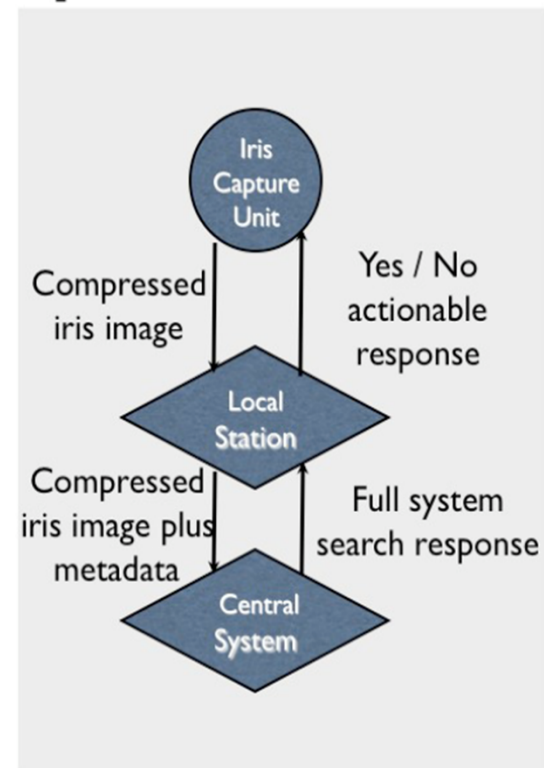


Figure 3  
Capture Modules Physically Separated from Control Unit

## Concept 3

- In this case, the biometric capture devices are operated from a control unit using Web Services for Biometric Devices
- Data is provided to the base station using ANSI/NIST-ITL Lite
- Base station interacts with the Central System using the full ANSI/NIST-ITL

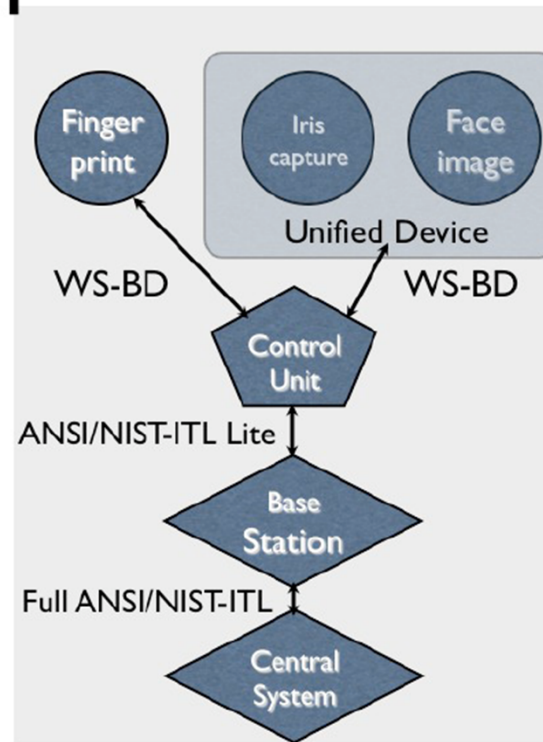
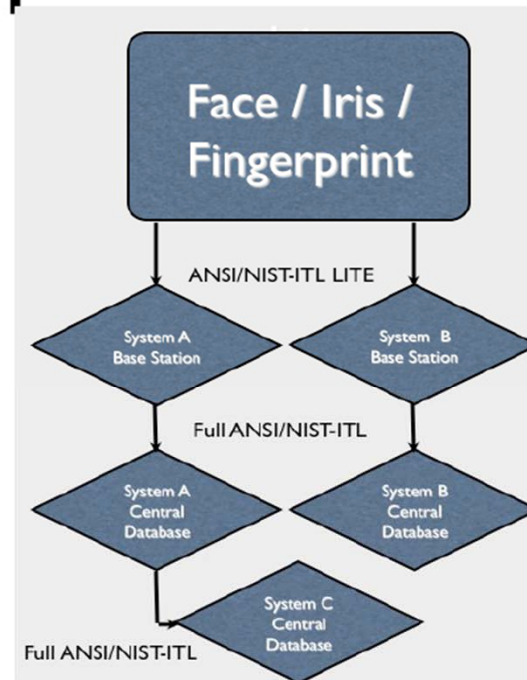


Figure 4  
Mobile Modules Communicating to Different Systems

# Concept 4

- In this case, the biometric capture devices send biometric samples and basic information to two base stations using ANSI/NIST-ITL Lite
- Base stations prepare full transmission using the full ANSI/NIST-ITL format for database search
- System A also sends data to System C using the full ANSI/NIST-ITL format.



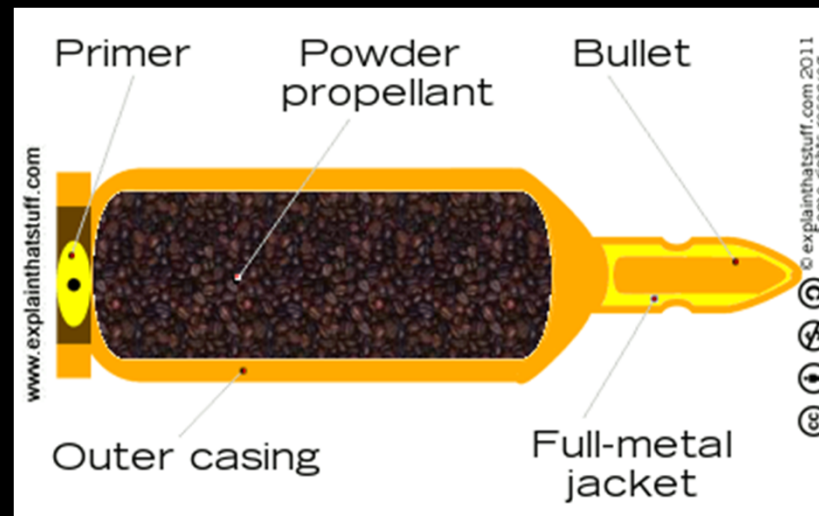
# Object Oriented Data

## Bullets and Cartridges

Issue: Advances in imaging analysis are making new approaches to identification of weapons or classes of weapons more accurate (i.e. 3D topographic data)

Need: Databases for matcher system development and initial testing as well as for sequestered testing (much like is usually done at NIST)

Problem: How to receive the data (transmission protocols) and how to make it accessible





# Disaster Victim Identification Procedures using ANSI/NIST-ITL for data transmission

## Issue:

Data to be received from around the world

Fingerprints, Facial images, Dental records, DNA samples

Data to be collected together relating to a subject and updated as needed (i.e. pedigree trees and established relationships)

Medical examiners & disaster recovery teams have not worked with police departments to transmit data in ANSI/NIST-ITL format

## Solution:

Develop a Best Practice Recommendations document

**Responding to an Aircraft Accident**  
How to Support the NTSB  
A Guide for Police and Public Safety Personnel

**UPON COMPLETION OF LIFE SAFETY ACTIVITIES  
SECURE SCENE & PRESERVE EVIDENCE**

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# NEW PROPOSAL

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2013/2014: Prepare interfaces based upon standard

2014: Demonstration at ADA meeting of a simulated disaster with to show receiving information from New York, overseas, INTERPOL to the conference and entering it into NCIC, NamUs, WinID and checking results

- focus on dental data exchange
- 2015: Data-exchange simulation of a disaster, to commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Katrina
- include capabilities for DNA (including Rapid DNA), fingerprints, as well as dental

# WORKSHOP ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO ANSI/NIST-ITL STANDARD **at NIST**

## Monday January 28

ITL

- 09:00 – 10:00 Welcome and overview of the ANSI/NIST-  
current status and the standards development process
- 10:00 – 10:30 NIEM and the XML Biometrics Domain
- 10:30 – 11:00 List-driven Programming
- 11:00 – 12:00 Ballistics Discussion
- 13:00 – 17:00 Forensic Voice Supplement Discussion

## Tuesday January 29

- 09:00 – 12:00 Mobile ID Discussion
- 13:00 – 17:00 Mobile ID Discussion

## Wednesday January 30

- 09:00 – 12:00 Dental Forensics Supplement Discussion
- 13:00 – 15:00 Disaster Victim Identification Best Practices
- 15:00 - 17:00 Open Forum

- FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:
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