



OSAC Standards Bulletin

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BULLETIN SUMMARY

This Bulletin provides an update on forensic science standards that are moving through the development process at standards developing organizations (SDOs), and those that are moving through the Registry Approval Process at the Organization of Scientific Area Committees for Forensic Science (OSAC).

Please consider providing comments on documents that are open for comment.

OSAC Registry Standards items open for comment: 0 Items

SDO Documents open for comment: 0 Items

OSAC REGISTRY NEWS

Intent to add to the OSAC Registry – Items Open for Comment

There is currently nothing open for comment in the OSAC Registry Approval Process.

Standards Moving Through the OSAC Registry Approval Process

This section only lists standards that moved from one step in the OSAC Registry Approval Process to another during the last month. A list of all standards currently under consideration is available on [the OSAC website](#).

[NFPA 921:2017 Guide for Fire and Explosion Investigations](#) has been added to the OSAC Registry (FSSB Vote on November 1, 2017).

OSAC Draft Standards Submitted to Standards Developing Organizations (SDOs)

OSAC developed the following draft standards and has submitted them to SDO's for formal development:

[Friction Ridge Subcommittee](#)

The following draft standards were submitted to American Academy of Forensic Sciences/American Standards Board (AAFS/ASB):

- [Guideline for the Articulation of the Decision-Making Process Leading to an Expert Opinion of Source Identification in Friction Ridge Examinations](#)

STANDARDS DEVELOPING ORGANIZATION (SDO) NEWS

Comment Period Open on Draft Documents

There is currently nothing open for comment on draft standards.

New Work Proposals for New or Revised Standards

These new work proposals for new standards are just beginning development:

ASTM International E30.01 Criminalistics:

- [WK60820 - Practice for Separation of Ignitable Liquid Residues from Fire Debris Samples by Active Headspace Concentration onto an Adsorbent Tube](#)

International Committee on Standardization (ISO) TC 272 Forensic Science:

- [ISO/NP 21043-3](#) Forensic Sciences -- Part 3: Analysis and examination of material
- [ISO/NP 21043-4](#) Forensic Sciences -- Part 4: Interpretation
- [ISO/NP 21043-5](#) Forensic Sciences -- Part 5: Reporting

New Standards

There are currently no new forensic standards published this past month.

Revised/Reapproved Standards

These revised/reapproved standards are eligible for consideration by OSAC:

- [ASTM E2035 - Standard Terminology Relating to Forensic Psychophysiology](#) has been reapproved, available as E2035-12 (2017)
- [ASTM E2063 - Standard Practice for Calibration and Functionality Checks Used in Forensic Psychophysiological Detection of Deception \(Polygraph\) Examinations](#) has been reapproved, available as E2063-12 (2017)
- [ASTM E2324 - Standard Guide for PDD Paired Testing](#) has been reapproved, available as E2324-04 (2017)
- [ASTM E2329 - Standard Practice for Identification of Seized Drugs](#) has been revised to E2329-17
- [NFPA 921 AMD 1: 8/17/2017 Guide for Fire and Explosion Investigations](#)

OTHER NEWS

American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) Academy Standards Board (ASB):

[Consensus in the Standards World](#), a news article by Mary C. McKiel, PhD, Communications Liaison Officer

International Committee on Standardization (ISO) TC 272 Forensic Science:

Technical Committee and Working Groups meetings, November 7-10, 2017 in Tokyo, Japan