



# Department of Defense **INSTRUCTION**

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IG DoD

**SUBJECT:** DoD Forensic Science Committee

**References:** (a) DoD Instruction 5100.86, "DoD Forensic Science Committee," July 29, 2003 (hereby canceled)  
(b) DoD Directive 5106.01, "Inspector General of the Department of Defense," April 13, 2006  
(c) DoD Directive 5105.18, "DoD Committee Management Program," February 8, 1999

1. **PURPOSE.** This Instruction reissues Reference (a) under the authority of Reference (b) and reestablishes the DoD Forensic Science Committee in accordance with Reference (c).

2. **APPLICABILITY.** This Instruction applies to OSD, the Military Departments, the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense (OIG DoD), the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities within the Department of Defense (hereafter referred to collectively as the "DoD Components").

3. **POLICY.** It is DoD policy that:

a. The DoD Forensic Science Committee (hereafter referred to as the Committee) be established as a joint DoD committee authorized by Reference (b) and under the provisions of Reference (c) for the purpose of reviewing and resolving forensic science issues of concern to the DoD forensic science community and its customers.

b. The Committee shall, as needed, provide advice and guidance to other DoD entities on forensic science issues.

#### 4. ORGANIZATION

a. Members of the Committee shall consist of representatives (DoD military or civilian personnel) from the OIG DoD, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, the Air Force Office of Special Investigations, the Marine Corps Criminal Investigation Division, the Office of the Armed Forces Medical Examiner of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command-Central Identification Laboratory, the Defense Computer Forensics Laboratory and the National Media Exploitation Center.

b. The Commander, U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, or designee, shall act as the Committee Chair.

c. Committee representatives will be appointed by their respective agencies.

#### 5. RESPONSIBILITIES

a. The Inspector General of the Department of Defense (IG DoD) shall provide oversight of the Committee.

b. The Secretary of the Army shall ensure that the Committee Chair establishes procedures to:

(1) Hold Committee meetings at least semiannually to address issues affecting forensic laboratory support to the Department of Defense.

(2) Provide minutes of the meetings to the IG DoD and Committee members.

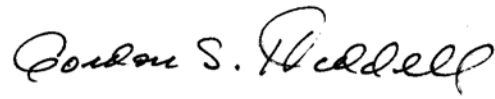
(3) Establish Committee processes for monitoring fluctuations in the DoD Components forensic science requirements and of the availability of departmental and external laboratory service support.

(4) Encourage members to share information affecting the forensic science community and address issues of the DoD Components concerns, with efforts toward improving criminal investigative efficiency and effectiveness.

c. The Committee Representatives shall attend DoD Forensic Science Committee meetings to address forensic issues impacting the Department of Defense. They may approve via a consensus vote for other agencies to be represented on the Committee.

6. RELEASABILITY. UNLIMITED. This Instruction is approved for public release. Copies may be obtained through the Internet from the DoD Issuances Web Site at <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives>.

7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Instruction is effective immediately.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gordon S. Heddell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "G".

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Acting Inspector General