

Regional Toxicology Liaison (RTL) Summary Report: January 2026 – March 2026

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<u>Northeast</u> <i>Dr. Sabra Jones</i>	<u>States</u>
Region 1	Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont
Region 2	New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands
Region 3	Delaware, District of Columbia, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia
<u>Midwest</u> <i>Amy Miles</i>	<u>States</u>
Region 5	Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin
Region 8	North Dakota, South Dakota
<u>Mid-South</u> <i>Chris Heartsill</i>	<u>States</u>
Region 6	Oklahoma, Texas
Region 7	Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska
Region 8	Colorado
<u>Western</u> <i>Kristen Burke</i>	<u>States</u>
Region 6	New Mexico
Region 9	Arizona, California, Hawaii
Pacific Territories	American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands

This report summarizes the activities and accomplishments of the Regional Toxicology Liaison (RTL) program from January 2026 through March 2026. The RTL program is designed to strengthen state toxicology programs by enhancing support, communication, and resources. RTLs collaborate with forensic laboratories, traffic safety partners, judicial systems, and national organizations to improve toxicology testing, data reporting, and training across multiple regions of the United States.

In February, Mr. Heartsill received the 2026 [Robert F. Borkenstein Award](#) for his outstanding achievements in forensic toxicology. The RTLs are very proud of Mr. Heartsill's accomplishments and could not be happier to see him receive this prestigious award.

The first three months of 2026 focused on assisting Dr. Matt Slawson with the contacts in his new region, attending the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, several presentations at trainings, webinars and oral fluid summits.

In addition to assisting with Dr. Slawson's onboarding, the RTLs have provided 4 testimony training sessions in Massachusetts and Texas. The training has ranged from a full, one day training to two days, depending on the needs of the laboratory. Given the state's size, Texas was divided into three groups to reach all the laboratories.

The RTLs organized an evidentiary webinar on oral fluid for NASID. The webinar focused on laboratory-based testing of oral fluid and featured a forensic toxicologist from New York, the TSRPs from New York, and a Captain from the Ohio State Patrol. The webinar had over 300 attendees and over 500 registrants who viewed the recording later.

The RTLs continue to send regular emails to laboratories in the regions. In each email, requests for information or assistance from specific laboratories are included. These requests have been useful for collecting information on how laboratory operations are performed and on their testing scopes and challenges. In 2025, SOFT launched ToxHub, an online forum for members to discuss different issues and request information. While ToxHub has been very useful, the RTLs find that several forensic toxicologists are not members of SOFT and therefore cannot access ToxHub. The RTLs will continue to disseminate requests for information through regular emails.

Responsibility.org has provided funding for the RTLs to organize and execute a leadership webinar series. Current drafts of the series will comprise 5 to 6 modules, ranging from leadership in the lab as a bench toxicologist to those who have been promoted to executive positions within their agency. The funding will be used to cover costs for SME speakers during the series. The RTLs have met with a group providing guidance on planning a series like this. The RTLs hope to launch the series in the fall.

Mid-South Region

Mr. Heartsill has been working with the AAFS ASB working group to update and revise [ANSI/ASB 120](#), Standard for Analytical Scope and Sensitivity of Forensic Toxicological Testing of Blood in Impaired Driving Investigations and [ANSI/ASB 054](#), Standard for a Quality Control Program in Forensic Toxicology Laboratories. Mr. Heartsill will be able to help guide updates to the standards that laboratories performing this kind of testing must follow. Additionally, it provides insight into potential changes to the standard for discussion in upcoming trainings.

Since 2025, Mr. Heartsill has been assisting the Washington TSRP in organizing witnesses for a Frye hearing. Now that Dr. Slawson is in place in the Northwest Region, Mr. Heartsill has brought him in and is ensuring he is up to speed with the background and is involved in meetings moving forward.

Texas benefited from the RTL testimony training in three different cities to reach as many laboratories as possible. Texas DPS, one of the largest lab systems in the US, received the training in three stages. The Texas DPS has one central laboratory in Austin, Texas with 8 satellite labs distributed throughout the State. The training was split into three regions,

north, central and south to cover the major metropolitan areas and allow for the satellite labs to participate in-person or remotely.

Midwest Region

Ms. Miles continues to meet with NHTSA HQ to discuss FARS and ways to improve the system. As conversations continue each month, it has been decided to include all RTLs. Their similar yet diverse backgrounds will help provide information as the FARS discussion continues.

The NTLC is re-writing it's Cannabis Green Lab Handbook and Ms. Miles is assisting in editing and writing a few of the sections. In addition to the Handbook, Ms. Miles and other traffic safety partners meet with the NTLC monthly as a Cannabis Advisory Group. This group is working to provide resources specific to cannabis for prosecutors, judges, law enforcement and toxicologists.

The Dakotas have requested a testimony training and the planning has been underway over the last three months. The training will be held in Bismarck, ND in June in advance of the state's impaired driving conference. Ms. Miles will organize the testimony training and speak during the impaired driving conference. The South Dakota lab will send a few of its analysts to the testimony training.

After attending the RTL/NASID oral fluid webinar, Illinois reached out to Ms. Miles to discuss their interest in conducting an oral fluid pilot. A pilot was conducted several years ago in Illinois; however, the data were never reported, and there were mixed reactions to its success. Given Ms. Miles' experience organizing 2 oral fluid pilot projects in Wisconsin, she will assist Illinois in completing its projects.

The ONDCP and NHTSA requested that Ms. Miles attend a meeting to discuss impaired driving initiatives with them. Ms. Miles provided a brief overview of the RTL program. Discussions were held about current impaired driving laws and the potential need for zero tolerance as it relates to cannabis and driving. No further follow-up has been provided. However, after the meeting, Ms. Miles was contacted by NIST and met with a small group to discuss data gaps in motor vehicle crashes and in toxicology testing.

Northeast Region

Dr. Jones planned and executed a testimony training for the laboratory in Maryland. Attendees included toxicologists from the DC laboratory as well. She is also planning a 2 day training in April that will focus on testimony and encompass several toxicologists from all over the New England area.

Dr. Jones plays a key role in assisting in the development of the ANSI/ASB standards and actively participates in [Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Committee \(FEPAC\)](#). Her role in both organizations is crucial for bringing the practitioner's

perspective to each group. The RTLs benefit from her participation, as she can train laboratories on the latest developments in standards and educational accreditation.

In coordinating regional laboratory collaborations, Dr. Jones has connected laboratories in her region to discuss drug trends. Using her background and experience with the New England Association of Toxicologists, she has leveraged the region's laboratories' expertise to provide real-time updates to all involved.

Dr. Jones has spent significant time working with NASID to bring her expertise to their oral fluid summits. In addition to her work with NASID, specialty and treatment courts have also requested her input and guidance.

Western Region

Ms. Burke has spent significant time listening to toxicologists' needs, not only in the laboratory but also in the workplace. She is developing several training programs for toxicologists in the field of workplace wellness. Forensic toxicologists are subjected to extremely high-pressure situations and vicarious trauma. In response, Ms. Burke is collaborating with mental health professionals to bring assistance to toxicologists. Ms. Burke traveled to Texas for two of the three testimony trainings. Ms. Burke is also preparing to provide presentations at upcoming ABA and IACT conferences.

In addition to the wellness training that is integrated into the RTL testimony training, Ms. Burke has submitted several proposals for upcoming conferences and trainings. These include the IACP/IDTS conference, the SOFT/TIAFT conference, AllRise26, and the ATSIP Traffic Records Forum.

Ms. Burke has contributed to several document reviews and assisted in the NSC ADID position statements, of which there have been many in the last few months.

Northwestern Region

Dr. Slawson has spent a significant amount of time in the first three months of the year connecting with each laboratory in his region. He is slowly making progress in establishing contacts and understanding the laboratories, their workflows, and their needs. In addition, Dr. Slawson has been very active in the RTL-provided testimony training sessions. He has attended and presented at 4 trainings in Massachusetts and Texas.

Dr. Slawson was nominated and has been accepted into the NSC-ADID. He has already assisted in reviewing documents prepared for various NSC position statements and is looking for additional areas that he can contribute to the Division.

The Washington TSRP is organizing witnesses for a Frye hearing. The issue relates to the Washington State Patrol laboratory's testing of THC, specifically related to delta-8-THC. Dr. Slawson's strong background in method development and analytical chemistry have played a

critical role in preparing the TSRP for the defense experts and the defense arguments. Dr. Slawson is assisting with preparation for the hearing and will likely testify as an expert.

See below for activity detail

<u>MID-SOUTH</u>		
Date	Activity Description	Attendee Count
January 21-22, 2026	Provided testimony training in person to members of the Maryland State Police Forensic Toxicology Laboratory. Presenters included RTLs, JOLs, DRE, Prosecutors, and a National Judicial Fellow	16
January 12, 2026	Met virtually with members of the Texas Impaired Driving Task Force to discuss participation and speaking at the upcoming Impaired Driving Forum	N/A
January 27, 2026	Attended the virtual NHTSA R7 monthly meeting and provided an update on the activities of the RTL Program	N/A
January 28, 2026	Met with members of the Colorado Department of Transportation to discuss a data migration project specifically obtaining toxicology data from the labs and other sources	N/A
January 28, 2026	Attended the virtual bi-monthly NHTSA R6 meeting and provided an update on the activities of the RTL Program	N/A
January 29, 2026	Met virtually with the Oklahoma TSRP and State DRE Coordinator to discuss upcoming training opportunities	N/A
January 26, 2026	Met virtually with the ASB 054 workgroup to discuss the adjudication of public comments on the document	N/A
January 28, 2026	Met virtually with the ASB 120 workgroup to begin the process of editing and updating the document	N/A
January 29, 2026	Met with the OSAC Toxicology Subcommittee to discuss the current status of standards and activities of the subcommittee	N/A
January 5, 2026	ADID Leadership meeting was held virtually to discuss strategic planning for 2026 within ADID and NSC	N/A
January 9, 2026	Met virtually with the ADID Drug Section to discuss draft position statements soon to be posted	N/A
January 12, 2026	Met virtually with NSC leadership to discuss the current state of NSC Policy/Position Statements and incorporation of ADID documents	N/A
January 20, 2026	Met with NSC leaders to discuss involvement of ADID in upcoming initiatives	N/A
January 22, 2026	Met with the NSC Wellbeing and Safety Advisory Board to discuss upcoming projects and specifically ADID contribution to laboratory testing guidelines	N/A
January 12, 2026	Met virtually to onboard new board members and discuss SOFT policies and procedures	N/A

January 15, 2026	Attended the monthly virtual SOFT Board of Directors meeting	N/A
January 7, 2026	Met virtually with RTLs and members from Alliance Data Solutions to discuss toxicology data collection and integration into a centralized database	N/A
January 7, 2026	Met virtually as a member of the Association of Transportation Safety Information Professionals (ATSIP) toxicology data working group to discuss upcoming projects	N/A
January 13, 2026	Met virtually with Alliance Data Solutions and Versaterm, a leading forensic toxicology LIMS provider, to better understand data field naming and access	N/A
January 15, 2026	Met Virtually with members of the ATSIP Toxicology Workgroup to discuss upcoming projects	N/A
January 15, 2026	Met virtually with Responsibility.org and potential speakers for a joint webinar on Oral Fluid and discussed logistics of the event.	N/A
February, 2026	Prepared for testimony training in 3 regions of Texas for the Texas Department of Transportation	N/A
February 5, 2026	Met virtually with members of the Texas Impaired Driving Task Force	N/A
February 18, 2026	Met with speakers to discuss content for the upcoming Texas Impaired Driving Forum	
February 20, 2026	Provided an update on RTL activities to the Missouri Impaired Driving Subcommittee	N/A
February 24, 2026	Attended the virtual NHTSA R7 monthly meeting and provided an update on the activities of the RTL Program	N/A
February 23, 2026	Met virtually with the ASB 054 workgroup to discuss the adjudication of public comments on the document	N/A
February 26, 2026	Met with the OSAC Toxicology Subcommittee to discuss the status of standards and activities of the subcommittee	N/A
February 2, 2026	ADID Leadership met with NSC to discuss upcoming involvement in NSC initiatives	N/A
February 4, 2026	ADID Executive Board met in advance of the in-person meeting at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences	N/A
February 8, 2026	ADID in-person division meeting held annually at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences	N/A
February 2, 2026	Met virtually to discuss publication of ToxTalk	N/A

February 11, 2026	Attended the in-person Board of Directors meeting at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences	N/A
February 20, 2026	Met virtually to discuss publication of ToxTalk	N/A
February 23-26, 2026	Designed and published ToxTalk, Volume 50, Issue 1	N/A
February 4, 2026	Met virtually as a member of the Association of Transportation Safety Information Professionals (ATSIP) toxicology data working group to discuss upcoming projects	N/A
February 8-13, 2026	Attended the American Academy of Forensic Sciences Meeting in New Orleans, LA	N/A
February 11, 2026	Provided an update to the RTL Program to the Toxicology Section of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences	60 attendees
February 18, 2026	Met Virtually with members of the ATSIP Toxicology Workgroup to discuss upcoming projects	N/A
March 4- 5, 2026	Presented testimony training to the Texas DPS Austin laboratory (in-person and virtual) regarding alcohol and drug testimony	55
March 11, 2026	Presented testimony training to the Texas DPS Garland (Dallas area) laboratory regarding alcohol testimony	36
March 16, 2026	Presented testimony training to the Texas DPS Houston laboratory regarding alcohol testimony	21
March 3, 2026	Met with the Washington State TSRP to discuss upcoming testimony supporting the laboratory validation of their cannabis methodology	N/A
March 23, 2026	Met with Johnson County Kansas (Kansas City area) to discuss a lab visit and support them with uncertainty of measurement training and evaluation.	N/A
March 27, 2026	Met with representatives of MRG, an organization providing management training, to discuss the upcoming plans for providing management training to our supported laboratories.	N/A
March 18, 2026	Attended virtual NASID Member Meeting	
March 26, 2026	Met virtually with members of the Texas Impaired Driving Task Force	N/A
March 31, 2026	Attended the virtual NHTSA R7 monthly meeting and provided an update on the activities of the RTL Program	N/A
March 23, 2026	Met virtually with RISE26 to discuss upcoming conference presentation topics	N/A

March 26, 2026	Presented at the MATCP conference regarding CNS Depressants and Drug Treatment Courts	95
March 27, 2026	Presented at the MATCP conference regarding OTC Intoxicants and Drug Treatment Courts	250
March 9 and 23, 2026	Met virtually with the ASB 054 workgroup to discuss the adjudication of public comments on the document	N/A
March 6, 2026	Met with the entire OSAC Chemistry Section to discuss the status of standards and activities of the OSAC	N/A
March 11, 2026	Met virtually with the ASB 120 workgroup to discuss the revision of the second version of the document	N/A
March 26, 2026	Met with the OSAC Toxicology Subcommittee to discuss the status of standards and activities of the subcommittee	N/A
March, 2026	Continued to communicate with membership, distribute documents for review and comment, and provided updates to membership on court rulings and relevant publications	N/A
March 13, 2026	Met with the Nominations Committee to discuss individuals for the future leadership of SOFT	N/A
March 19, 2026	Attended the monthly virtual Board of Directors meeting	N/A
March 26, 2026	Met with select BOD members, members of ABFT, and members of CFSO to discuss an AMA position statement presented to their membership	N/A
March 13, 2026	Met to discuss the March 17 th Oral Fluid webinar sponsored by NASID.	N/A
March 17, 2026	Virtually attended the Oral Fluid webinar sponsored by NASID	N/A

MIDWEST		
Date	Activity Description	Attendee Count
January 8, 2026	Mentoring meeting with toxicologist	
January 12, 26, 2026	Bi-weekly meeting with ASB 122 research team	
Various	Wisconsin Drug Evaluation and Classification Program Data Evaluation Research with RTL Jones	
January 13, 2026	Meeting with laboratory LIMS provider to discuss data sharing from labs to state DUID partners	
Wednesdays, 2026	Weekly RTL Meeting	
January 7, 2026	ATSIP Toxicology Data Discussion	
January 28, 2026	Webinar attendance: Basics of Forensic Toxicology: Interpretation & Testimony	
January 6, 2026	TRB Tasked Based WG	
Tuesdays, 2026	Meeting with R.org	
January 8, 2026	NHTSA HQ, FARS data meeting	
January, 8, 2026	Toxicology Data Meeting RE: Current efforts in Colorado	
January 12, 2026	R5 Joint Stakeholders Meeting	
January 15, 2026	ATSIP Toxicology Working Group Meeting	
January 15, 2026	NASID/R.org Oral Fluid Webinar Planning Meeting	
January 16, 2026	Minnesota DWI Taskforce Meeting	
January 20, 2026	ATSIP Impaired Driving Data TF	
January 20, 2026	ONIC Monthly Meeting	
January 23, 2026	IL Impaired Driving TF	
January 23, 2026	Meeting with NHTSA RE: RTL Program Updates	
January 29, 2026	Illinois Midwest Traffic Safety Conference Planning Meeting	
January 21, 2026	NTLC Cannabis Impairment Handbook Update	
January 9, 2026	NSC-ADID Drug Section Meeting	
February 3, 2026	Meeting with IL TSRP, DRE and ISP lab	
Bi-weekly	Bi-weekly meeting with ASB 122 research team	
Various	Wisconsin Drug Evaluation and Classification Program Data Evaluation Research with RTL Jones	
February 9, 2026	Attended workshop at AAFS: Ketamine: The Clinical Renaissance and Traffic Safety Implications	

February 10, 2026	Attended workshop at AAFS: Advancing the Adoption of Artificial Intelligence in Forensic Science: Use Cases, Innovation Pathways, and a Procurement Framework
February 11, 2026	Provided RTL update to the SOFT Board of Directors
Wednesdays, 2026	Weekly RTL Meeting
Bi-weekly	ATSIP Toxicology Data Discussion
February 23, 2026	Meeting with North Dakota lab to discuss upcoming testimony training content and presentation at statewide impaired driving conference
February 26, 2026	Convened meeting between ND lab, JOL and TSRP to discuss involvement in testimony training and future collaborations
Tuesdays, 2026	Meeting with R.org
February 12, 2026	NHTSA HQ, FARS data meeting
February 13, 2026	Minnesota DWI Taskforce Meeting
February 17, 2026	ATSIP Impaired Driving Data TF
February 17, 2026	ONIC Monthly Meeting
February 17, 2026	Meeting with NIST RE: potential data collaboration project, collecting data in fatal crashes
February 27, 2026	Meeting with NHTSA RE: RTL Program Updates
February 4, 2026	NSC-ADID Executive Board Meeting
February 8, 2026	NSC-ADID meeting in New Orleans, evening dinner – Robert F. Borkenstein Award (Chris Heartsill)
Ongoing	Review position statement draft – Laboratory Drug Testing & the Workplace
Various	RTL Updates to the SOFT Board, Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations
Ongoing	Interaction on SOFT's ToxHub, providing technical assistance for labs and analysts
March 3, 2026	Midwest Toxicology Collaborative Meeting
Bi-weekly	Bi-weekly meeting with ASB 122 research team
Various	Wisconsin Drug Evaluation and Classification Program Data Evaluation Research with RTL Jones
March 9, 2026	Midwest Association of Forensic Science (MAFS) testimony training planning meeting
March 11, 2026	Illinois Forensic Science Commission meeting
March 11, 2026	Further MAFS planning meeting

Wednesdays, 2026	Weekly RTL Meeting	
Bi-weekly	ATSIP Toxicology Data Discussion	
March 12, 2026	Presentation to the Ohio Juvenile Court Conference	75
March 13, 2026	NASID Oral Fluid Webinar Run-through	
March 16, 2026	Meeting with OpAns to discuss feasibility of using dried blood spots in impaired driving sample collection	
March 17, 2026	Attended monthly ONIC meeting	
March 17, 2026	Met with lab mentee	
March 17, 2026	NASID Evidentiary Oral Fluid webinar	361
March 17, 2026	ATSIP Impaired Driving Data Task Force meeting	
March 17, 2026	NIST meeting to discuss potential impaired driving data collaborations	
March 20, 2026	Presentations at MATT conference	150
March 24, 2026	Meeting with American Toxicology Products (gray top tube manufacturer)	
March 26, 2026	Attended leadership training to scout for RTL Leadership Series	
March 26, 2026	SOFT/AAFS Oral Fluid Committee meeting	
March 26, 2026	Standing monthly meeting with NHTSA COR	
March 27, 2026	Attended lecture at UW School of Pharmacy: Characterizing the individual and interactive effects of cannabis and alcohol on driving performance and information strategies for impairment detection	
March 27, 2026	Met with potential presenters for the RTL Leadership Series	
Tuesdays, 2026	Meeting with R.org	
March 6, 2026	Illinois Impaired Driving Task Force meeting	
March 11, 2026	NHTSA / ONDCP meeting	
March 13, 2026	Minnesota DWI Taskforce Meeting	
March 17, 2026	Meeting with Illinois to provide oral fluid overview of WI projects, assist with Illinois in moving forward	
March 18, 2026	NASID Member Meeting	
March 18, 2026	Interview with reporter from Colorado RE: RTL program, SOFT, NHTSA support	
March 20, 2026	MADD Monthly Policy Forum meeting	
March 30, 2026	Monthly NHTSA meeting RE: FARS	
March 12, 2026	NTLC Advisory Meeting	

March 24, 2026	Planning meeting with KS TSRP for OH/KY Prosecutor training
Ongoing	Review NSC-ADID position statement draft – Laboratory Drug Testing & the Workplace
Ongoing	Interaction on SOFT's ToxHub, providing technical assistance for labs and analysts

<u>NORTHEAST</u>		
Date	Activity Description	Attendee Count
January 5, 2026	Maryland RTL Testimony Training – Preparation Meeting	
January 21-22, 2026	Provided testimony training in person to members of the Maryland State Police Forensic Toxicology Laboratory. Presenters included RTLs, JOLs, DRE, Prosecutors, and a National Judicial Fellow	16
Various	Wisconsin Drug Evaluation and Classification Program Data Evaluation Research	
January 27, 2026	New England RTL Testimony Training Preparation Meeting	
January 28, 2026	New England Association of Toxicologists Guidance Committee Meeting	
January 7, 2026	North Carolina Impaired Driving Task Force Meeting – Presentation on NC Toxicology Subgroup	37
January 15, 2026	Association of Traffic Safety Information Professionals (ATSIP) Traffic Records Forum – Toxicology Working Group Engagement	—
January 28, 2026	Connecticut Statewide Impaired Driving Taskforce – Presentation on New England Drug Trends	36
January 21, 2026	Maryland RTL Testimony Training	16
January 5, 15, & 29 2026	Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission (FEPAC) Annual Program Review	—
January 8 & 30, 2026	ANSI/ASB 173 Working Group Meetings	
January 13, 2026	Academy Standards Board Toxicology Consensus Body Meeting	
January 5, 2026	NSC-ADID Resource and Advocacy Committee – Quarterly Report	—
January 8, 2026	NASID Mental Health and Impaired Driving Working Group Meeting	—
January 15, 2026	NSC-ADID Cannabis Section Meeting	—
January 22, 2026	NSC Wellbeing and Safety Advisory Board Meeting	—
Jan 26, 2026	NSC-ADID Recreational Cannabis Use by Youth and Young Adult Meeting	—
Various	Garriott’s Medicolegal Aspects of Alcohol, 7th Edition – Chapter Development	—
Various	SOFT Toxicology Resource Committee Salary Survey – Board Report Development	—

February 3, 2026	Wisconsin Drug Evaluation and Classification Program Data Evaluation Research	
February 4, 2026	Collaboration with Region 1 Toxicology Laboratories to obtain and evaluate drug trend data for impaired driving cases	
February 5 & 26, 2026	New England Association of Toxicologists Guidance Committee Meetings (Region 1 Laboratory Leadership)	
February 7-11, 2026	American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) Annual Meeting – New Orleans, LA	
February 8-9, 2026	Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission (FEPAC) Annual Business Meeting (AAFS)	
February 11, 2026	Meeting with Massachusetts State Police Toxicology Laboratory Leadership and MA TSRP on testimony policies	
February 23, 2026	Meeting on Mental Health in Forensic Toxicology	
Various Dates	2026 Current Trends in Forensic Toxicology Annual Meeting Planning Meeting (Poster Co-Chair)	
February 3, 2026	Association of Traffic Safety Information Professionals (ATSIP) Traffic Records Forum – Toxicology Working Group Engagement	—
February 10, 2026	2nd Quarter Pennsylvania Impaired Driving Program Meeting	—
February 11, 2026	Impaired Driving and Traffic Safety (IDTS) Conference Scientific Program Abstract Review	
February 12, 2026	NASID Mental Health and Impaired Driving Working Group Meeting	
February 13, 2026	Pennsylvania DUI Association – Annual Meeting Planning	
February 24, 2026	North Carolina Oral Fluid Summit – Presentation on the Science of Oral Fluid Testing	~30
February 26, 2026	Maine Impaired Driving Task Force Meeting presented Northeast RTL Updates	15
February 10, 2026	New England RTL Testimony Training Planning Meeting with Attorneys (MA TSRP, MA ADA, MA Defense Attorney)	
February 13, 2026	Meeting with Pennsylvania Specialty/Drug Court on Cannabis Testing Interpretation	
February 13, 2026	Meeting with Minnesota Specialty/Drug Court on Urine Drug Testing and Masking	
February 27, 2026	Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission (FEPAC) Monthly Meeting	—
February 6, 2026	Massachusetts Forensic Science Oversight Board Meeting	

February 8, 2026	Academy Standards Board Toxicology Consensus Body Meeting	
February 3, 2026	National Safety Council Alcohol, Drugs, and Impairment Division Executive Board Meeting	—
Various	Garriott's Medicolegal Aspects of Alcohol, 7th Edition - Chapter Development	—
February 3, 2026	SOFT 2026 Chicago Planning Committee Monthly Call	
February 10, 2026	SOFT 2027 Planning Meeting	
February 13, 2026	SOFT Toxicology Resource Committee Meeting	
Various	SOFT Toxicology Resource Committee Salary Survey - Board Report Development	

<u>WEST</u> Date	Activity Description	Attendee Count
January 21, 2026	Provided testimony training online to members of the Maryland State Police Forensic Toxicology Laboratory. Presenters included RTLs, JOLs, DRE, Prosecutors, and a National Judicial Fellow	16
1/29/26	NHTSA Region 6 Meeting – Online- Presented Updates f	19
1/15/26	Hawaii on their Laboratory projects (size, building, facilities)	
1/13/26	ASB Consensus Body Meeting (online) – Observer	
1/6/26	Meeting with M Mohr and J Jones regarding IACP-IDTS Conference Proposal (Online)	N/A
1/7/26	Toxicology Data Discussion Meeting (Online)	N/A
1/13/26	Meeting with ADS/Versaterm – Data Discussion (Online)	N/A
1/15/26	Joint OF Webinar Planning Meeting (Online)	N/A
1/15/26	ATSIP- Toxicology Working Group Meeting – Upcoming Projects (online)	N/A
1/26/26	Wellness Workshop Planning Meeting	N/A
1/15/26	ATSIP- Toxicology Working Group Meeting – Upcoming Projects (online)	N/A
1/20/26	NHTSA DRE Database Best Practice: Tech Transfer Meeting (online)	N/A
2/3/2.26	NHTSA R9 Meeting (virtual) – updates/partners meeting	N/A
Various	ABA Non-Attorney JOL Conference Prep	N/A
2/8/2026	NSC ADID Meeting (virtual)	N/A
2/23/2026	SOFT/TIAFT Workshop Proposal Meeting	N/A
Weekly	RTL Meetings	N/A
Bi-weekly	ATSIP Data Discussion Meetings	N/A
March 4-5, 2026	Provided testimony training in person, Austin, to members of the Texas DPS Toxicology Laboratory.	
March 11, 2026	Provided testimony training online to members of the Texas DPS Toxicology Laboratory	

March 16, 2026	Provided testimony training in person, Houston, to members of the Texas DPS Toxicology Laboratory
March 2026	Preparation for ABA JOL Conference in April

<u>NORTHWEST</u>		
Date	Activity Description	Attendee Count
January 21-22, 2026	Observed and offered feedback to testimony training in person to members of the Maryland State Police Forensic Toxicology Laboratory. Presenters included RTLs, JOLs, DRE, Prosecutors, and a National Judicial Fellow	16
January 14, 2026	Met virtually with Utah Traffic Records Coordinating Committee	N/A
January 26, 2026	Virtual meeting with Washington TSRPs to discuss upcoming hearing involving laboratory practices associated with THC testing	2
January 7, 2026	Met virtually with RTLs and members from Alliance Data Solutions to discuss toxicology data collection and integration into a centralized database	N/A
January 13, 2026	Met virtually with RTLs & Alliance Data Solutions and Versaterm, a leading forensic toxicology LIMS provider, to better understand data field naming and access	N/A
January 15, 2026	Met virtually with RTLs, Responsibility.org and potential speakers for a joint webinar on Oral Fluid and discussed logistics of the event.	N/A
February 19-26, 2026	Conversations with stakeholder in the North Las Vegas PD area regarding grant funding opportunities for equipment purchase with the goal of opening a new lab site. I provided several options and will continue to monitor and update as appropriate.	2
February 19, 2026	Discussed with NV TSRP regarding independent experts for testimony in a DUI death case they were working on. Provided possible options and offered some training to lab staff if needed regarding ANSI/ASB guidance documents	2
February 10, 2026	Met with LVPD lead to discuss an RTL testimony training seminar at his facility to serve the Las Vegas/Henderson area of NV. Scheduling is ongoing.	2
February 6, 2026	Discussed with Oregon Forensic Toxicology methods related to 1,1-DFE analysis and potential interferences. I shared contact with other laboratories within the U.S. and the RTLs escalate a request for information in our scheduled email bulletins to all regions	
February 17, 2026	Met virtually with Wyoming's HSO grant manager and NHTSA regional representatives to discuss ongoing needs and my role as a new RTL for WY.	N/A

	I am being included in Impaired Driving Prevention Task Force (Nevada). February meeting was canceled, but I am on the list.	
February 17, 2026	kara.mueller@dot.gov ross.washburn@dot.gov gina.espinosa-salcedo@dot.gov john.westerhold@dot.gov	
February, 2026	Discussed with WVAI'S RRP and Responsibility,ogg representatives regarding legislation allowing for additional accredited laboratories to test DUU case work to alleviate significant backlogs at the WSP lab. Responsibility,ogg has been able to offer several letters of support for this effort and WVA is now likely to be able to access 11th time federal money to offset the cost of this testing.	2
February 19, 2026	Discussed with NHTSA regarding independent experts for testimony and DHS as they were working on RING rule and possible options and offered some training of lab staff if needed regarding ANSI/ASB guidance documents	
February 4,18 2026	Met virtually with RTLs and members from Alliance Data Solutions to discuss toxicology data collection and integration into a centralized database	
February 24, 2026	Met virtually with RTL lead and NHTSA representatives as a meet and greet and to discuss upcoming meetings and directions forward for my role as NW RTL	
February 23, 2026	Provided critical review of a manuscript submission to the Journal of Analytical Toxicology	
March 3, 2026	Met with RTL-Midsouth and the WSP state toxicologist to discuss upcoming Frye hearing related to THC testing/reporting as it relates to Delta8 THC.	2
March4-5,2026	In person RTL training in Austin, TX for DPS	TBD
March 9, 2026	Began response for some preliminary requests to participate in Montana's DUI related committees and lab for additional training, QnA, etc.	2
March 11, 2026	Continued discussion with North Las Vegas PD regarding build-out of a new lab space. This month included discussion of equipment needs, building infrastructure needs and supply needs to initiate a phased roll out of the toxicology lab	2
March 11, 2026	In person RTL training in Garland/Dallas, TX for DPS	TBD

March 12, 2026	Began a discussion with Montana Toxicology lab and provided feedback on a proposal they are preparing to expand/altar the team's leadership structure (adding toxicologists, creating a technical lead position)	2
March 16, 2026	In person RTL training in Houston, TX for DPS	18 (TBD)
March 25, 2026	Began a discussion with the Henderson Lab in Nevada regarding state case law and how retrograde extrapolation is handled in the state. Further discussion is expected in April which will include other stakeholders, TSRP, Metro Las Vegas, etc. This will hopefully lead to an opportunity to discuss/train on updated ANSI/ASB guidance on alcohol calculations.	2-3
March 18, 2026	Met with Kara Meuller and Brenda Hahn in SLC while they were in town auditing the Utah HSO. This allowed for face-to-face interaction and potential help with meeting region 10 NHTSA stakeholders.	3
March 31, 2026	Distributed a follow up email to the SHSOs, TSRPs and JOLs reminding them of the new RTL region	29 recipients
March 10, 2026	Received briefing documents from defense team regarding an upcoming Frye hearing related to WSP lab's testing of THC (specifically related to delta8THC. Reviewed in preparation for future meeting(s)	NA
March 31, 2026	Distributed a follow up email to the SHSOs, TSRPs and JOLs reminding them of the new RTL region. Working to det up a meeting with region 10 JOL.	29 recipients
March 27, 2026	Provided critical review of NSC/ADID position statement: Laboratory Drug Testing & the Workplace v2	N/A
March 2, 2026	Provided editorial review for recently released NTLC "alcohol for prosecutors" monograph	N/A

March 4,18 2026	Met virtually with RTLs and members from Alliance Data Solutions to discuss toxicology data collection and integration into a centralized database	N/A
March 17, 2026	Helped other RTLs moderate QnA for Responsibility.org sponsored webinar on evidentiary oral fluid testing	~300
March 18, 2026	Participated in NASID/R.org Member meeting	TBD
March 23, 2026	RTLs met with Jim Eberspacher regarding upcoming AllRise meeting and RTL participation in workshop/presentations scheduled	N/A
March 27, 2026	RTLs met with MRG group to discuss options related to a multi module "lab to leadership" training program	N/A