

Regional Toxicology Liaison (RTL) Summary Report: October 2025 – December 2025

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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 October 2025 through December 2025. The RTL program is designed to strengthen state toxicology programs by enhancing support, communication, and resources. RTLs work collaboratively with forensic laboratories, traffic safety partners, judicial systems, and national organizations to improve toxicology testing, data reporting, and training across multiple regions in the United States.

The program has hired another RTL! Dr. Matt Slawson will cover NHTSA's Region 10 and a portion of Region 8. Dr. Slawson brings a long history in forensic toxicology that includes method development and validation, analytical expertise, teaching experience and leadership. We look forward to integrating him into the RTL program!

The last three months of 2025 focused much on the annual SOFT conference in Portland, OR. The RTLs organized two workshops, presented in another, and co-hosted the conference. Overall attendance of the conference was the following:

Country	Number of Attendees
United States	791
Canada	18
United Kingdom	4
Saudi Arabia	4
Poland	2
Sweden	2
Germany	2
Chile	2
Ethiopia	1
Belgium	1
Australia	1
United Arab Emirates	1
Austria	1
Jordan	1
Japan	1
Costa Rica	1
Ireland	1
Türkiye	1
Finland	1
Qatar	1
Mexico	1
Philippines	1
Total	839

Another highlight from October to December was Dr. Jones' offering information at a legislative forum in New York City. The current language in the state's statute limits the ability to test for and charge drug-impaired driving cases. Dr. Jones provided information on drugs, human performance, and their effects on driving.

The RTLs spent four days in Sacramento (two in-person, two virtual) to hold a 4-day alcohol training for toxicologists in conjunction with the California Criminalistics Institute (CCI). The first day was a wet lab held in cooperation with the California Highway Patrol. Six volunteers were dosed with alcohol, and the students in the course spent the day interviewing them and watching SFSTs. Multiple breath samples were taken throughout the day, and blood was drawn near the end. After the wet lab day, the students used the dosing data to perform retrograde calculations using [ASB 122](#). The remainder of the time was spent covering alcohol pharmacology, legal issues, current standards and guidelines in forensic toxicology, and alcohol- and drug-related cases. The RTLs will partner with CCI in 2026 to repeat the training in a southern California location.

Mid-South Region Activities

Mr. Heartsill served as the President of the Society of Forensic Toxicologists and presided over the 2025 Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon. It has been one of the honors of his career. During this meeting, Mr. Heartsill had the opportunity to strengthen relationships with toxicologists in his RTL region and to meet new toxicologists in areas currently unsupported by the RTL Program. These discussions demonstrated just how much these regions are anticipating the expansion of the RTL Program and how much the RTL Program has meant to areas with existing support. He represented the RTL program with integrity and passion while serving as the President over the Society's Annual Meeting.

In November, Mr. Heartsill attended The International Association of Forensic Toxicologists ([TIAFT](#)) annual meeting. Because the meeting was held in New Zealand, Mr. Heartsill chose to attend using personal funds. While there, he attended scientific sessions to better understand the challenges forensic toxicology laboratories face. He provided information about the RTL program through networking, and many commented on the need for this program on a global scale.

Mr. Heartsill provided a presentation for the Missouri TSRP on the state of cannabis breath testing, which informed attendees about the status of this technology. Many were under the impression that it was a ready-to-go system and were not aware of the work that still must be done. Many prosecutors outside Missouri were invited and attended, or at least registered for, the presentation. Mr. Heartsill has been asked to repeat this presentation for two other states.

Midwest Region

In the Midwest region, Ms. Miles assisted in planning the Midwest Traffic Safety Conference held in Itasca, IL. In addition to assisting in planning, Ms. Miles presented in two different sessions. One focused on the direct examination of the forensic toxicologist, the audience was mainly prosecutors. The other session was a general overview of current trending drugs and their effects on driving performance.

Ms. Miles as a co-host for the annual SOFT conference. In addition to planning and hosting the conference, Ms. Miles presented in a half-day workshop, which was based on the RTL testimony training. During the SOFT Business Meeting, Ms. Miles provided the SOFT membership with an update on the RTL program.

In addition to her work as an RTL, Ms. Miles is the RTL Program Manager. As such, Ms. Miles coordinates with states that are not currently represented by the program and offers assistance as time and resources allow.

Northeast Region

During the SOFT meeting, Dr. Jones co-chaired and presented in two half-day workshops with Kristen Burke (RTL – Western Region). One workshop, titled “From Crisis to Calm: Mental Health in Forensic Science Workplaces”. Presentation “The Forensic Toxicologist's Experience - From

Bench Work to Testimony” covered ways in which toxicologists can cope with and handle the stresses of the occupation. The second workshop, “Beyond the Pill Bottle: Prescription Drugs' Hidden Impacts on Driving, Work, and Life” examined the prevalence of prescription medications and their relationship to impaired driving and the overall DUID cycle. Dr. Jones also presented to the Young Forensic Toxicologists on “Green Toxicology”. The talk highlighted the growing role of green toxicology in forensic toxicology and how innovation can drive sustainability without compromising scientific integrity. By leveraging automation, advanced instrumentation, and smarter workflows, the next generation of toxicologists can help design cleaner, more efficient laboratories for the future.

Dr. Jones is a member of the Massachusetts Forensic Science Oversight Board (FSOB) which met virtually each month. The mission of the FSOB is to provide enhanced, objective, and independent auditing and oversight of forensic evidence used in criminal matters. The board has oversight authority over all commonwealth facilities engaged in forensic services in criminal investigations. This includes ensuring the integrity of forensic analysis performed in state and municipal laboratories.

Western Region

Hawaii continues discussions with RTL Kristen Burke about establishing a laboratory in their state. This has been a long process, but Ms. Burke has spent several years working with Hawaii on this project and will continue to provide her expertise and guidance. This would be an important step toward Hawaii having a comprehensive forensic toxicology laboratory.

Ms. Burke has been working with the ATSIP Toxicology Data Group to connect them with a national, leading LIMS provider. She has facilitated discussions between the LIMS provider and the data group to plan a pilot project. During this early phase, Ms. Burke has had conversations with the LIMS provider and is facilitating upcoming meetings. She is working to find a laboratory that uses this LIMS that would be willing to participate in the pilot. This is a key first step in leveraging the pilot into a full project.

The California Association of Toxicologists (CAT) is an important group for forensic toxicologists in California and other surrounding states. Ms. Burke is an active member and is asked to present routinely at their conferences. In December, she presented to the CAT attendees on [ASB 037, Guidelines for Opinions and Testimony in Forensic Toxicology](#). Ms. Burke included case studies to examine expert reports. The presentation was well received.

During the annual SOFT conference, Ms. Burke was instrumental in organizing and presenting a half-day workshop on mental health in forensic science workplaces. She coordinated speakers not only from the forensic toxicology field but also an expert in dealing with mental health and workplace stress. The response to the workshop was overwhelming, and Ms. Burke will continue to provide this type of presentation at other trainings and conferences.

RTL ACTIVITY DETAIL

October to December 2025 Activities:

Mid-South

Recurring:

RTL weekly meetings – Wednesday each week.

ATSIP Toxicology Data Workgroup Meetings – every other Wednesday.

R7 Monthly State conference call – Third Tuesday each month

R6 Monthly State conference call – Second Wednesday each month

National Safety Council – Alcohol Drug and Impairment Division – Executive Board – Vice Chair, member of Administrative Committee.

Society of Forensic Toxicologists – monthly meeting with the Executive Director

Society of Forensic Toxicologists – monthly Board of Directors Meetings

Additional SOFT Activities include – Current President, Member of the Finance Committee, Member of the Toxicology Resource Committee, Co-Editor of ToxTalk, Portland Planning Committee

OSAC Toxicology Subcommittee Monthly meetings

Additional OSAC work includes participation on the Volatiles Standard and Quality Control subcommittee.

Academy Standards Board – routine meetings to update and publish version 2 of the ASB 054 Quality Control Document.

Midwest Toxicology Collaborative – Round Table – monthly meetings

Missouri Impaired Driving Subcommittee monthly meeting – Second Friday of the month

Oklahoma Impaired Driving Task Force – Quarterly Meetings

Iowa Impaired Driving Task Force – Quarterly Meetings (in person and virtual).

Working with the NDAA on revising and rewriting the Alcohol Toxicology for Prosecutors monograph

The Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations – Twice a month – Meet to get updates on current needs in forensic science and forensic toxicology.

Past Single event:

Toronto DRE Group – Psychedelics presentation (virtual) – September 4, 2025 – presented on the prevalence and effects of psychedelic substances in Canadian and US drivers.

Approximately 65 attendees online and 85 registered for the presentation.

Texas DPS/Dunlap Research Meeting – September 4, 2025 – met with representatives of Dunlap Research and the Texas Department of Public Safety to discuss cannabis only cases in driving and access to them for inclusion in a research study to evaluate impairment markers.

NIST Workshop preparation call – September 4, 2025 – discussed the upcoming workshop on breath cannabis technology and my participation on an expert panel.

Bias in Forensic Toxicology – RTL Quarterly Webinar – September 9, 2025 – introduced the speaker for the RTL Quarterly Webinar and moderated questions with the two participants.
(did not catch the number of participants)

Going Paperless – SOFT Continuing Education Webinar – September 10, 2025 – attended the webinar to learn more about laboratories' efforts in moving toward a paperless environment.

Washington State Frye Litigation Meeting – September 12 and 22, 2025 – Met with prosecutors from Washington State to discuss testimony supporting the Washington State Patrol forensic toxicology laboratory.

Presentation to the Missouri State Prosecutors – It's Not About the Number – September 15, 2025 – presented virtually to **approximately 50 attendees** on the issues surrounding interpretation of drug results.

Nebraska State Patrol Meeting – September 15, 2025 – met with the forensic toxicology laboratory and members from the state highway safety office regarding moving blood alcohol testing out of the Public Health Department and into the forensic laboratory. Also discussed potential alcohol training for analysts by the RTL Program.

Arkansas Oral Fluid Summit prep meeting (virtual) – September 18, 2025 – Met with summit organizers on presenting OF technology and use from a forensic toxicologist's perspective. The summit will be held in October.

DrugImpairment.com Drug Interpretation Course meeting (virtual) – September 22, 2025 – RTLs met with a representative from DrugImpairment.com regarding collaboration on a drug interpretation course to be provided for our supported states.

NIST Building a Path Forward – September 24-25, 2025 – met in Boulder Colorado to discuss the current status and future of breath cannabis testing. Served on an expert panel with Tara Kelly Baker from NHTSA and discussed technical needs and challenges for emerging technologies (**approximately 35 attendees**).

Journal of Analytical Toxicology Quarterly Editorial Meeting (virtual) – October 1, 2025 – met to discuss the status of the journal and publication of the special edition.

ATSIP Knowledge Partner Quarterly Meeting (virtual) – October 1, 2025 – met to discuss traffic records and specifically, toxicology traffic records.

Washington State Frye Litigation Meeting (virtual) – October 2, 2025 – met to discuss upcoming testimony to support laboratory practices, specifically their analysis of THC.

RTL Meeting to discuss upcoming project with AllRise (virtual) – October 6, 2025

SOFT meeting to provide input on the White House Crime Bill (virtual) – October 6, 2025 – met to draft and provide input to the CFSO regarding language for the White House Crime Bill.

R6 Meeting (virtual) – October 8, 2025 – met with NHTSA R6 regional office staff for an introduction and discussion of how I can serve them.

Arkansas Oral Fluid Summit – Little Rock, AR – October 16, 2025 – presented to **37 attendees** on the benefits and challenges of OF testing both roadside and in the laboratory as well as discuss the technology behind testing.

National Safety Council Division Leaders Meeting (virtual) – October 21, 2025 – met with representatives of the National Safety Council and other Division leaders.

Alcohol, Drugs and Impairment Division Meeting – Portland, Oregon – October 23 - Met to discuss the business of the National Safety Council ADID, edit documents, and vote on document approval.

Society of Forensic Toxicologists Annual Conference – Portland, Oregon – October 24-31, 2025 – The annual meeting of the Society. The RTLs met as well as network with supported states and other partners.

Society of Forensic Toxicologists Testimony Workshop – Portland, Oregon – October 28, 2025 – Presented to approximately 75 **attendees** in the workshop on alcohol testimony tips and pitfalls.

Texas Impaired Driving Task Force Toxicology Assessment Meeting (virtual) – November 4, 2025 – will meet to discuss the logistics for setting up Toxicology Assessments in Texas

Texas Impaired Driving Task Force Meeting – Austin, Texas – November 6, 2025 – will meet to discuss activities of TxIDTF and present on stop-testing practices.

Colorado Impaired Driving Roundup (virtual) – November 6, 2025 – will present to Colorado prosecutors through the CO TSRP providing an overview of the RTL Program.

International Association of Chemical Testing Webinar (virtual) – November 7, 2025 – will provide an overview of the Breath Testing for Prosecutors Monograph.

Society of Forensic Toxicologists Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs Meeting (virtual) – November 13,19, 2025 - will meet to discuss activities of committees, welcome new members, and discuss plans for 2026.

Oklahoma Judges Impaired Driving Presentation – Oklahoma City, OK – November 17, 2025 – will present to Oklahoma judges and discuss Toxicology challenges, interpretation, and provide support to the judges.

The International Association of Forensic Toxicologists – November 20 to December 4, 2025 – Auckland, New Zealand – will attend the professional meeting making contacts with toxicologists from around the world.

Hosted the Committee Activity update for all SOFT Committees – December 10, 2025 (virtual)

Breath Testing for Cannabis: Missouri TSRP Webinar Series – December 12, 2025 – provided a summary of the current technology of breath testing for cannabis to **107 attendees (227 registered)**.

California Criminalistics Institute Analyst Alcohol Training – Sacramento, California, December 15-19, 2025 – Provided training to **25 analysts** from around California on topics ranging from ethanol pharmacology to ethanol calculations. The training included a wet lab where students observed signs and symptoms of intoxication in 6 volunteers.

Midwest

Recurring:

RTL Weekly Meetings – Wednesday each week

RTL NHTSA HQ Meeting – Fourth Thursday each month

Responsibility.org – Meet each Tuesday

Minnesota DWI Task Force – Third Friday each month

MADD Advisory Board Meeting – Third Wednesday each month

National Safety Council – Alcohol and Drug Impairment Division – Drug Section (NSC-ADID) – Last Friday of each month

Midwest Toxicology Collaborative Steering Committee – Last Friday of each month

Method Development and Validation Project – Every other Monday

Association of Traffic Information Professionals (ATSIP) Impaired Driving Data Task Force – Third Tuesday every month

ATSIP Knowledge Partners – Quarterly, third Wednesday of the month

Wisconsin Laboratory Check-In Meeting – Third Monday of each month

Addiction Grand Rounds* – UW Madison – First Wednesday of each month

Wisconsin State Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs (SCAODA)* – Quarterly, dates TBD

RecoveryOhio Drug Trends Monthly Meeting – Third Tuesday of each month

Past Single Event:

Lifesavers ID Track Proposal Review – October 2
ASB122 Research Project meeting with California HP – October 2
AllRise Research Project Meeting – October 6
White House Crime Bill Meeting – October 6
Ohio Impaired Driving Conference – October 9 (Presentation on the impact of per se laws, 100 attendees)
Midwest Traffic Safety Conference Planning Meeting – October 15
DrugImpairment.com Drug Interpretation Course Meeting – October 20
RTL Candidate Interviews - October 21
NHTSA Criminal Justice System Peer Exchange - October 28 (Provided RTL update)
SOFT Annual Conference, co-host – October 27 – 31 (Presentation in half-day workshop on testimony training, provided RTL update for SOFT Board and members at Business Meeting, over 800 attendees)
RTL Candidate Interviews
Midwest Traffic Safety Conference – November 4-6, two 1.25 hour long presentations
Rethinking Impaired Driving: A Multidisciplinary Panel Discussion (webinar) – December 9
Illinois Forensic Science Commission Meeting – December 10
RTL Update for SOFT Membership – December 10
NTLc Cannabis Impairment Detection Handbook – Working Group – December 12
NTLc Cannabis Impaired Driving Advisory Group – December 12
RTL Testimony Training and Wet Lab with CHP/CCI – December 16-19
NDAA Fall Conference Planning Meeting – December 23

Northeast

White House Crime Bill Meeting. October 6, 2025
Society of Forensic Toxicologists (SOFT) Annual Meeting October 24-30th, 2025 Portland, OR

SOFT Young Forensic Toxicologists presentation “Green Toxicology”. October 26, 2025, Portland, OR. **Attendees: ~100**

SOFT Workshop (WS01) Co-Chair and Presenter “From Crisis to Calm: Mental Health in Forensic Science Workplaces”. Presentation “The Forensic Toxicologist's Experience - From Bench Work to Testimony”. October 27, 2025. Portland, OR, **Attendees: ~65**

SOFT Workshop (WS08) Co-Chair and Presenter “Beyond the Pill Bottle: Prescription Drugs' Hidden Impacts on Driving, Work, and Life” October 27, 2025. Portland, OR **Attendees: ~128**

SOFT/AAFS Drugs and Driving Meeting RTL Update. October 27, 2025. Portland, OR **Attendees: ~30**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts (R1) Forensic Science Oversight Board (FSOB), Virtual – October 27, 2025, 7:00 to 8:00 AM PST.

SOFT/TIAFT 2026 Planning Committee Meeting. October 29, 2025. Portland, OR.

SOFT/Forensic Toxicology Salary Information for United States Toxicologists. The SOFT Toxicology Resource Committee, which the RTLs are members of, are working with the University of Wisconsin to collect information on current job duties and salary. Various dates in October.

Interview with RTL candidate. October 21, 2025

Maryland RTL Testimony Training Prep Meeting. October 21, 2025

Association of Transportation Safety Information Professionals Traffic Records Forum, Toxicology Working Group Meeting. October 1, 2025

Association of Transportation Safety Information Professionals Traffic Records Forum, Knowledge Partner Quarterly Meeting. October 1, 2025

National Alliance to Stop Impaired Driving, Mental Health and Impaired Driving Working Group. Review of Policy Position on effective mental health screening and assessment for alcohol, drugs, and mental health issues. October 9, 2025, October 10, 2025

Vermont (R1) Highway Safety Alliance Meeting, Presentation on Regional Toxicology Liaison Program October 16, 2025. Attendees: 20

The Tall Cop Emerging Drug Trends conference (R6) content development for two presentation "Toxic Cocktails: Fentanyl Analogues, Nitazene Contamination & Hidden Adulterants" and "Pharmacology and Toxicology of Impaired Driving: From Theory to Practice". Various dates in October.

Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan (R5) content development for prosecutors training. Various dates in October.

NHTSA Criminal Justice System Peer Exchange Virtual Meeting. October 28, 2025

Society of Forensic Toxicologist Committee Chair/Vice Chair Meeting. November 13, 2025

CCI's T108 Forensic Alcohol Interpretation Final Details Meeting. November 14, 2025

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts (R1) Forensic Science Oversight Board (FSOB), Virtual – November 20, 2025, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM ET

Kansas (R7) Department of Forensic Science Training Program Guidance with Paige Fisk. November 21, 2025

Facilitated the Pennsylvania (R2) Cannabinoid Reporting Discussion with PA labs (toxicology and seized drugs), TSRP, LEL, and DRE. Virtual. November 21, 2025, Attendees: 15

SOFT/Forensic Toxicology Salary Information for United States Toxicologists. The SOFT Toxicology Resource Committee, which the RTLs are members of, are working with the University of Wisconsin to collect information on current job duties and salary. Tox Talk Submission. Various dates in November.

Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan TSTP-Toxicology Training for Prosecutors 2025. Presentations “Opinions and Testimony and Standards Update” and “Toxicology in Impaired Driving”. November 4, 2025. Attendees: 10 Michigan prosecutors

The Tall Cop Emerging Drug Trends conference (R6) two presentation “Toxic Cocktails: Fentanyl Analogues, Nitazene Contamination & Hidden Adulterants” and “Pharmacology and Toxicology of Impaired Driving: From Theory to Practice”. November 7, 2025, Dallas, TX. Attendees: ~100 per session

National Alliance to Stop Impaired Driving Mental Health and Impaired Driving Working Group Meeting. November 13, 2025

Advanced DRE Course. Presentations “Standards in Forensic Toxicology: Application to Impaired Drivers”, “ANSI/ASB 037: What Toxicologists Can and Cannot Say”, “Stop Testing Practices: What We Are Missing”, and “Effective Training of Adult Learners”. November 17, 2025, Phoenix, Arizona. Attendees: 25

New England Association of Recovery Courts. Presentation “The Golden Standard-Toxicology Testing”. November 19, 2025. Danvers, MA. Attendees: 50

Presentation to Maine (R1) Impaired Driving Task Force. November 20, 2025, Attendees: 20

SOFT/Forensic Toxicology Salary Information for United States Toxicologists. The SOFT Toxicology Resource Committee, which the RTLs are members of, are working with the University of Wisconsin to collect information on current job duties and salary. Tox Talk Submission. Draft report for SOFT Board completed and sent for review by new Chair of TRC. Various dates in December.

RTL Alcohol Testimony Training. Presentation “OSAC/ASB Standards Update and 037 Presentation”. Virtual. December 17, 2025. Attendees: ~25

Northwest Arkansas Oral Fluid Summit Presentation on Oral Fluid. Virtual. December 2, 2025 Attendees: 50

New York Drugged Driving Bill Toxicology Testimony/Statement Discussion with NY TSRPs, NASID/Responsibility.Org, AGs, and Toxicology Lab. December 4, 2025

New York Drugged Driving Bill Testimony. New York City, New York. December 10, 2025 Attendees: ~50

Vermont Highway Safety Alliance. Virtual. December 8, 2025

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Region 1 Meeting. Presentation “Regional Toxicology Liaison Project: Supporting Traffic Safety Partners”. Virtual. December 11, 2025 Attendees: 15

New Hampshire Governors Highway Traffic Safety Conference. Concord, NH. December 16, 2025 Attendees: 150

U.S. Standards Development in Forensic Toxicology and Forensic Education

Academy Standards Board – Toxicology Consensus Body Working Group Standard 037-Standard for Opinions and Testimony in Forensic Toxicology. ASB Standard 037 is in its 5-year mandatory review and revision process. The working group has drafted the revision, provided it to the ASB Toxicology Consensus Body and the OSAC Toxicology Subcommittee to receive feedback on the revision. The document has been released for public comment, over 400 public comments were received during Round 1, and the working group is currently tasked with resolving comments. - Monthly

Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission (FEPAC)-I served as the on-site practitioner assessor for the reaccreditation visit for John Jay College of Criminal Justice's Masters in Forensic Science graduate program. October 13-15, 2025, New York City, NY (R1)

National Safety Council's Alcohol, Drugs, and Impairment Division (NSC-ADID)

National Safety Council – Alcohol Drug and Impairment Division – Position Statement on The Harmful Effects of Cannabis on Youth and Young Adults – Working Group. The growing legalization and normalization of cannabis use pose significant risks, particularly to youth and young adults whose brains are still in crucial stages of development. A growing body of research underscores the detrimental impact of cannabis on cognitive functions, brain structure, and mental health, necessitating a zero-tolerance approach for youth and young adults. Position Statement Draft-Comment Adjudication. October 21, 2025

National Safety Council – Alcohol Drug and Impairment Division – Cannabis Section – The section meets monthly to provide updates on the section, working group, Division, and NSC activities. In addition to developing nationally and internationally recognized policy and position statements on cannabis, impairment, and safety, we provide needed support and advisory to the National Safety Council so that it meets its mission to eliminate the leading causes of preventable death and injury. Our efforts and thought leadership center on impacting safety through two strategic pillars – workplace and roadway. Meeting Date: October 16, 2025

National Safety Council – Alcohol Drug and Impairment Division – Fall Meeting Date: October 26, 2025, Portland, OR

Working with NSC ADID Past Chair, Michael Corbett on chapter on the impact NSC-ADID has had for Garriott's Medicolegal Aspects of Alcohol, 7th Edition Various Dates in October.

Western

Recurring:

- RTL weekly meetings – Wednesday each week
- Region 6 Monthly State conference calls
- Monthly ATSIP Toxicology Data Working Group Meetings
- Bi-weekly ATSP Toxicology Data Subgroup

October 2025:

- Meeting with Dr. Carr regarding Rx drugs and impact on impaired driving for the elderly – 10/2/25
- Laboratory Meetings – 10/3/25
- Meeting with Allrise and Heather Barkholtz – RTLs – 10/6/25
- Meeting with D. Epstein regarding Versaterm LIMS and toxicology data – 10/6/25
- Meeting with Sabra regarding ASB 037 – 10/16/25
- Meeting with pharmacist(s) regarding Rx drug trends – 10/20/25
- Meeting with Impairment.com and RTLs – 10/20/25
- CIDTF - Prevention Subcommittee Meeting – 10/20/25
- Meeting with Karen Kahikina regarding Hawaii Tox Lab – 10/24/25
- SOFT Meeting – 10/25-10/31/25
- SOFT WS01: From Crisis to Calm: Mental Health in Forensic Science Workplaces (Chaired) – 10/27/25
- SOFT WS08: Beyond the Pill Bottle: Prescription Drugs' Hidden Impacts on Driving, Work, and Life (Chaired) – 10/27/25

November 2025:

- ORS Trends, Analysis & Threats Webinar – 11/5/25
- Future Workshops Planning – 11/10/25
- CCI Forensic Alcohol Interpretation Training Prep Meeting – 11/14/25
- Future Workshops Planning – 11/24/25
- Toxicology Data Discussion Meeting – 11/26/25

December 2025:

- California Association of Toxicologists Winter Meeting – 12/8-12/9/25
- Presented "ASB 037 in Practice: A Case Study Approach to Expert Report and Testimony Standards" – 12/9/25
- Meeting with Toxicology Resource Committee – Educational Survey – Karen Scott – 12/12/25
- California Criminalistics Institute – Forensic Alcohol Interpretation Course – Online – 12/16-12/19/25
- CCI Forensic Alcohol Course - Presented Online "Ratios of blood to other specimen types (serum/urine/breath) and storage of blood specimens in Forensic Testing" – 12/17/25
- CCI Forensic Alcohol Course - Presented Online "The Effects of Alcohol on Driving" – 12/18/25

RTL	Date	Location	Conference/Organization/Agency	Title of Presentation	Length of Presentation	# of Attendees	Comments
Sabra Jones	10/16/2025	Virtual	Vermont (R1) Highway Safety Alliance Meeting	Presentation on Regional Toxicology Liaison Program	30 minutes	20	
Chris Heartsill	10/16/2025	Little Rock, AR	Arkansas Oral Fluid Summit	Presentation on Oral Fluid Testing	60 minutes	37	toxicologists, HSO, and other traffic safety stakeholders
Sabra Jones	10/26/2025	Portland, OR	SOFT Conference	SOFT Young Forensic Toxicologists "Green Toxicology"	30 minutes	100	
Sabra Jones and Kristen Burke	10/26/2025	Portland, OR	SOFT Conference	Workshop Co-Chairs and Presentations "From Crisis to Calm: Mental Health in Forensic Science Workplaces". Bench Work to Testimony"	240 minutes	65	
Sabra Jones and Kristen Burke	10/26/2025	Portland, OR	SOFT Conference	Workshop Co-Chairs and Presentation Presenters "Beyond the Pill Bottle: Prescription Drugs' Hidden Impacts on Driving, Work, and Life"	240 minutes	128	
Sabra Jones and Amy Miles	10/26/2025	Portland, OR	SOFT Conference	Drugs and Driving Meeting RTL Update	60 minutes	30	
Amy Miles	10/28/2025	Portland, OR	SOFT Conference	Case Presentation: Toxicology Testimony in Action	60 minutes	120	Part of a half-day workshop at the SOFT Conference
Chris Heartsill	10/28/2025	Portland, OR	SOFT Conference	Workshop on Alcohol Testimony Tips and Pitfalls	60 minutes	75	Forensic Toxicologists
Amy Miles	10/30/2025	Portland, OR	SOFT Conference	RTL Update - SOFT Business Meeting	5 minutes	279	Update to the SOFT membership regarding the RTL program
Sabra Jones	11/4/2025	Virtual	Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan TSTP-Toxicology Training for Prosecutors 2025	"Opinions and Testimony and Standards Update" and "Toxicology in Impaired Driving"	90 minutes	10	10 MI prosecutors
Amy Miles	11/5/2025	Itasca, IL	Midwest Traffic Safety Conference	Direct Examination of the Toxicologist	75 minutes	20	Co-presentation with the NTLC

Amy Miles	11/6/2025	Itasca, IL	Midwest Traffic Safety Conference	Enhancing Forensic Toxicology With Real-Time Drug Surveillance	90 minutes	150	
Sabra Jones	11/6/2025	Dallas, TX	The Tall Cop Emerging Drug Trends conference	"Toxic Cocktails: Fentanyl Analogues, Nitazene Contamination & Hidden Adulterants"	75 minutes	100	Mix of law enforcement, drug court team members, toxicologists, and other safety professionals
Sabra Jones	11/6/2025	Dallas, TX	The Tall Cop Emerging Drug Trends conference	"Pharmacology and Toxicology of Impaired Driving: From Theory to Practice"	75 minutes	100	Mix of law enforcement, drug court team members, toxicologists, and other safety professionals
Chris Heartsill	11/6/2025	Austin, TX	Texas Impaired Driving Task Force	Presented on stop-testing practices	30 minutes	30	Traffic Safety Professionals interested in impaired driving
Chris Heartsill	11/6/2025	Virtual	Colorado Impaired Driving Roundup	Updated Colorado Prosecutors on the RTL Program	60 minutes	5	TSRP and Prosecutors
Chris Heartsill	11/7/2025	Virtual	International Association of Chemical Testing	Breath Testing for Prosecutors Monograph: an update	60 minutes	360	provided an update to the new version of the document. 550 registered for the presentation and may watch on-demand.
Amy Miles	11/9/2025	Columbus, OH	Impaired Driving Symposium	Understanding Per Se - The Reality Behind the Number	90 minutes	108	Mix of judges and law enforcement, focus on treatment courts and parole
Sabra Jones	11/17/2025	Phoenix, AZ	Advanced DRE Course	Standards in Forensic Toxicology: Application to Impaired Drivers	30 minutes	25	25 Experienced Drug Recognition Experts & Prosecutors
Sabra Jones	11/17/2025	Phoenix, AZ	Advanced DRE Course	ANSI/ASB 037: What Toxicologists Can and Cannot Say	30 minutes	25	25 Experienced Drug Recognition Experts & Prosecutors
Sabra Jones	11/17/2025	Phoenix, AZ	Advanced DRE Course	Stop Testing Practices: What We Are Missing	40 minutes	25	25 Experienced Drug Recognition Experts & Prosecutors
Sabra Jones	11/17/2025	Phoenix, AZ	Advanced DRE Course	Effective Training of Adult Learners	40 minutes	25	25 Experienced Drug Recognition Experts & Prosecutors
Sabra Jones	11/19/2025	Danvers, MA	New England Association of Recovery Courts	"The Golden Standard-Toxicology Testing"	75 minutes	50	Mix of drug court teams, probation, parole, judges
Sabra Jones	11/20/2025	Virtual	Maine (R1) Impaired Driving Task Force	RTL Program: A year in review	15 minutes	20	Mix of toxicologist, law enforcement, SHSO, LEL, TSRPs
Sabra Jones	11/21/25	Virtual	Pennsylvania (R2) Cannabinoid Reporting Discussion	Facilitated Discussion with PA labs (toxicology and seized drugs), TSRP, LEL, and DRE	60 minutes	15	Mix of toxicology and seized drugs, TSRP, LEL, and DRE

Sabra Jones	12/2/25	Virtual	Northwest Arkansas Oral Fluid Summit	Presentation on Oral Fluid and Testing	60 minutes	50	Mix of State Highway Safety Office, DREs, LE, etc.
Sabra Jones	12/8/25	New York City, New York	New York Drugged Driving Bill Testimony	New York Drugged Driving Bill Testimony	10 minutes	50	Legislators, Attorney General Offices, TSRPs, Victim Advocacy Groups, etc.
Kristen Burke	12/9/25	Arcadia, CA	CAT Meeting	"ASB 037 in Practice: A Case Study Approach To Expert Report and Testimony Standards"	60 minutes	108	Toxicologists, Prosecutors and other traffic safety stakeholders
Sabra Jones	12/11/25	Virtual	NHTSA R1 Meeting	"Regional Toxicology Liaison Project: Supporting Traffic Safety Partners"	20 minutes	15	NHTSA Region 1 Office and Traffic Safety Partners/State Highway Safety Offices from R1
Chris Heartsill	12/12/2025	Virtual	Missouri TSRP Webinar Series	Breath Testing for Cannabis	60 minutes	107	227 registered for the presentation and may watch on-demand.
Sabra Jones	12/17/25	Virtual	RTL Alcohol Testimony Training	OSAC/ASB Standards Update and 037 Presentation	60 minutes	25	Forensic Toxicologists
Kristen Burke	12/17/25	Virtual	RTL Alcohol Testimony Training	"Understanding the Matrix- Ratio: Blood to Other Specimen Types & Preservation Across Biological Specimens"	30 minutes		Forensic Toxicologists
Sabra Jones	12/18/25	Barre, VT	VT DRE Recertification Training	Presentation "Toxic Cocktails: Novel Psychoactive Opioids"	60 minutes	40	DREs
Kristen Burke	12/18/25	Virtual	RTL Alcohol Testimony Training	"Alcohol and the Effects on Driving"	75 minutes		Forensic Toxicologists
Chris Heartsill, Amy Miles (in-person), Sabra Jones, Kristen Burke (virtual)	12/16-19/2025	Sacramento, CA	RTL Alcohol Testimony Training	Wet Lab, Various presentations on alcohol and drug testimony/pharmacology, literature review	4 days	25	toxicologists from 11 different CA labs