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International Association of Arson Investigators-Certified Fire Investigator Board Receives Accreditation from Forensic Specialties Accreditation Board

COLORADO SPRINGS (March 31, 2015) – The Forensic Specialties Accreditation Board (FSAB) announces its recent accreditation of the *International Association of Arson Investigators-Certified Fire Investigator Board* and reaccreditation the following forensic-practitioner certification boards: *Crime Scene Certification Board, Footwear Certification Board, Forensic Art Certification Board, and Bloodstain Pattern Examiner Certification Board.*

“Accreditation by FSAB acknowledges that forensic-specialty certification boards meet the FSAB’s standards for practitioner certification based on an evaluation of the practitioner’s training, education, and ethics. By assessing and monitoring professional entities that certify individual forensic scientists, the FSAB strengthens the use of forensic science in our criminal and civil justice systems,” said Thomas L. Bohan, FSAB president.

The FSAB was created in the late 1990s with assistance from the American Academy of Forensic Sciences and the National Institute of Justice. Since 2001, it has been an independent corporation dedicated to the accreditation and oversight of boards engaged in the certification of forensic practitioners. The other FSAB-accredited boards, in order of the year of their initial accreditation, are: *American Board of Criminalistics; American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigation; American Board of Forensic Toxicology; Board of Forensic Document Examiners; American Board of Forensic Document Examiners; International Board of Forensic Engineering Sciences; American Board of Forensic Odontology; American Board of Forensic Anthropology; Forensic Photography Certification Board; Latent Print Certification Board; Tenprint Fingerprint Certification Board; and International Association of Forensic Computer Investigative Specialists.*

Accreditation by FSAB is subject to reexamination every five years. The number of forensic practitioners certified by boards accredited by the FSAB currently stands at approximately 9000.

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