2015 Annual Report
Twenty Years of Excellence

Since 1995, NFSTC has helped our stakeholders provide the highest quality services for their communities.
In 2015, NFSTC conducted 12 technology evaluations, including a first-ever test bed for forensic technologies under maritime conditions, and eight equipment orders totaling more than $8.1 million.
Science Serving Justice

From cameras to chemical and biological detection, our experienced team evaluated cutting-edge tools. We also partnered with the CBRNE Tech Index to provide detailed information on the forensic capabilities of trusted technologies for agencies around the world.
Science Serving Justice

Our video outreach has more than 240,000 views and highlights forensic equipment, techniques and presentations. In 2015, NFSTC’s media team released Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry and Field Presumptive Drug Tests – Colorimetric Kits Science Soundbyte videos, and monthly Forensic Updates providing viewers a roundup of science and technology news.
We proudly celebrated our 20th anniversary in 2015. The milestone was marked with a commemorative logo, year-long education campaign, and a spectacular CSI Night event, opening the doors to share our success with customers, colleagues and community members.
NFSTC received two distinguished awards in 2015. Kevin Lothridge, CEO, was honored by the American Society of Crime Lab Directors (ASCLD) with the Briggs White Award for his commitment to the forensic science community. The Tampa Bay Business Journal awarded the Outstanding Board of Directors to our nine member board.
Throughout the year, we participated in seven trade shows in the US, Belgium and Mexico to connect with our civilian and military customers. NFSTC served as the host location for USSOCOM’s Technical Experiments Expo, highlighting new technology in our warehouse space.
Science Serving Justice

In the community, NFSTC’s booth at the annual St. Petersburg Science Festival was staffed with students from the Criminal Justice Academy from Pinellas Park High School, and attended by more than 20,000 people. To kick off the festival, a SciCafe panel discussion called “How (Not) to Get Away with Murder,” featured NFSTC.
Science Serving Justice

The 2nd annual National Forensic Science Week was a big success for NFSTC, allowing us to showcase forensic science in collaboration with agencies around the country. From securing a proclamation from Florida Governor Rick Scott, to hosting the first forensic science Ask Me Anything (AMA) on Reddit, to providing resources for teachers, we continued our tradition of service.
Science Serving Justice

As an active and leading voice in the forensic science community, NFSTC positions help guide our industry. In 2015, we released a statement and white paper in response to the nationwide issue of sexual assault kit backlogs. Throughout the year, we are active in other media and trade publications to keep our stakeholders up to date.
Science Serving Justice

NFSTC hosted 15 onsite and 10 offsite training events including the 21st Civil Support Team from JB-MDL (NJ) during their training session.
We delivered our specialized training to more than 490 civilian and military personnel throughout 2015, serving USSOCOM, US Navy and US Marine Corps customers, and our seventh annual ROTC Biometric and Forensic Internship.
Science Serving Justice

Our four online training courses had 144 enrollments, serving both industry professionals and the general public. In Australia and the United Kingdom, 246 users completed the After the Fact virtual crime scene scenario online assessments. We produced the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) training video for the national corrections system.

Cyrus Purdiman
Assistant Special Agent in Charge, GA Bureau of Investigation

Investigating Sexual Assault and Sex Related Crimes in Confinement Settings: Guidance for Criminal Investigators

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Science Serving *Justice*

Thirteen agencies entrusted NFSTC to conduct a total of 15 DNA Quality Assurance Audits in their laboratories.

“The friendliness of the auditors was very appreciated and helpful during what can sometimes be a stressful process for the laboratory staff.”

—North Jefferson Parish Sheriff’s Office Regional DNA Laboratory
Finance

Operating Revenue $14,183,174

- Government & private contracts $13,791,182 (97.2%)
- Other income $391,992 (2.8%)

Operating Expenses $14,546,355

- Contract services $13,066,499 (89.8%)
- Supporting services $1,479,856 (10.2%)
Looking Ahead

NFSTC is always looking ahead to the next milestone and beyond to serve our community.

Our facility in Largo continues to be a place for defense industry and forensic companies to work together, with a dozen up-and-coming companies. This unique facility with warehouse, training and laboratory space has become a unique business cluster in the Tampa Bay area.