

Survey Respondents

30 total responses

- 16 responses from local/county Law Enforcement Agencies
- 3 responses from state Law Enforcement Agencies (MSP)
- 7 Medical Examiners, Psychiatric and support
- 4 Private Laboratories
- First, thank you to those that took the time to fill out the survey and assisted in its distribution
- One way to discuss the survey is to group "like" providers.
 - I will pause at the end of each group for clarifying questions
- Should not be considered a final analysis
 - Learned that several of the questions did not resonate with the respondents (e.g. certification, accreditation, services provided, training not be relevant training etc.)

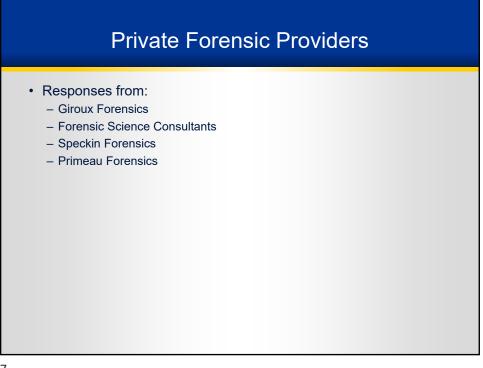


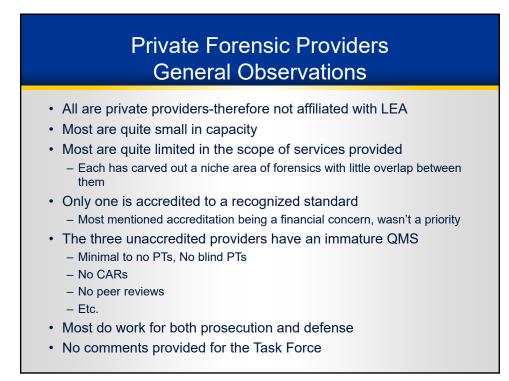
The "Medical" Group-General Observations

- None associated with Law Enforcement
- Some associated with Universities
- Generally offer Disaster Victim Identification, medicolegal death investigation, forensic pathology, forensic psychology
- Consistent certifications
- Vary considerably in size (FTEs)
- Most accredited to NAME (not ILAC recognized), some accredited to CAP
- · Generally no proficiency testing or blind proficiency testing program
- "immature" quality management system
 - Some corrective action policies
 - Some complaint processes
 - Some non-conformance monitoring
 - Some peer review, but not extensive
 - Almost exclusively have background case information











Responses from:

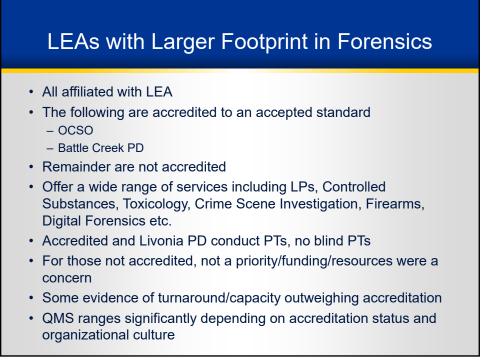
- Mackinac County Sheriff's Office
- Iosco County Sheriff's Office
- Clare County Sheriff's Office
- Sanilac Count Sheriff's Office
- MSU PD
- Charlotte PD
- Leelanau County Sheriff's Office





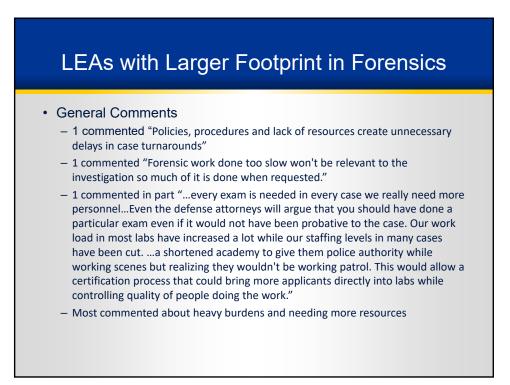
- Survey responses from:
 - Arenac County Sheriff's Office
 - Montcalm County Sheriff's Office
 - Livonia PD
 - Kent County Sheriff's Office
 - Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office
 - Wyoming PD
 - DPD Lab Services
 - Battle Creek PD
 - Oakland County Sheriff's Office







- · No certifications or licensure
- Mostly work for prosecution



LEAs with Larger Footprint in Forensics

- 1 commented "Crime labs in Michigan at the local level are very under funded and in many cases hampered by union contracts designed for police officers. The contracts often mandate promotion of officers to lab analyst or technician ranks with no allowance of scientific talent or education."
- 1 commented the task force should have contained more local agencies "Involved as many local lab managers as possible because I suspect a much larger volume of forensic work is done at that level that level than is immediately obvious."
- 1 commented "Contact with other labs in Michigan to ascertain best practices and possible new processing techniques/processes"



General comments

- Survey response had little coverage
 - A number of providers that did not respond, some with significant impacts
 - Some disciplines had no coverage (e.g. arson)
- Some comments were insightful/thoughtful
- Clear difference between those that are accredited, those that are working toward accreditation and those that are not focused on quality as an immediate concern
- Some commented a survey was not a good method, and offered visits as a better learning tool for the Task Force
- Even requiring accreditation is going to have some significant impacts on services provided (Can the community survive Task Force recommendations?)

