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Midwest Regional Forensic Laboratory Receives Maximus Award

The American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors (ASCLD) recognized the Midwest Regional Forensic Laboratory (housed at the Anoka County Sheriff's Office) as a Project FORESIGHT Maximus Award winner. The Maximus Award is given to the top 14 performing forensic science laboratories in the world. The top performers are identified by the weighted average cost per case completed.

Project FORESIGHT is a business guided self-evaluation tool of forensic science laboratories from all over the world. There are over 170 participating laboratories consisting of metro, regional, state, and national agencies. Forensic laboratories submit a large set of data based on standardized definitions for functional areas of the laboratory resulting in annual metrics to evaluate work processes, linking data on casework, personnel allocation, and financial information to work tasks and functions. This allows laboratory managers to more accurately access resource allocations, efficiencies, and the value of the services the laboratory provides.

Project FORESIGHT's mission is to measure, preserve what works, and change what does not. Anoka County Sheriff James Stuart said, "We are fortunate to have a premiere laboratory team serving the citizens of Anoka, Sherburne and Wright Counties. Their ongoing commitment to finding the truth and seeking justice continues to serve all of our communities very well. Those of us who see their daily effort to serve are not surprised that they received this prestigious, international honor. We are very proud of their accomplishment!"

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