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Midwest Regional Forensic Laboratory Receives Second Consecutive Maximus Award

The American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors (ASCLD) recognized the Midwest Regional Forensic Laboratory (housed at the Anoka County Sheriff's Office) for the second consecutive year as a [Project FORESIGHT](#) Maximus Award winner. The Maximus Award is given to the top 15 performing forensic science laboratories in the world. The 2021 top performers are laboratories operating at 90% or better of peak efficiency. This year, the Midwest Regional Forensic Laboratory was the only laboratory in the state of Minnesota to receive this award.

The response from Anoka County Sheriff James Stuart included, "This is another huge honor for our professional team of the Midwest Regional Forensic Laboratory. I am very proud, but not surprised, that they continue to be recognized, even internationally, for their outstanding service and commitment to truth and justice. As they continue to set themselves apart, their commitment to excellence benefits all citizens of Anoka, Sherburne, and Wright Counties."

Project FORESIGHT's mission is to measure, preserve what works, and change what does not. Participation is voluntary with participants located throughout the world. Faculty from West Virginia University John Chambers College of Business and Economics analyze data from forensic crime laboratories to identify trends and evaluate laboratories individual performances.

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