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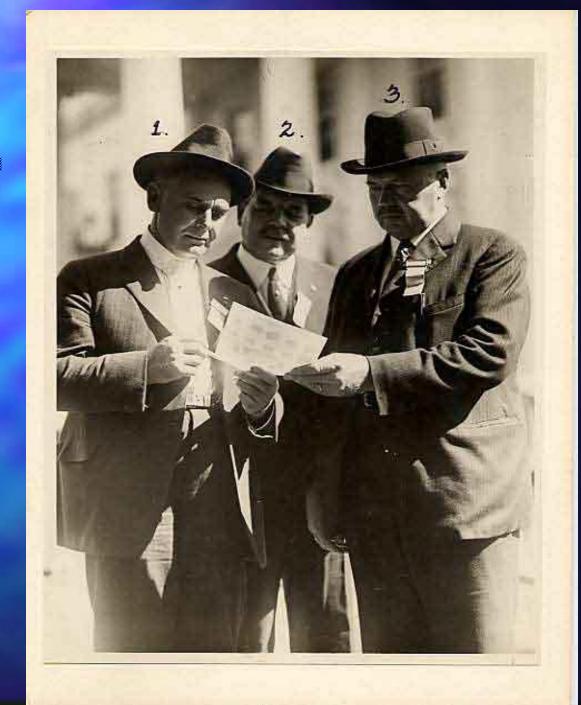
IAI History

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- 1. Harry Caldwell
- 2. Clifford Grant
- 3. Fred Sandberg



IAI Today

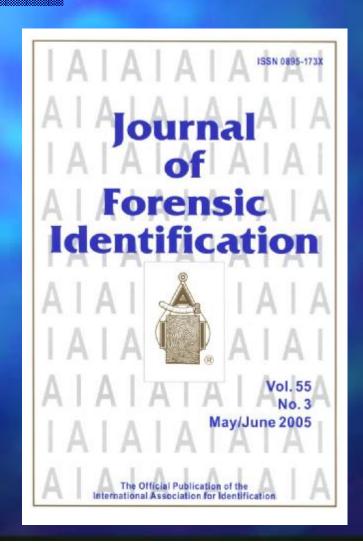
n 6,700 Membersn 68 Countriesn Every State in the USA

IAI Member Benefits

Certification Programs

- Latent Print Examiner
- Crime Scene (3 Levels)
- Bloodstain Pattern Interpretation
- Forensic Art
- Forensic Photographer
- Footwear Examiner
- Tenprint Fingerprint Examiner

IAI Member Benefits



IAI Members

- n Involved on the "front end" of the process crime scene investigation, evidence collection, preservation etc.
- n Pattern Evidence: Fingerprint, Footwear, Tiretrack, Questioned Document, Forensic Photography, Forensic Art

Public Sector Forensics Community

- n Crime Labs
- n Non-Crime Lab Forensic Service Providers
 - Located in law enforcement agencies; identification, fingerprint, evidence units etc.
 - Crime Scene Investigators
 - No accurate census of this community
 - West Virginia University is creating a census to be distributed this year

...assess present and future resource needs...

n Greater visibility of all forensic science sectors, not only DNA

n Adequate funding for ALL forensic disciplines – not only DNA

...identify potential scientific advances...

n Need for additional foundational research in pattern evidence forensic disciplines i.e. Fingerprint Identification, Footwear/Tiretrack etc.

2002 Chicago Fingerprint Forum Recommendation

...Continual evaluative/critical reviews of the state of the science are encouraged

...Novel research to assess the reliability of friction ridge impression examinations is also encouraged and should include impressions that address both the quality and quantity of ridge detail included in Levels 1, 2, and 3 details.

...identify potential scientific advances...

n Few forensic science labs can conduct research

n Not equipped for that role

...additional issues pertaining to forensic science...

n Recognition of non-crime laboratory forensic service providers in law enforcement agencies and their monetary needs

...identify potential scientific advances...

allow fingerprints, DNA etc. to be better discriminated and perhaps searched from the scene

...disseminate best practices...

n Analysis of quality systems i.e. accreditation and certification across all forensic disciplines and providers

Automated Fingerprint Identification Systems (AFIS)

Two AFIS major uses:

Tenprint – Arrest, Civil background Latent - Crime Scene id

AFIS systems began before national standards

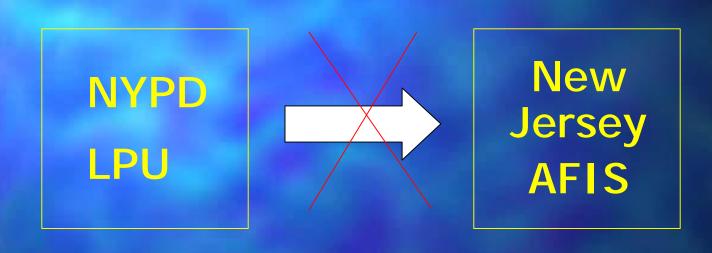
State and local AFIS of different manufacture (or even same manufacture) cannot directly communicate with each other for latent print searching

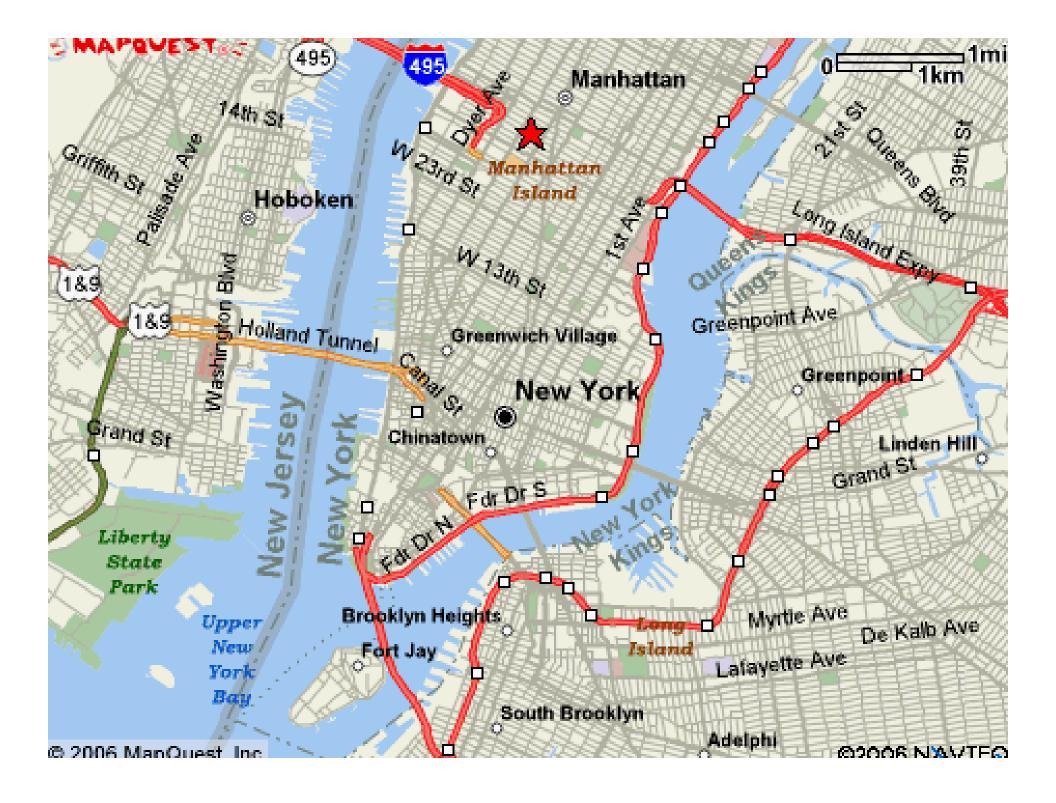
- n Unlike CODIS or NIBIN, AFIS is decentralized
- n 100's of Systems < 10 major manufacturers

Philosophy:

Enter Once, Search Many

IAI AFIS Interoperability/Interconnectivity Study between NYPD and New Jersey State Police





- n Major case latent prints not identified in NYPD will be searched through the NJSP AFIS;
- n How many new identifications made?
- n What are the problems
 - Technical
 - Administrative
 - Legal

AFIS Interoperability/Interconnectivity – Why Not?

- n Problem has been around for years no one willing to address
- n Technically feasible
- n Political will to make it happen
- n Intellectual property rights issues
- n Public Safety suffers e.g. Malvo case

Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS)

FBI's AFIS System

- 50M criminal records
- Limited search access
- Searches from local, state are not seamless

Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS)

Bad News:

IAFIS is underutilized for latent fingerprint identification – only 42 states have remote latent search capability

Good News:

More submissions in 2006 than 2005

AFIS Interoperability/Interconnectivity

- n Begin with research to identify the issues
 - User Community
 - Vendors
 - NIST
 - NIJ
 - FBI
 - Others

- n Great need for foundational and inservice training for pattern evidence – particularly critical in fingerprint and firearm analysis
- n No well defined curricula for pattern evidence fingerprint analysis etc.
- n Need uniform training and protocols for crime scene investigation

n Firearms training

- 2 years to become proficient
- Extreme shortage of training programs
- ATFE cancelled the upcoming firearms class due to budget issues

Fingerprint training

- 2 3 years to become proficient
- Extreme shortage of training programs
- In years past FBI was prime provider of basic and advanced fingerprint training – no longer able to do that
- Who will do this in the future?
- Many examiners are trained by co-workers in an apprentice-like setting

A possible scenario:

Best technology to make latent print identifications, but....

no staff to make them!

...role of the forensic community in the Homeland Security mission...

- n Terrorism incidents will always result in local response regardless of federal policies
- n Treat as crime scenes
- n Florida anthrax case

Summary

- n Some topics may require more in-depth study by the committee
- n Resources available to assist in that study
- n Packet will be provided regarding the IAI, its history and programs and background to information presented here.