



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[Docket No. ODAG 153]

Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Justice.

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a forthcoming public meeting of the National Commission on Forensic Science.

DATES: The meeting will be held on April 30, 2015 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. and May 1, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Online registration for the meeting must be completed on or before 5 p.m. (EST) April 25, 2015. Electronic comments on draft work products will be accepted through the electronic Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) for a 30 day public comment period.

ADDRESSES: *Location:* House of Sweden: 2900 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brette Steele, Senior Advisor on Forensic Science and Senior Counsel to the Deputy Attorney General, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530, by email at Brette.L.Steele@usdoj.gov, or by phone at (202) 305-0180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda: On April 30, the Commission will receive opening remarks from the Co-Chairs and a briefing on issues related to evidence preservation and retention. The Commission will also receive status reports from the subcommittees on Reporting and Testimony and Accreditation

and Proficiency Testing. The public comment period will begin at 5 p.m. On May 1, the Commission will receive status reports from the subcommittees on Interim Solutions, Medicolegal Death Investigation, Training on Science and Law, and Human Factors. The Commission will receive priority action reports from each of the five Scientific Area Committee Chairs and will receive a briefing on the role of forensic science in mass fatality management. Note: Agenda items, including designation of presentation dates are subject to change. A final agenda will be posted to the Commission's website in advance of the meeting.

Procedures: Draft work products to be introduced at the Commission meeting will be made available on the Commission's website: <http://www.justice.gov/ncfs>. The meeting will be webcast at: <http://stream.sparkstreetdigital.com/player-ce.html?id=doj-apr30>. The meeting will also be open to the public. Seating in the meeting room is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. All persons who are interested in being on-site for the meeting must register on-line by clicking the registration link found at: <http://www.justice.gov/ncfs/meetings#s6>.

Members of the public may present oral comments on issues pending before the Commission. Those individuals interested in making oral comments should indicate their intent through the on-line registration form and time will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Time allotted for an individual's comment period will be limited to no more than 3 minutes. If the number of registrants requesting to speak is greater than can be reasonably accommodated during the scheduled public comment periods, written comments can be submitted through FDMS in lieu of oral comments.

Posting of Public Comments: To ensure proper handling of comments, please reference "Docket No. ODAG 153" on all electronic and written correspondence. The Department

encourages all comments on subcommittee work products be submitted electronically through <http://www.regulations.gov> using the electronic comment form provided on that site. Paper comments that duplicate the electronic submission are not necessary as all comments submitted to <http://www.regulations.gov> will be posted for public review and are part of the official docket record.

In accordance with the Federal Records Act, please note that all comments received are considered part of the public record, and shall be made available for public inspection online at <http://www.regulations.gov>. The comments to be posted may include personally identifiable information (such as your name, address, etc.) and confidential business information voluntarily submitted by the commenter.

You are not required to submit personal identifying information in order to comment on this meeting. Nevertheless, if you want to submit personally identifiable information (such as your name, address, etc.) as part of your comment, but do not want it to be made available for public inspection and posted online, you must include the phrase “PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION” in the first paragraph of your comment. You must also place all the personally identifiable information you do not want made available for public inspection or posted online in the first paragraph of your comment and identify what information you want redacted.

If you want to submit confidential business information as part of your comment, but do not want it to be made available for public inspection and posted online, you must include the phrase “CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS INFORMATION” in the first paragraph of your comment. You must also prominently identify confidential business information to be redacted within the comment. If a comment has so much confidential business information that it cannot

be effectively redacted, all or part of that comment may not be made available for public inspection or posted online.

Personally identifiable information and confidential business information identified and located as set forth above will be redacted and the comment, in redacted form, will be made available for public inspection and posted on <http://www.regulations.gov>.

The Department of Justice welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations, please indicate your requirements on the online registration form.

Dated: April 10, 2015.

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