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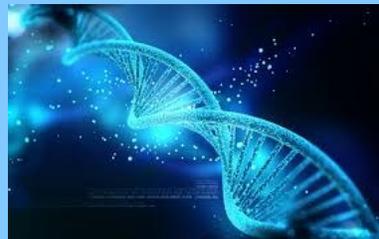
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From The Forensic Lab

The Erie County Forensic Laboratory offers forensic DNA testing services for all law enforcement agencies. The Laboratory uses state of the art forensic DNA technology to develop DNA profiles from crime scene related evidence. The resulting DNA profile can be compared to DNA profiles from other crime scenes or searched in a DNA Databank (CODIS) for any matching DNA profiles. If a match is found, that information is provided to the submitting law enforcement agency which will allow them to pursue criminal charges against any identified perpetrators.

In order to get the best results possible, the Laboratory must use the best and most

advanced technology that is available. It is also critical that the evidence be collected, handled and submitted properly. This will improve the likelihood that the Laboratory will be able to obtain a probative DNA profile.



Special points of interest:

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- > 911 Information



SABIS NEWS

There is a chemotherapy drug called Capecitabine that is causing patients to lose their fingerprints. Capecitabine is an anti-cancer drug that is used to treat several types of cancer, however, one of its side effects can be hand-foot syndrome. A Capecitabine patient who develops hand-foot

syndrome experiences inflammation of the palms of the hands and soles of the feet. Their skin can peel, bleed, or develop ulcers or blisters. This can eradicate fingerprints and footprints over time. In some cases permanently, however, that is rare. People have re-

ported problems at banks and even coming into the United States from other countries. Oncologists are advising all patients using capecitabine for their chemotherapy treatments to carry a letter with them at all times stating that they are on chemotherapy treatment and may have an issue with their fingerprints.

Source: www.in-the-loop.net.au

911 NEWS

Customers of all four of the major wireless carriers (Verizon, Sprint, AT&T and T-Mobile) are now able to text 911 in an emergency.

In the period from 4/1-4/29/15, CPS 911 received 80 texts to 911. Of those, 45 of the texts were either accidental, tests by members of the public or other reasons .

Twenty-one were texts requesting a call for service. They covered a broad spectrum from domestic, loud party, drug activity, suspicious vehicle, etc. All, but two, were for incidents in the City of Buffalo. There was one text for a child left alone in a car in Cheektowaga and another for a domestic assault in Evans.

County of Erie, New York

In July 2014, New York State passed a law permitting the use of “medical marijuana”. Health authorities are currently writing and reviewing procedures to regulate this process. The first possible date upon which a person may legally “possess marijuana” in New York State is January 5, 2016. This date may be delayed since the entire process must first be certified by the New York Health Commissioner.



The current proposed law, subject to change during the review process,

prohibits smoking as a form of delivery. As currently proposed, medical “marijuana” would be dispensed for use in forms other than traditional

smoking. Aerosolized marijuana is also currently prohibited by the proposal.

Practitioners could dispense what amounts to the active ingredient of marijuana (THC) in pill or other form. Whether marijuana, in its traditional, dried, herbal form will be dispensed for consumption by means other than smoking or aerosol, shall be determined.

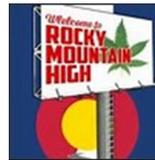
A person legally possessing THC products of any form would have a card issued by the Department of Health describing the form and purpose of the prescription. Cur-



STOP DWI News

rently, only doctors would be allowed to prescribe and only for specifically designated conditions. Changes should be expected during the process.

In the meantime, early data from Colorado on the traffic safety impact of legal pot use, medical or otherwise, show an increase in fatal crashes in which pot was a factor. In 1999, 4% of fatal crashes were associated with impairment caused exclusively by marijuana; in 2010 it was 14% according to a study by



Dr. Guohua Li, Director of the Center for Injury Epidemiology and Prevention at Columbia University.

“If a driver is under the influence of alcohol, their risk of a fatal crash is 13 times higher than the risk of the driver who is not under the influence of alcohol,” Li said. “But if the driver is under the influence of both alcohol and marijuana, their risk increased to 24 times that of a sober person.”

The increase in marijuana associated crashes in Colorado is greater than that for Non-Medical Marijuana states. Results on traffic safety after Colorado’s complete conversion to legal marijuana are currently under study.

Whatever the outcome of the legal marijuana process in New York State, those of us involved in impaired driving prevention should prepare education and prevention actions to address the new threat to driving safety.

News From IT

The newest version of ENTCAD has been deployed to the Villages of Kenmore and Akron, along with the Town of Hamburg. Work has started to upgrade the Villages of Hamburg and Blasdell, with Orchard Park to follow.

CSX Railroad has joined our Chat group. Erie Community College will be joining the CPS CHARMS community in the summer. They will use ENTCAD, Charms, Mobiles and will contribute to the Data Warehouse. The Upstate NY Field Office of the Federal Protective Service, a division of DHS, will start participating

in the CPS mobiles and Chat applications by mid-May.

NIITEC will now appear in a separate tab in CHAT labeled “All Traffic Safety”. NITTEC staff WILL NOT see any Police Chatter. The only messages they can see and respond to, are the ones directly typed into the Traffic Safety Tab. We hope this feature will be especially helpful during storm events, but it can be used anytime. It has also been suggested that we open this service to Town OEMs during emergency situations. We are exploring that option as a future enhancement.