

Professional Associations

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The Internet is a valuable resource, starting with the web sites devoted to professional associations such as:

- International Crime Scene Investigators Association - <http://www.icsia.org>
- International Association For Identification - <http://www.theiai.org>
- Law Enforcement Video Association - <http://www.leva.org>
- International Homicide Investigator's Association - <http://www.ihia.org>
- International Association of Arson Investigators - <http://www.firearson.com>
- National Association of Medical Examiners - <http://www.thename.com>
- International Association of Blood Pattern Analysts - <http://www.iabpa.org>
- Association for Crime Scene Reconstruction - <http://www.acsr.org>
- International Assoc. of Reconstruction Specialists - <http://www.iaars.org>
- Accreditation Commission for Traffic Accident Reconstruction - [ACTAR](http://www.actar.org)

You should be familiar with the Scientific Workgroup publications listed at <http://www.theiai.org/guidelines>. While the various Scientific Workgroups have not been active since the FBI withdrew funding in 2009, an attorney can present one the SWIGIT guidelines as best standard practice to challenge your policies and procedures.

If you are not following the SWIGIT guidelines, you should be able to explain why your department's policies and procedures are equal if not superior.