

## AFQAM STRATEGIC PLAN 2006

### GOAL 1

AFQAM will promote and provide quality assurance support to the forensic science community and its' member laboratories.

#### OBJECTIVE 1.1

The Association will strive to increase membership to include at least one representative Quality Assurance Manager from each forensic science laboratory.

##### Action 1.1.1

The membership committee will actively recruit members both from accredited and non-accredited laboratories.

#### OBJECTIVE 1.2

The Association will assist member laboratories with obtaining accreditation from a recognized accrediting body.

##### Action 1.2.1

The membership committee will identify non-accredited member laboratories and member laboratories pursuing re-accreditation.

##### Action 1.2.2

The Board will develop a plan to provide access to resources to these non-accredited laboratories and those going through re-accreditation to assist with the accreditation process.

### GOAL 2

The Association will strive to ensure that the criminal justice community receives the highest quality forensic science service from its member laboratories.

#### OBJECTIVE 2.1

The Board will work with various applicable forensic organizations and member laboratories to facilitate conformity to established quality assurance standards within member laboratories.

##### Action 2.1.1

The Board will solicit from recognized forensic accrediting organizations information regarding non-conformity to established standards identified during audits.

##### Action 2.1.2

These issues of non-conformity to standards will be posted on the AFQAM discussion list and suggestions on how to achieve conformity will be disseminated.

### GOAL 3

Further develop and establish the Association in the forensic science community.

**OBJECTIVE 3.1**

AFQAM will seek funding and establish a base revenue source to support members either through an awards program or through financial assistance to participate in or attend the AFQAM annual meeting.

Action 3.1.1

The Resource Committee will identify and establish a list of recognized Forensic Science organizations (e.g., NFSTC, AAFS, ASCLD/LAB, UCF-NCFS, NIJ) that could potentially partner with and provide support to the Association.

Action 3.1.2

The Board will contact these organizations to solicit support and establish partnerships.

Action 3.1.3

Pursue application to other organizations that have an interest in accreditation, such as NACLA, ILAC, etc.

**OBJECTIVE 3.2**

AFQAM will establish relationships with the forensic science educational community.

Action 3.2.1

The Board will identify FEPAC accredited academic programs.

Action 3.2.2

The Board will attempt to establish a liaison with identified programs.

**GOAL 4**

Develop educational opportunities to the membership to further enhance the profession.

**OBJECTIVE 4.1**

AFQAM will provide educational opportunities for it's' members by soliciting workshops, seminars or other educational means.

Action 4.1.1

The Resource Committee will identify potential resources of training and education for the membership, including costs, and provide the information to the Program Committee by May 1.

Action 4.1.2

The Board will establish an Occupational Health and Safety Committee in conjunction with the Laboratory Safety Institute to create standardized safety practices for the forensic science laboratory.

Action 4.1.3

Identify and disseminate to the membership ISO hot topic information.