



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

DAVID COFFMAN RETIRED DIRECTOR OF FORENSIC SERVICES FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

David Coffman has worked in the field of forensic science since 1984. He was a forensic serologist and crime scene responder with the City of Houston Police Department Crime Laboratory for two years before relocating to Florida in 1987 to begin his career with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). He became Chief of Forensic Services for the FDLE Tallahassee Regional Operations Center in 2007 and was later promoted to the FDLE System-Wide Director of Forensic Services in 2012. During his career Coffman served as a member of multiple committees or commissions including the FBI's Scientific Working Group on DNA Analysis Methods (SWGDM) from 1991-2007; in 2004 he was appointed, by the FBI Laboratory Director to serve as the first non-FBI employee Chairman of SWGDAM. Coffman was a member of the National DNA Advisory Board, which was established by Congress to develop Quality Assurance Standards for DNA testing. He served as a member of the Laboratory Funding Working Group for the Janet Reno Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence and a member of Attorney General Ashcroft's Laboratory Funding Working Group.

Coffman was selected to serve as a member of the FBI CJIS Task Force on Rapid DNA Development as well as elected by his peers to serve on the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB) where he also served as Chairman. Coffman also represented FDLE on the state of Florida's Hemp Advisory Counsel. Coffman retired from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement in October 2021, having served for 34 years. His work has impacted the forensic community and public safety field within and beyond Florida.

