



REGIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS

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FORENSIC SCIENCE LABORATORIES 2011 ANNUAL REPORT

HISTORY

The Regional Forensic Science Center officially opened on December 21st, 1995. The Center houses the Office of the District Coroner and the Forensic Science Laboratories [FSL]. The Forensic Science Laboratories are composed of three major sections: Criminalistics, Forensic Biology/DNA and Forensic Toxicology. The staff currently consists of 21 scientific and support personnel.

The FSL is staffed with highly-trained and experienced forensic scientists, many who have advanced scientific degrees [MS, MSFS, Ph.D.]. The technical staff has well over a 175 years worth of combined professional experience.

In April of 1996, the Forensic Science Laboratories began accepting cases for firearms examinations. Three months later, the Biology Section provided forensic examinations for the identification of biological fluids. After mandatory accreditation by the State of Kansas, the Toxicology Laboratory began producing comprehensive examinations in post-mortem toxicology in support of the District Coroner in September of 1996. This was followed by the FSL providing forensic drug identification for local and regional law enforcement agencies. In November of 1996, arson/fire debris analysis was added to the Criminalistics Section. In January of 1997, The Center opened the first STR DNA Laboratory in the State of Kansas.

The Forensic Science Laboratories are accredited by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board [ASCLD/LAB].

The FSL of the Center continues to grow, providing timely and comprehensive forensic science services to local and regional law enforcement.

LABORATORY LEADERSHIP

The laboratory management staff are all case-working scientists.

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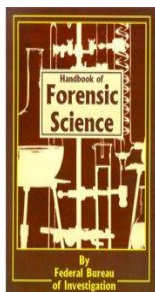
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SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS

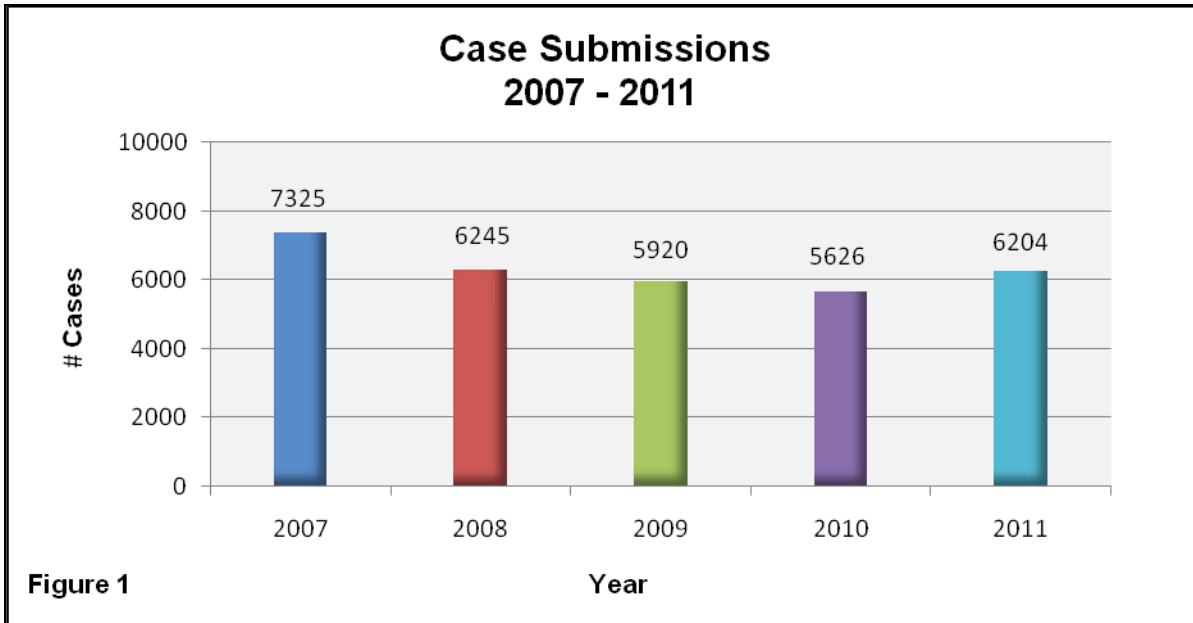
- The laboratory presented 8 papers at various professional meetings:
 - Poster presentation: S. Geering*, S. King, S. Steadman, S. Hooper, and R. Hansen. “Probative Value of Male DNA on Underwear Collected from Female Children with Adult Male Caretakers”, Presented at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences 63rd Annual Meeting, February 2011, Chicago, Illinois.
 - Poster presentation: S. Steadman *, S. Hooper, S. Geering, and S. King. “Recovery of DNA from Black Powder Enhanced latent Fingerprint Lifts Archived Against Matte Acetate”, Presented at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences 63rd Annual Meeting, February 2011, Chicago, Illinois.
 - Oral presentation: S. Geering*, S. King, S. Steadman, S. Hooper, and R. Hansen. “Probative Value of Male DNA on Underwear Collected from Female Children with Adult Male Caretakers”, Presented at The MidAmerica 2011 Forensic DNA Conference, April 2011, Columbia, Missouri.
 - T.P. Rohrig, “Pharmacology of Cathinone Analogs aka Bath Salts”, Invited presentation at the California Association of Toxicologists Spring Meeting, May 2011, Napa, California.
 - T.P. Rohrig, “Pharmacology of Cathinone Analogs aka Bath Salts”, Presented at the Southwestern Association of Toxicologists Fall Meeting, September 2011, Wichita, Kansas.
 - T.P. Rohrig, “But Judge It’s Therapeutic – Driving Under the Influence of Prescription Medications”, Presented at the Southwestern Association of Toxicologists Fall Meeting, September 2011, Wichita, Kansas.
 - L. Harryman* and T.P. Rohrig, “Single Dose Urinary Kinetics of Cyclobenzaprine”, Presented at the Southwestern Association of Toxicologists Fall Meeting, September 2011, Wichita, Kansas.
 - K. Creamer* and T.P. Rohrig, “Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDPV): Method Development”, Presented at the Southwestern Association of Toxicologists Fall Meeting, September 2011, Wichita, Kansas.
- Conferences/Symposiums:
 - T.P. Rohrig, “Marijuana Intoxication: Impact on Driving Performance”, Presented at the “Symposium in Toxicology [DUID]”, January 2011, Ames, Iowa.
 - T.P. Rohrig, “Driving Under the Influence of Stimulants”, Presented at the “Symposium in Toxicology [DUID]”, January 2011, Ames, Iowa.
 - T.P. Rohrig, “OTC Drugs and Driving: Antihistamines”, Presented at the “Symposium in Toxicology [DUID]”, January 2011, Ames, Iowa.
 - T.P. Rohrig, “Driving Impairment Due to Inhalant Abuse”, Presented at the “Symposium in Toxicology [DUID]”, January 2011, Ames, Iowa.
 - T.P. Rohrig, “Legal Challenges to Prosecuting a Driving Under the Influence of Inhalants Case”, Presented at the “Symposium in Toxicology [DUID]”, January 2011, Ames, Iowa.
 - T.P. Rohrig, “Benzodiazepines: Impact on Driving”, Presented at the “Symposium in Toxicology [DUID]”, January 2011, Ames, Iowa.
 - T.P. Rohrig, “But Judge ... It’s Therapeutic”, Presented at the “Symposium in Toxicology [DUID]”, January 2011, Ames, Iowa.
- 2011 Grant Funding:
 - Justice Assistance Grant
 - National Forensic Science Improvement Grant



FORENSIC SCIENCE LABORATORIES SERVICE OVERVIEW

Case Submissions

The Forensic Science Laboratory continues to experience a significant demand for its expert services. This year the Laboratory Division worked several high-profile cases, each case involving hundreds of exhibits requiring forensic analysis. While the total number of case submissions slightly increased compared to last year, the number of items of evidence examined increased dramatically. Compared to 2007, case submissions decreased approximately 15.2%. The reduction is mainly attributed to triaging drug and alcohol cases; i.e., cases where forensic analysis were not required, they were not submitted. **Figure 1** illustrates the number of forensic laboratory cases submitted for examination for the past 5 years.



2011 Case Submissions

Figure 2 illustrates the breakdown of case submissions by Laboratory section. The Criminalistics section continues to receive the majority of evidence submitted.

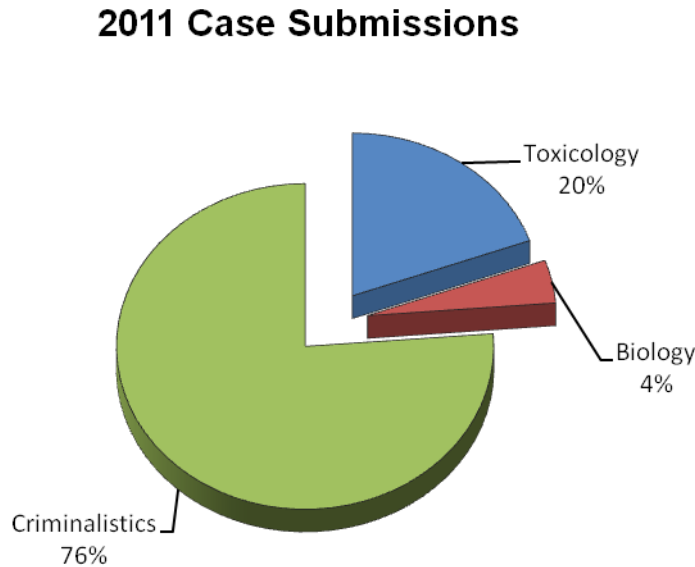


Figure 2

Although Biology accounts for a small percentage of the overall caseload – a significant portion of the casework required analysis of “hundreds” of exhibits. Also, the increasing number of CODIS entries, associated hits generated, and oversight of this database, entails a large amount of analyst time. Samples compared as a function of database management are not reflected in the percent breakdown of cases.

Requests For Expert Testimony

The professional staff is frequently called upon to present expert testimony in the courts [Figure 3]. In Y2011, the FSL received 4,046 subpoenas for court appearances, an approximate 1.2% increase over the last year.



Figure 3

AGENCIES SERVED

The Forensic Science Laboratories provides expert testing services and consultation for a variety of law enforcement agencies within and outside of Sedgwick County. In 2011, the FSL provided expert testing services and consultations to 58 Law Enforcement Agencies, Fire Departments, and District Coroners. **Figure 4** indicates [yellow highlight] the counties within the state in which forensic laboratory services were provided.

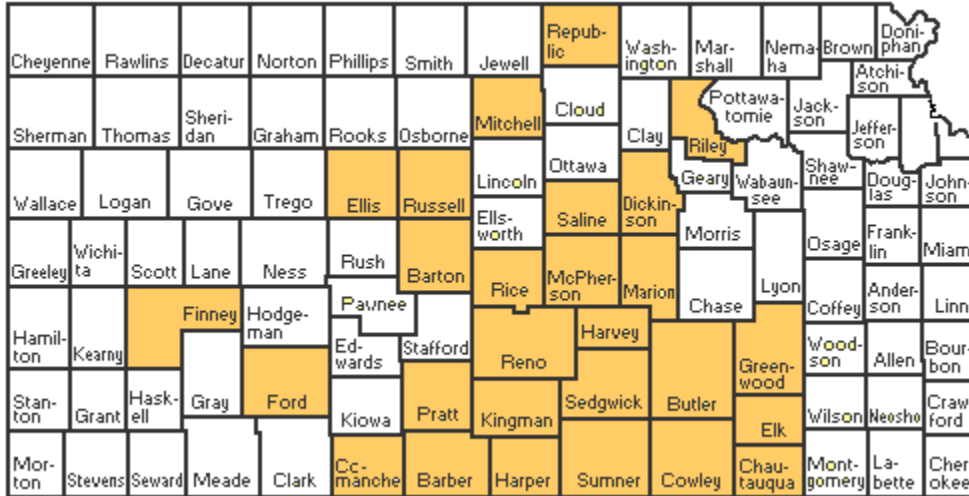


Figure 4

Sedgwick County vs. Out-of-County Cases

The Sedgwick County Regional Forensic Science Center serves as the principle Forensic [Crime] Laboratory for all of Sedgwick County Law Enforcement Agencies and provides forensic services to many other counties and municipalities within the state of Kansas. However, the vast majority of forensic laboratory services were provided for Sedgwick County Law Enforcement agencies. **Figure 5** illustrates the relative percentages of In-County [Sedgwick] and Out-of-County cases submitted to the Forensic Science Laboratories. A significant portion of the out-of-county cases was in support of the Sedgwick County Coroner’s out-of-county autopsies.

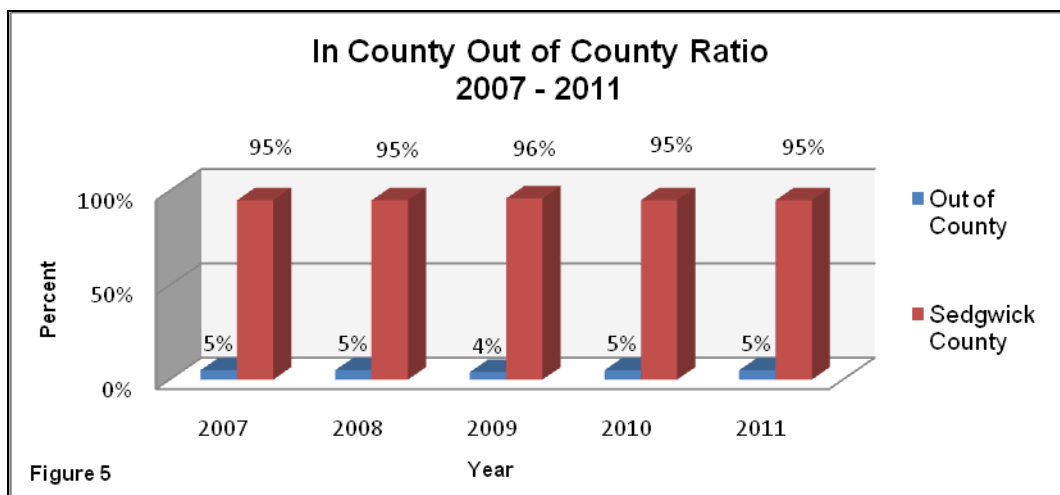


Figure 5

Table 1 is a list of Law Enforcement Agencies and Fire Departments that forensic laboratory services were provided for in Y2011.

Table 1: Agencies Served 2011

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| Alcohol Beverage Control | Haysville PD | Sumner Co. Coroner |
| ATF Task Force | Hutchinson Correctional Facility | Valley Center PD |
| Andale PD | Kansas Dept. of Corrections | Wichita FD |
| Barber Co. Corner | Kansas Highway Patrol | Wichita PD |
| Barton Co. Coroner | Kingman Co. Coroner | Wichita State University PD |
| Butler Co. Coroner | Maize PD | |
| Chautauqua Co. Coroner | Marion Co. Coroner | |
| Clearwater PD | McPherson Co. Coroner | |
| Comanche Co. Coroner | Mitchell Co. Coroner | |
| Cowley Co. Coroner | Mulvane PD | |
| Derby PD | Park City PD | |
| Dickenson Co. Corner | Pratt Co. Coroner | |
| Eastborough Police | Reno Co. Coroner | |
| Eldorado Correction Facility | Republic Co. Coroner | |
| Elk Co. Coroner | Rice Co. Coroner | |
| Ellis Co. Corner | Riley Co. Coroner | |
| Finney Co. Coroner | Russell Co. Coroner | |
| Ford Co. Coroner | Saline Co. Coroner | |
| Greenwood Co. Coroner | Sedgwick Co. Coroner | |
| Harper Co. Coroner | Sedgwick Co. FD | |
| Harvey Co. Coroner | Sedgwick Co. Sheriff | |



CRIMINALISTICS SECTION

The Criminalistics Section accounts for the majority of the cases submitted to the Forensic Laboratories. The Criminalistics Section provides forensic examinations in the following disciplines; Drug Identification, Open Container [Beverage Alcohol] Analysis, Firearms & Toolmarks, Serial Number [Firearms] Restoration and Trace Evidence – including sub-disciplines of Ignitable Liquids [Arson], and Chemical/Material Analysis. **Figure 6** illustrates the trend in forensic case volume submitted to the Criminalistics Section.

Criminalistics Case Submissions 2007-2011

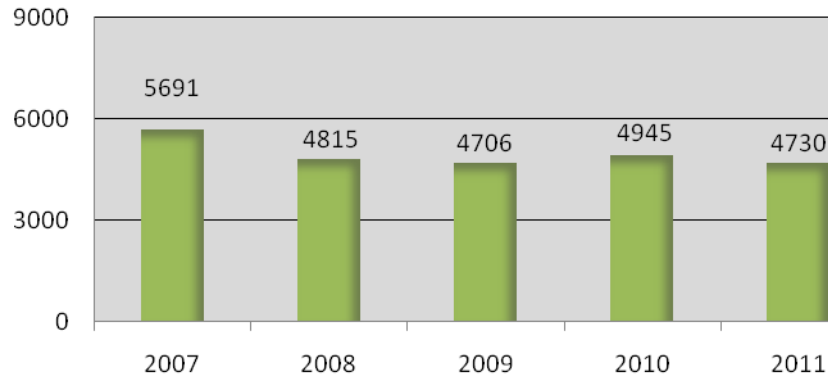


Figure 6

2011 Criminalistics Case Types

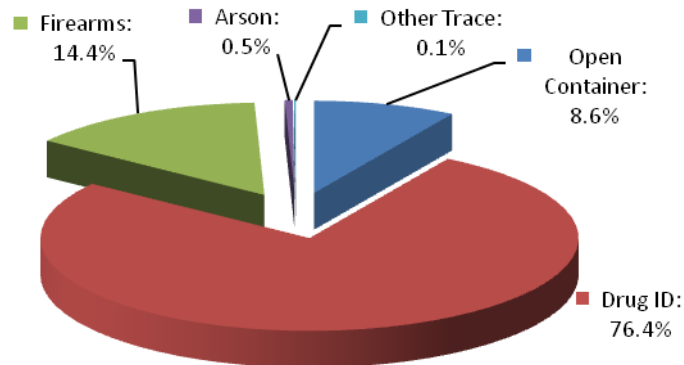


Figure 7

The majority of cases submitted to the Criminalistics Section [**Figure 7**] are for illicit drug identification. This accounts for a little more than three-fourths of the cases received. Firearms are the second most abundant case type, accounting for approximately 15% of the cases submitted for analysis to the section.

Drug ID Unit

The agency that submits the greatest volume of drug evidence is the Wichita Police Department [WPD]. This is apparent in **Figure 8** as nearly 90% of cases received are from the Wichita Police Department. Agencies other than the Wichita Police Department and the Sedgwick County Sheriff’s Office comprise less than 5% of the total cases submitted.

2011 Drug Identification Case Percentage by Agency

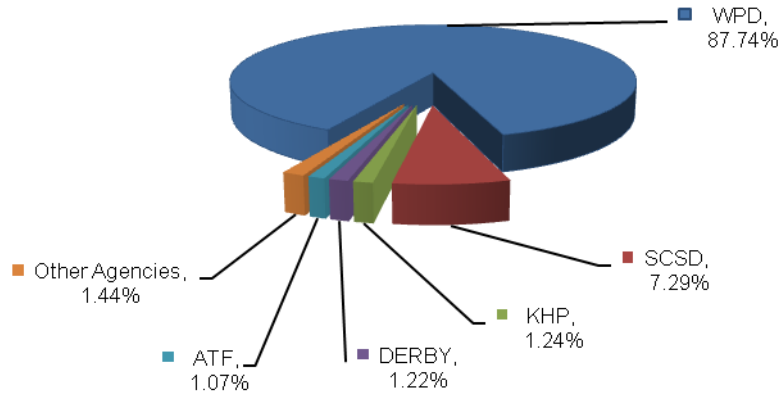


Figure 8

In 2011, the Drug Identification Unit examined over 4,733 exhibits for the presence of controlled substances. The majority of drug exhibits were Marijuana (52.5%) Cocaine and Methamphetamine account for 31% of the total exhibits examined. There has been a significant increase in the number of Synthetic Cannabinoids (“Potpourri”) and designer stimulants (substituted Cathinone aka “Bath Salts”). The number of other controlled substances represents 13.8% of the exhibits examined. **Figure 9** illustrates the number of exhibits in which various types of drugs were positively identified.

2011 Drug Exhibits

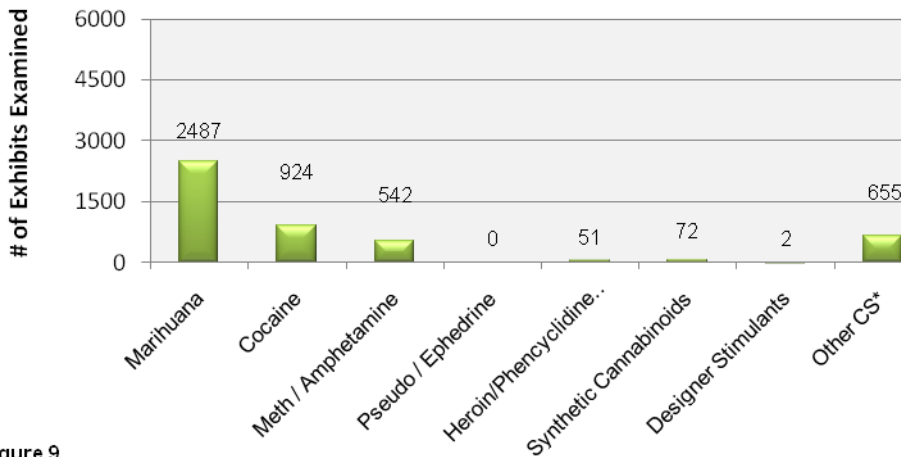


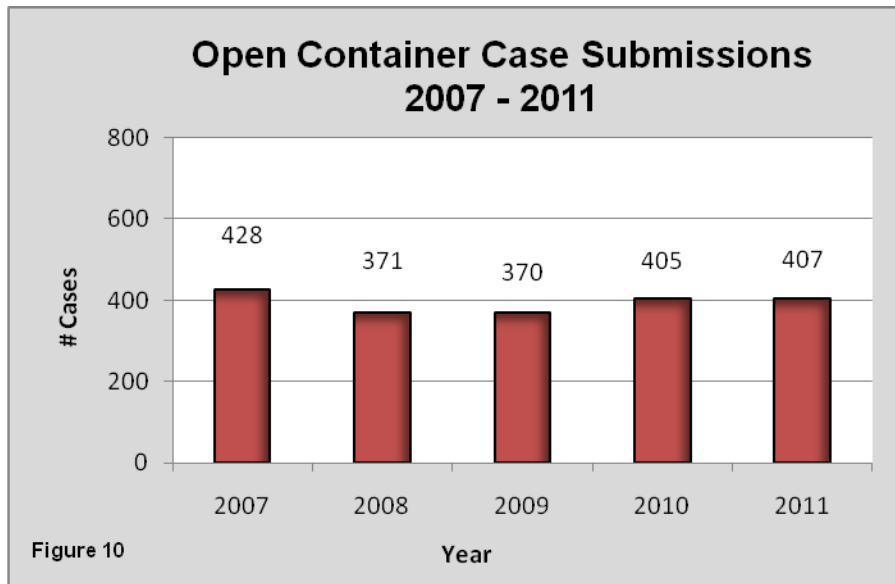
Figure 9

*CS: Controlled Substances



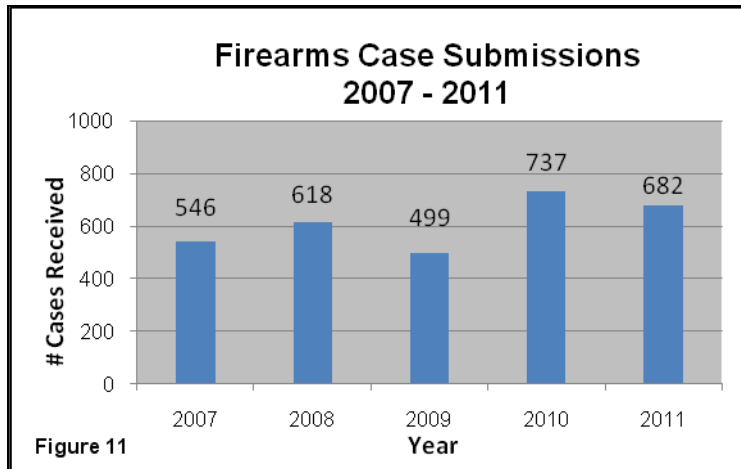
Open Container [Alcohol] Unit

Open Container/Beverage Alcohol Analysis is conducted in support of the state and local DUI laws, prohibition of minors to possess alcohol, and other liquor law violations. As shown in **Figure 10** the number of cases submitted remained somewhat constant.

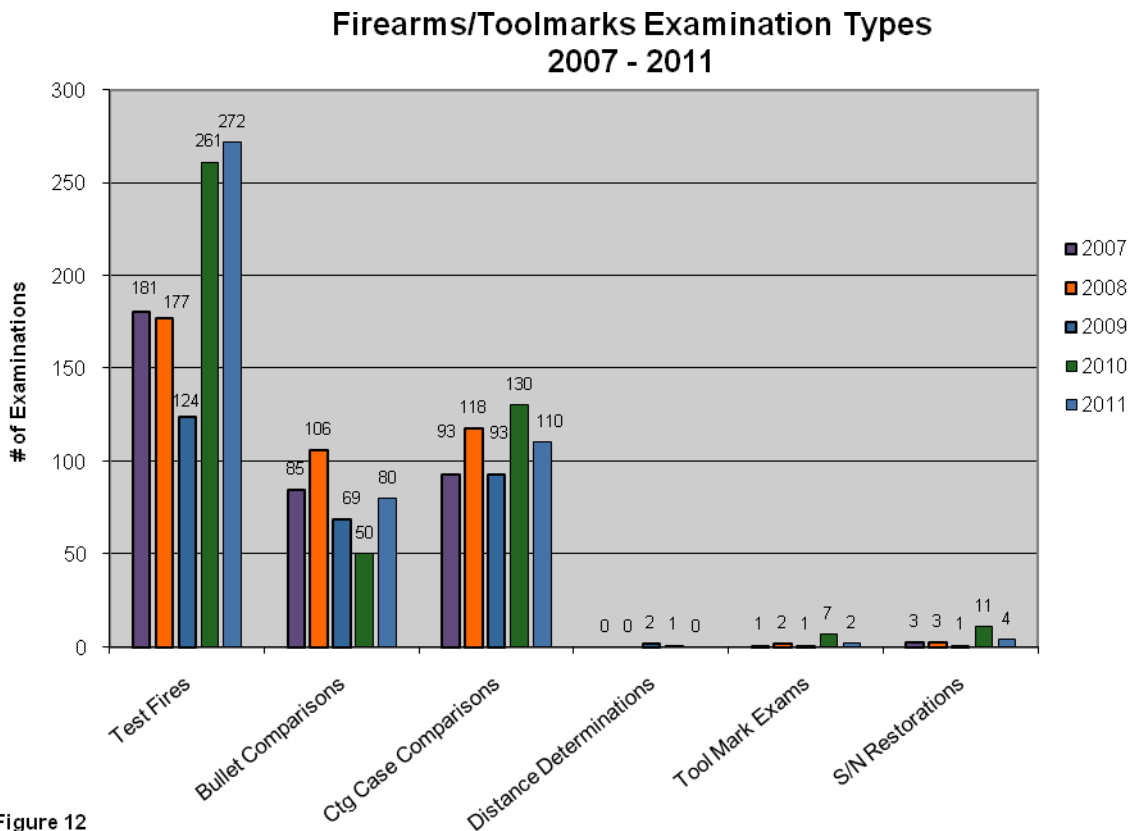


Firearms/Toolmarks Unit

The Firearms/Toolmarks Unit conducts many types of forensic examinations. The majority of examinations involve operability (function) tests on the submitted firearms. As shown in **Figure 11**, the unit experienced approximately a 7.5% decrease in function test requests from Y2010 to Y2011.



In 2011, bullet comparison examinations increased 37.5% while cartridge case comparisons decreased 15.4% from the previous year. **Figure 12** illustrates the case types submitted to the unit; classified as test fires, bullet comparisons, cartridge case comparisons, distance determinations, tool mark exams, and serial number restorations.

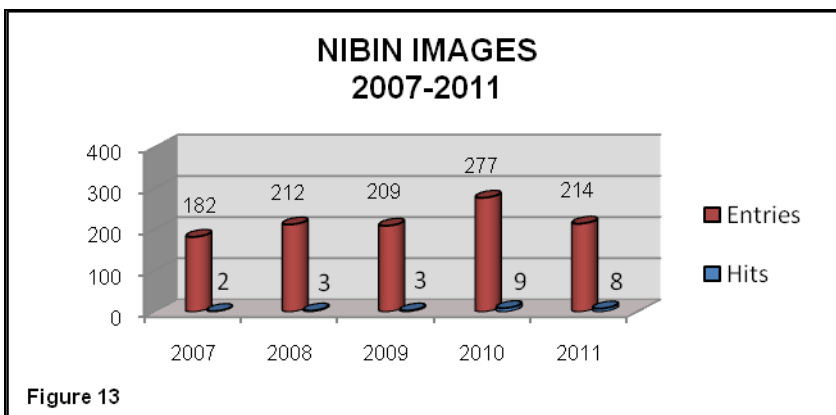


National Integrated Ballistic Information Network [NIBIN]

NIBIN is a national program, in partnership with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives [ATF] that provides a database of fired bullets and cartridge casings. Images of test-fired bullets and test-fired cartridge casings from submitted firearms, as well as images of bullets and cartridge cases from crime scenes where no firearms were recovered, are inputted into NIBIN. Searches are then conducted attempting to link serial-type crimes where the same firearm is used. This may result in linking crimes that may have occurred at an earlier date, locally and/or nationally. This system was used successfully in the Washington D.C. Sniper serial killings and linked the various crimes from multiple jurisdictions to one firearm.



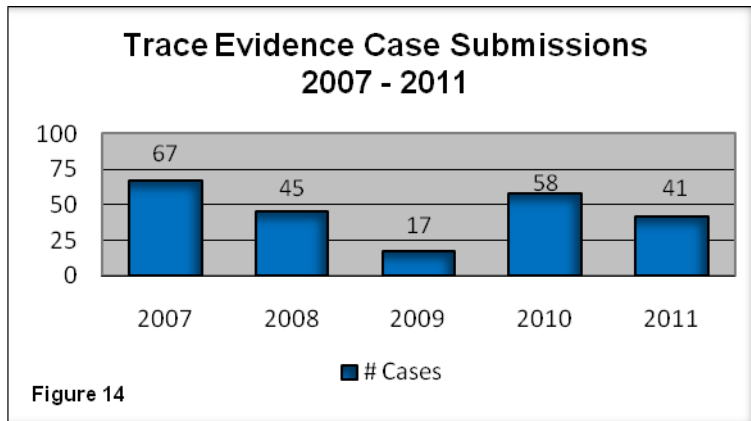
Since the acquisition of the NIBIN system in late 2002, the laboratory has made 1,887 NIBIN entries [Figure 13]. In Y2005 there were two hits in NIBIN, resulting in one investigation aided. In Y2006, there were no hits in NIBIN. In Y2007 there were 2 hits in NIBIN, resulting in 2 investigations aided. In Y2008 there were 3 hits in NIBIN, resulting in three investigations aided. In Y2009 there were 3 hits in NIBIN, resulting in 12 investigations aided. In Y2010 there were 9 hits in NIBIN, resulting in 18 investigations aided. In Y2011 there were 8 hits in NIBIN, resulting in 16 investigations aided. The total number of hits and investigations aided since the inception of the program are 25 and 51 respectively.



The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives [BATF], due to lack of funding, removed the NIBIN system from the Center on October 5, 2011.

Trace Evidence Unit

Trace Analysis is the forensic identification and examination of unknown compounds, physical match, tape, and fire debris evidence in casework ranging from product tampering to assault and homicide. **Figure 14**, illustrates the number of cases worked by the Arson/Trace Evidence Unit each year from 2007 through 2011. The majority of casework in the Arson/Trace Evidence Unit is the investigation of suspicious fires. The unit will continue to see a high demand for this forensic service.



In addition to assisting arson investigations, the Arson/Trace Evidence Unit provides microscopic/physical/chemical analyses for a variety of evidence submissions associated with criminal investigations [**Figure 15**]. The trace analysis case-type category also includes fracture analysis.

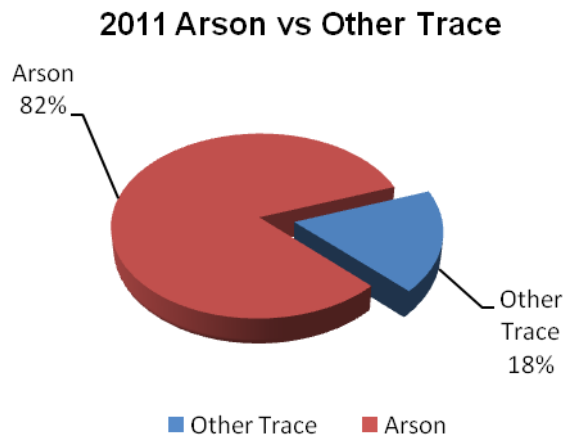


Table 2 lists the different types of trace evidence [non-arson] examination requests.

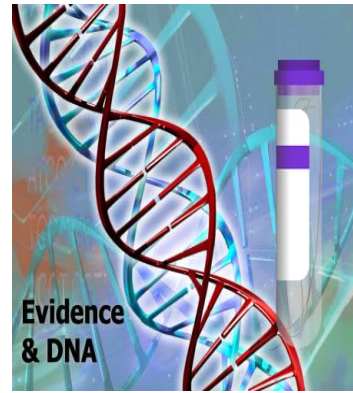
Table 2: Non-Arson Trace Evidence Examinations

Identification of Unknown Liquids & Solids
Fracture Analysis
Bank-Dye Analysis
Tear Gas/Pepper Spray Analysis
Adulterated Drinks (non-drug)



FORENSIC BIOLOGY/DNA SECTION

In Y2011, the Biology/DNA section received 313 cases for forensic DNA examination. Of those cases, 32 were submissions for additional analysis to be conducted on cases submitted in previous years and 48 were subsequent 2011 case submission. The remaining 265 cases were new cases generated at the Center for year 2011 (**Figure 16**). This calculates to 10% of the casework being conducted on cases continuing from previous years. For cases generated in 2011, 18% of the casework was from multiple submissions.



Biology Cases Submitted

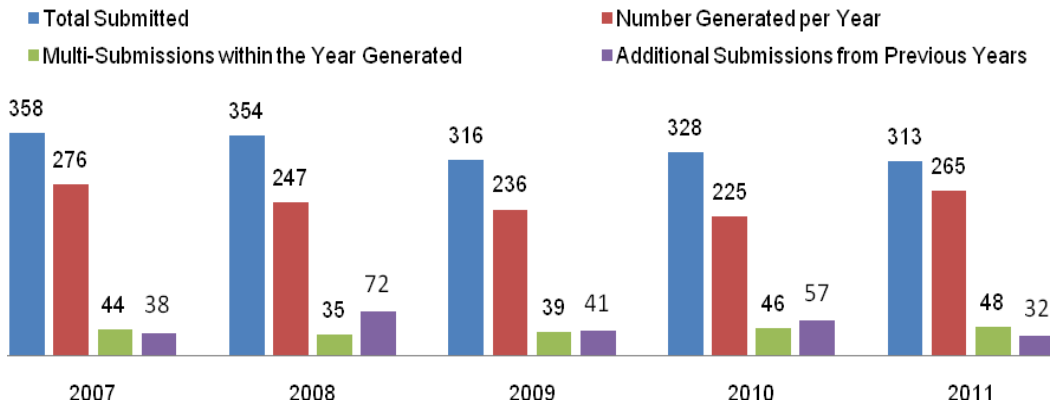


Figure 16 Demonstrates that on an average 14% of the Forensic DNA casework performed each year is a continuation from cases previously submitted to the Center. In addition, on average 19% of the cases submitted each year have additional submissions that same year.

The Forensic Biology Section provides forensic examination in the identification of body fluids and STR DNA [profile] analysis. As depicted in **Figure 17**, nearly half (39%) the cases submitted for biological examination are person on person type cases. The section continues to work a variety of case types, including sex crimes, homicides, property crimes, assaults, and forensic identifications [unidentified human remains].

As was the case in previous years, property crimes constitute the majority of the cases worked [Figure 17] and are generally single exhibit cases that are processed only if the evidence submitted has a high likelihood of resulting in a profile suitable for CODIS entry. Given that these crimes have a high recidivism rate, they have an exceptional solvability factor when crime scene profiles are searched against the database. This is exemplified by the fact that property crimes constitute 82% of the total 2010 investigations aided by CODIS hits. Because these cases have high solvability, as these cases populate the database and hits occur that warrant Offender Hit Notifications or LDIS Hit Notifications, the number of reports issued by the section will increase.

2011 Biology Case Types

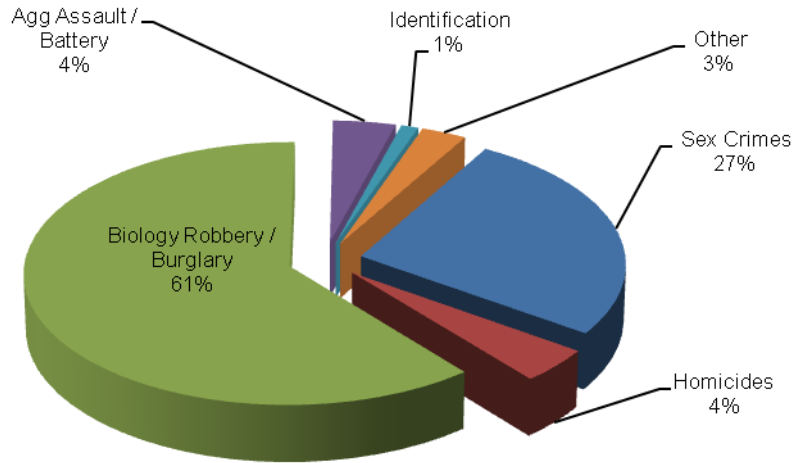


Figure 17 Three percent of the case types are categorized as other. This category may include cases involving felony possession of a firearm, arson, vandalism, auto theft, attempted murder, vehicular homicide, narcotics, stalking, etc. The section identified one human remain through Forensic DNA analysis.

The Biology / DNA section issued 411 reports in 2011. Of those, 85 were Offender Hit Notifications, which is when a forensic unknown sample hits to a convicted offender sample at the state or national level, and 16 were Local DNA Index System (LDIS) match reports, which is when a local forensically unknown sample hits to another sample previously entered into the local database.

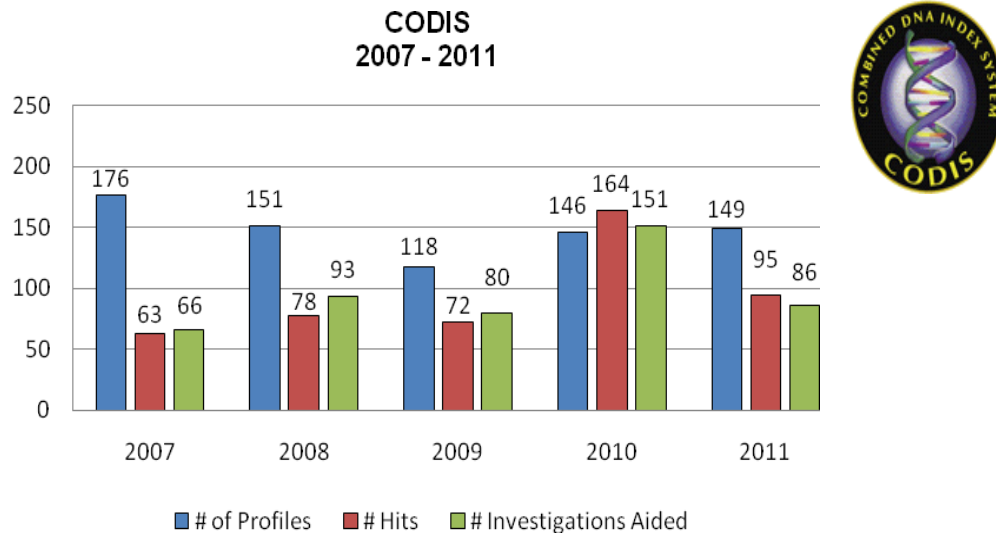


Figure 18 2010 indicates an increase in the number of reports issued by the Biology / DNA section due to new accreditation requirements. As the CODIS database increases in the number of profiles the number of reports is expected to increase.

Each report and associated case record goes through a review process. While the process has always included a technical review when a record contains technical data and an administrative review on all case records, new accreditation requirements mandate that with each hit a formal notification be provided to the investigating agency. This new requirement has increased the time spent reviewing case records substantially.

FORENSIC TOXICOLOGY SECTION



The Forensic Toxicology Section has experienced a steady increase in casework over the last few years. According to **Figure 19**, the number of cases submitted in Y2011 has increased over years Y2008 and Y2009. The section continues to expand the number of drugs and poisons it can detect and quantitate. The Forensic Toxicology Section provides comprehensive examinations of post-mortem [autopsy] samples to assist in the determination of cause and manner of death. Specimens collected during the investigation of driving-under-the-influence-of-drugs/alcohol cases and drug-facilitated sexual assault cases are also examined by this section. The Toxicology Laboratory also provides drug testing on children removed from clandestine methamphetamine laboratories.

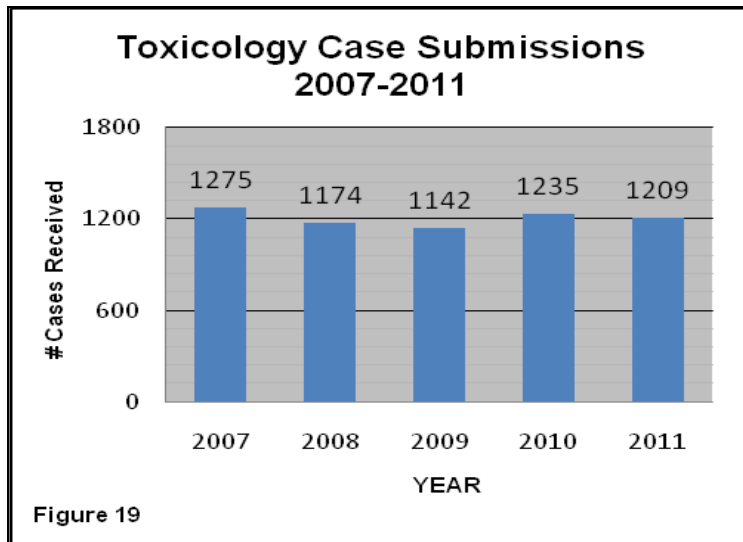
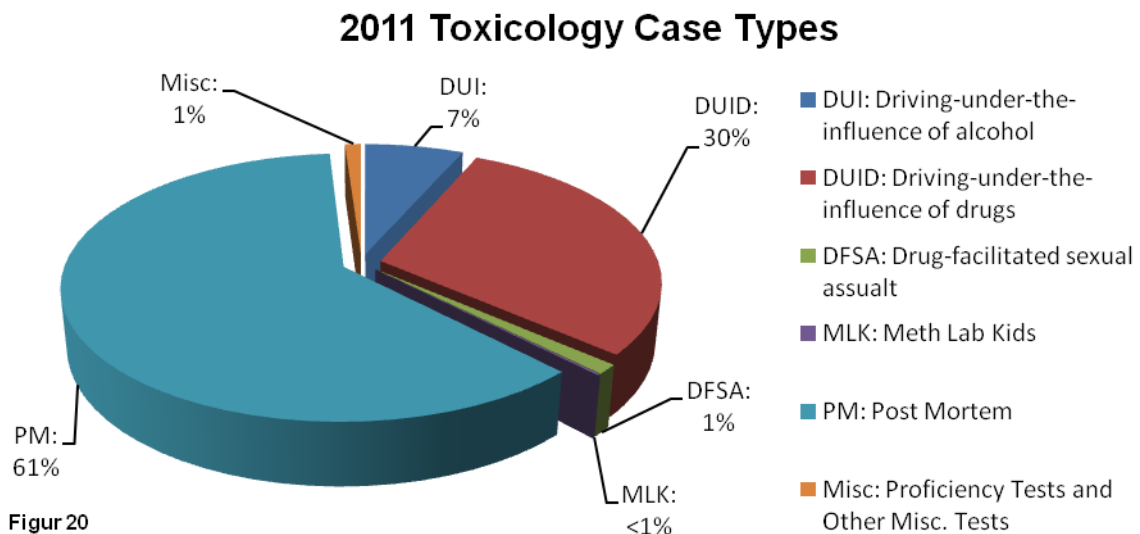


Figure 20 depicts the percentage of toxicology cases submitted by case type. Toxicological examinations in support of the District Coroner accounts for approximately two-thirds of the forensic case work performed by the section.



Children Removed from METH LABS

The RFSC is a partner in the Sedgwick County “Meth Kids Initiative Task Force” and the Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children [DEC]. The DEC program is a multidisciplinary approach to protecting children found in clandestine methamphetamine laboratories. Children in these laboratories are at a great risk for physical, emotional, and developmental harm.



As shown in **Figure 21**, the Toxicology Laboratory evaluated 3 children [2 cases] removed from clandestine methamphetamine laboratories for exposure to methamphetamine in Y2011.

Overall, 52.6% of all children tested had detectable amounts of methamphetamine in their systems from 2007 through 2011.

2007-2011 Clandestine Meth Lab Kids

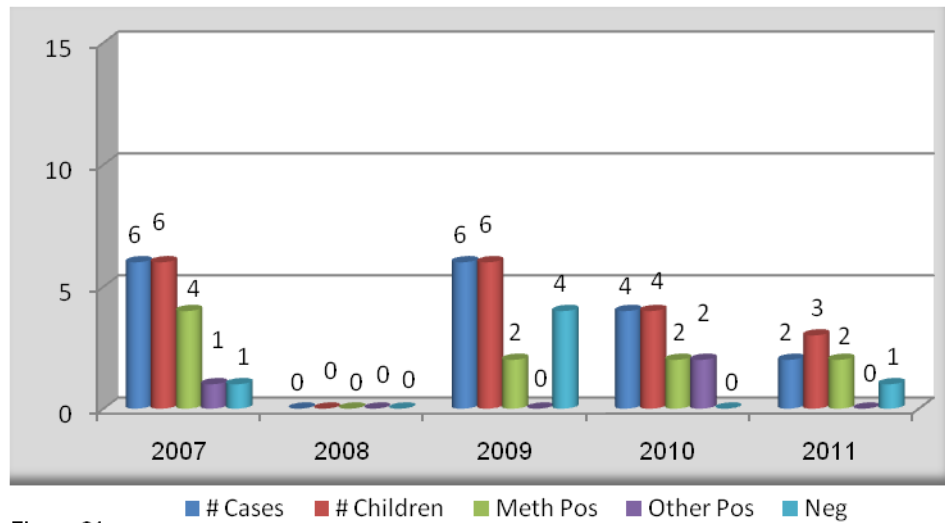
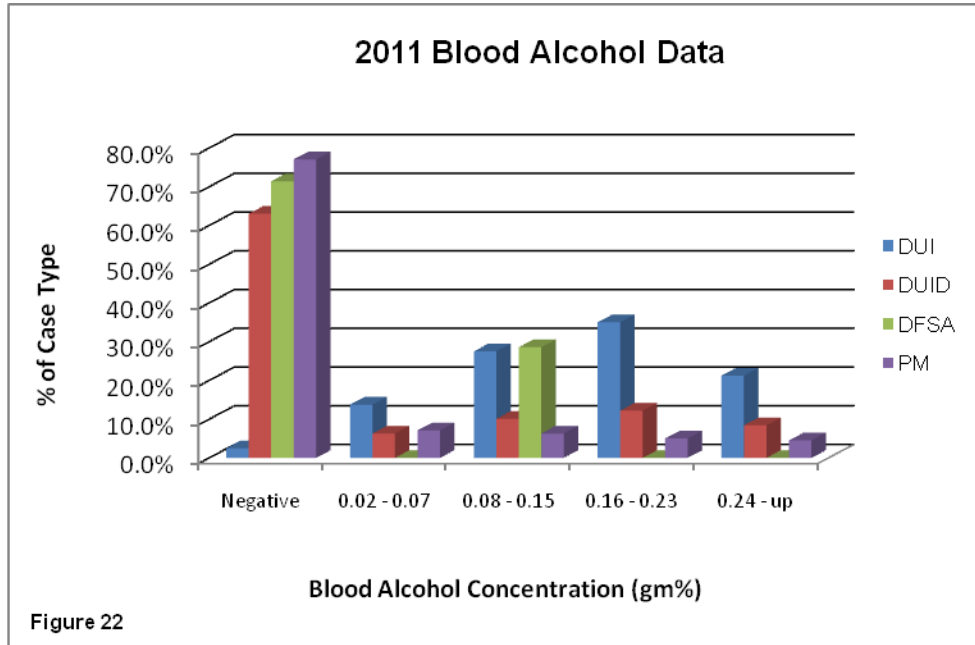


Figure 21

Alcohol and Drugs

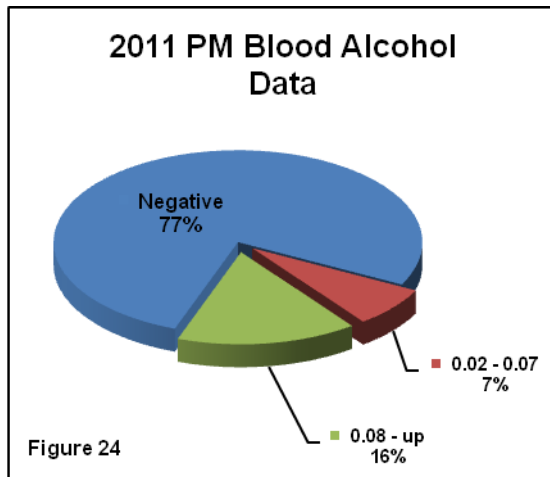
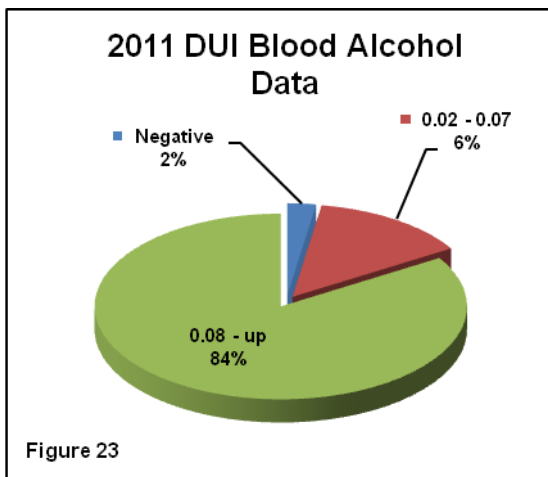
Alcohol continues to play a significant role in all of the FSL toxicology case types [Figure 22]. In more than 49% of the toxicology alcohol positive cases, the driver/decendent was greater than twice the legal limit (0.08 gm%).



DUI = Driving-under-the-influence (Alcohol exclusively tested)
 DUID = Driving-under-the-influence (Alcohol and/or drugs tested)
 DFSA = Drug-Facilitated Sexual Assault
 PM = Post-Mortem

The vast majority of samples submitted in Driving-Under-the-Influence [DUI] cases were found to have alcohol concentrations at or above the legal limit of 0.08 g% [Figure 23].

In approximately 23% of the postmortem (PM) case investigation there was a positive finding of alcohol [Figure 24].



Drug-Related Deaths

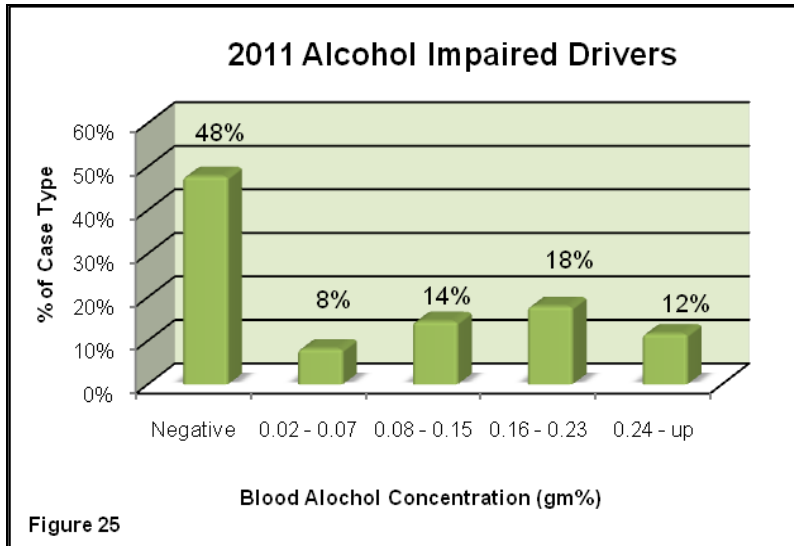
Aside from alcohol, cocaine is the most commonly found drug in post-mortem cases. Table 3 depicts the 36 most common drug findings in post-mortem Toxicology cases [excluding ethyl alcohol] for Y2011.

Table 3: 2011 Most Commonly-Found Drugs (Post-Mortem)

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| Acetylsalicylic acid | Hydrocodone/Hydromorphone/Dihydrocodeine |
| Alprazolam/a-Hydroxyalprazolam | Lidocaine |
| Amitriptyline/Nortriptyline | Methadone/Normethadone/EDDP/EMDP |
| Amphetamine/Methamphetamine | Meperidine |
| Atropine | Methylecgonine |
| Butalbital | Metoclopramide |
| Bupropion/Metabolites | Mirtazapine |
| Carbamazepine | Orphenadrine |
| Carisoprodol/Meproamate | Oxazepam |
| Chlorpheniramine | Oxycodone |
| Citalopram/Desmethylocitalopram | Phencyclidine |
| Clonazepam/7-Aminoclonazepam | Sertraline/Norsertaline |
| Cocaine/Benzoylecgonine/Cocaethylene | Temazepam |
| Codeine/Morphine | Tetrahydrocannabinol/Carboxytetrahydrocannabinol |
| Cyclobenzaprine/Norcyclobenzaprine | Tramadol/n-Desmethyltramadol/o-Desmethyltramadol |
| Diazepam/Nordiazepam | Trazodone/m-Chlorophenylpiperazine |
| Difluoroethane | Venlafaxine/o-Desmethylvenlafaxine |
| Diltiazem | |
| Fentanyl | |

Alcohol Positive Drivers

Alcohol plays a significant role in driving under the influence cases. In 2011, more than half of the drivers [DUI and DUID] tested had some detectable alcohol in their blood, the largest group being over twice the legal limit [Figure 25]. Approximately eighty four percent of alcohol positive drivers were at or above “per se” limit of 0.08 gm%.



Alcohol Positive Drivers – Under the Age of 21

The legal age for possession of alcohol is 21 years old. In 2011, a significant portion [11%] of all motor vehicle drivers testing positive for alcohol were under the age of 21 [Figure 26].

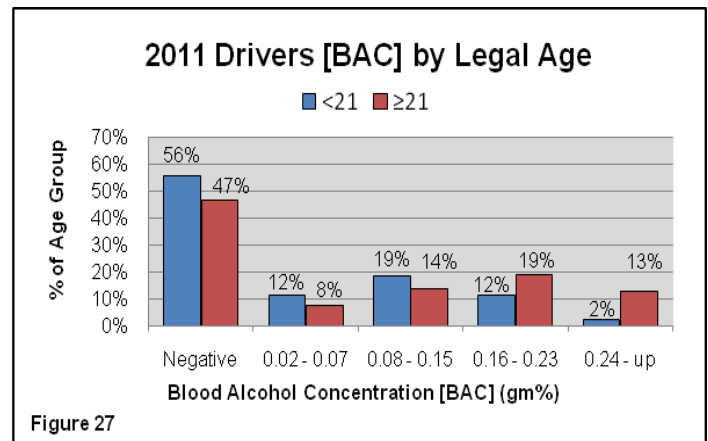
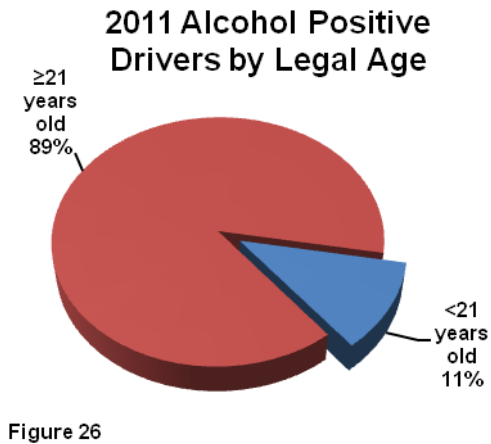


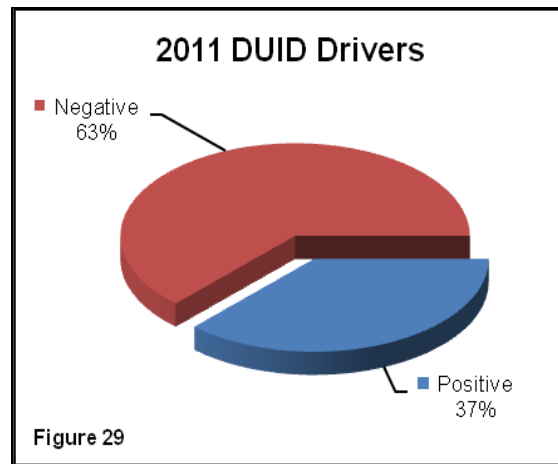
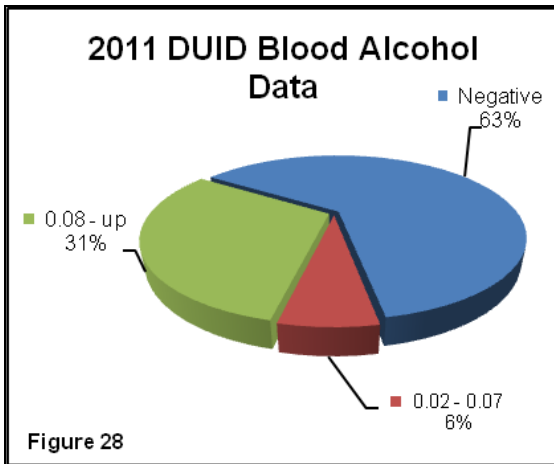
Figure 27 illustrates the percentages of suspected alcohol impaired drivers by age. For drivers tested that were under 21, 33% had alcohol concentrations $\geq 0.08\%$.

Drugs and Driving

Drugs play a significant role in driving under the influence cases. While 63% of cases were found to be negative for alcohol upon pre-screening, 7% were cases involving blood alcohol levels at or below the legal limit and 31% of the cases were severe impairment (over 0.08% and up) [Figure 28].



[Figure 29] illustrates that 37% of individuals suspected of driving under the influence of drugs tested positive.



Drivers Drug Usage: Controlled Substance, Prescription, and Over The Counter Drugs

In those cases where drugs were detected, 74% were Controlled Substances [Figure 30].

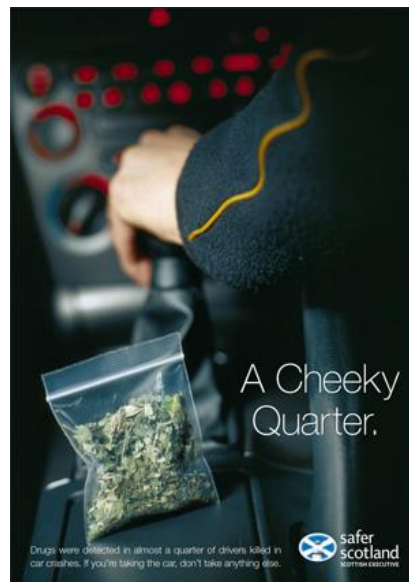
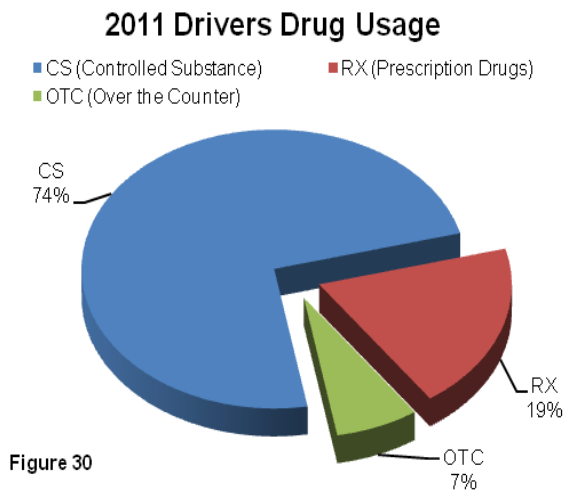


Table 4 depicts the 34 most common drug findings in Driving-Under-the-Influence-of-Drugs [DUID] toxicology cases [excluding ethyl alcohol] for Y2011.

Table 4: 2011 Most Commonly-Found Drugs (DUID)

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| Tetrahydrocannabinol/Carboxytetrahydrocannabinol | Codeine/Morphine |
| Alprazolam/a-Hydroxyalprazolam | Chlorpromazine |
| Hydrocodone/Hydromorphone/Dihydrocodeine | Doxepin/Nordoxepin |
| Amphetamine/Methamphetamine | Promethazine/Morpromethazine |
| Methadone/Normethadone/EDDP/EMDP | Oxymorphone |
| Carisoprodol/Meprobamate | Trazodone/m-Chlorophenylpiperazine |
| Cocaine/Benzoyllecgonine/Cocaethylene | Phenobarbital |
| Diazepam/Nordiazepam | Phenytoin |
| Zolpidem | Fluoxetine/Norfluoxetine |
| Temazepam | Propranolol |
| Oxazepam | Levorphone/Dextrophan |
| Citalopram/Desmethylcitalopram | Chlordiazepoxide |
| Diphenhydramine/Nordiphenhydramine | Phentermine |
| Venlafaxine/o-Desmethylvenlafaxine | |
| Phencyclidine | |
| Butalbital | |
| Oxycodone | |
| Sertraline/Norsertaline/Desmethylsertraline | |
| Difluoroethane | |
| Cyclobenzaprine/Norcyclobenzaprine | |
| Quetiapine | |

