

Turnaround time by section	Agency/Program #: 4110-32-G1	
	Division: 32 - Forensic Science Div	
	Program: Forensic Science	
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Program or Project Description:
Forensic Science turnaround time reductions.

Fund Name:	Appropriation, Expenditure and Source				Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of April 15, 2008
	2008		2009		
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended	
General Fund					
State Special					
Federal Funds					
Total:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Legislative Goal(s):
Provide timely and accurate analysis of criminal evidence to enable the prosecution of criminal cases by county and state prosecutors.

Legislative Performance Measur

1. Reduce casework turnaround time for the Chemistry & Serology sections to 4 weeks.
2. Reduce casework turnaround times for the DNA section to 8 weeks

2009 Biennium Significant Milestones:	Completion Dates	
	Target	Actual
1 Chemistry Section - Reduce turnaround time from 5.5 weeks to 4 weeks	4 weeks	6 weeks
2 Firearms Section - Reduce turnaround time from 7.5 weeks to 4 weeks	4 weeks	7.5 weeks
3 Latent Print Section - Reduce turnaround time from 39.5 weeks to 4 weeks	4 weeks	23.5 weeks
4 Toxicology Section - Keep turnaround time under 4 weeks	4 weeks	2.5 weeks
5 Serology Section - Reduce turnaround time from 9.3 weeks to 4 weeks	4 weeks	3.1 weeks

DNA Section - Reduce turnaround time from 40.4 weeks to 8 weeks

8 weeks

17.7 weeks

Agency Performance Report:

Chemistry Section - In the spring of 2007 we had a Chemist resign. We recruited and hired another chemist on September 17, 2007. After a 6 month probationary/training period he was cleared to do cases on his own on March 13, 2008. During that period our turnaround time increased one-half of a week. We should soon see our goal met.

Firearms Section – We lost a Firearms Examiner on September 12, 2007. After recruitment and selection we hired a new examiner on February 4, 2008. She currently is in training which will last approximately 1.5 years. Our turn around time has changed little.

Latent Print Section. We have reduced our turnaround time from 39.5 weeks to 23.5 weeks and will continue to work toward our goal of 4 weeks.

Serology Section – We have met and exceeded our reduction of turnaround time from 9.3 weeks to 3.1 weeks.

DNA Section – We have reduced our turnaround time from 40.4 weeks to 17.7 weeks and will continue to work toward our goal of 8 weeks.

LFD Narrative:

LFD ASSESSMENT – On-Track, Goal met or progress shown

DATA RELEVANCE - Agreed upon performance measures reported

APPROPRIATION STATUS - Appropriation not provided

COMMENTS/ISSUES - The workgroup may wish to ask how provision of funding for: 1) exemption from applied vacancy savings, 2) progression to market pay increases, and 3) additional FTE have impacted the division's ability to achieve this goal. The work group may also wish to ask how employee vacancy and turnover rates for this biennium to date compare to previous biennium.

OPTIONS for Workgroup –

1. Accept and receive update in October
2. Accept and do not receive update in October



Version	Date	Author
AW-1	12/11/07	Gervais
DO-2	5/16/08	Gervais

Change Description
1st Report
June 2008 update, version changed to reflect section D