

**National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUS,
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/namus/index.htm>)**

The National Center for Forensic Science (NCFS, <http://www.ncfs.org>), a National Institute of Justice (NIJ, <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij>) program hosted by the University of Central Florida (UCF, <http://www.ucf.edu>), has facilitated the identification, evaluation, and adoption of new technologies to assist medical examiners and coroners with identifying the unidentified dead.

Focus Group

NCFS, using NIJ funds, hosted and facilitated four (4) *Focus Group on Using Technology to Assist Medical Examiners and Coroners in the Identification of Human Remains* meetings.

- March 29-31, 2006 (Orlando, Florida)
- July 7-9, 2006 (Orlando, Florida)
- November 10-12, 2006 (Orlando, Florida)
- March 9-11, 2007 (Orlando, Florida)

Focus group participants represented the following agencies, departments, and organizations:

- Bureau of Justice Statistics, U. S. Department Justice, Office of Justice Programs (<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs>)
- C. A. Pound Human Identification Laboratory, Department of Anthropology, University of Florida (Gainesville, Florida, <http://web.anthro.ufl.edu/capoundlab.shtml>)
- California Department of Justice, Missing Persons DNA Program (<http://ag.ca.gov/missing>)
- Commonwealth of Virginia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (<http://www.vdh.state.va.us/medexam>)
- Cuyahoga County Office of the Coroner (Cleveland, Ohio, <http://coroner.cuyahogacounty.us>)
- District Eight (8) Medical Examiner's Office (Gainesville, Florida)

- District Nine (9) Medical Examiner's Office (Orlando, Florida, <http://www.orangecountyfl.net/cms/DEPT/hfs/healthservices/me/default.htm>)
- District Twenty (2) Medical Examiner's Office (Naples, Florida, <http://www.colliergov.net/Index.aspx?page=109>)
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Laboratory (<http://www.fbi.gov/hq/lab/labhome.htm>)
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS, <http://www.fbi.gov/hq/cjisd/cjis.htm>)
- Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE, <http://www.fdle.state.fl.us>)
- Florida Missing Children Clearinghouse, Florida Department of Law Enforcement (<http://www3.fdle.state.fl.us/MCICSearch>)
- Fulton County Medical Examiner's Department (Atlanta, Georgia, http://www.co.fulton.ga.us/departments/med_exam_div_T215_R7.html)
- Illinois State Police (<http://www.isp.state.il.us>)
- International Homicide Investigators Association (IHIA, <http://www.ihia.org>)
- Kenyon International Emergency Services, Inc. (Houston, Texas, <http://www.kenyoninternational.com>)
- Miami-Dade Medical Examiner's Department (Miami, Florida, <http://www.miamidade.gov/medexam>)
- National Center for Forensic Science (NCFS, <http://www.ncfs.org>)
- National Institute of Justice (NIJ, <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij>)
- Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIC, <http://www.ncis.navy.mil>)
- New York City Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (<http://www.ci.nyc.ny.us/html/ocme/html/dirmedex.html>)
- Office of the Clark County Coroner (Las Vegas, Nevada, <http://www.accessclarkcounty.net/CORONER>)
- Pennsylvania State University, Forensic Science Program (<http://www.science.psu.edu/forensics/home/index.html>)
- Southwest Institute of Forensic Sciences (Dallas, Texas)

NCFS assembled subject matter experts from law enforcement, forensic science laboratories, and Medical Examiner/Coroner Offices throughout the United States to develop guidelines for the use of various types of technology to aid in the determination of the identity of unidentified remains located at the scene or stored in morgues.

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NCFS also coordinated flight arrangements and hotel accommodations/meeting space for the first *National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs)* meeting, hosted and funded by NIJ (April 26-27, 2007)

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- California Department of Justice, Missing Persons DNA Program (<http://ag.ca.gov/missing>)
- Office of the Clark County Coroner (Las Vegas, Nevada, <http://www.accessclarkcounty.net/CORONER>)
- District Nine (9) Medical Examiner's Office (Orlando, Florida, <http://www.orangecountyfl.net/cms/DEPT/hfs/healthservices/me/default.htm>)
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS, <http://www.fbi.gov/hq/cjisd/cjis.htm>)
- Fulton County Medical Examiner's Department (Atlanta, Georgia, http://www.co.fulton.ga.us/departments/med_exam_div_T215_R7.html)
- National Center for Forensic Science (NCFS, <http://www.ncfs.org>)
- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC, <http://www.ncmec.org>)
- National Center for Victims of Crime (NCVC, <http://www.ncvc.org/ncvc/Main.aspx>)
- National Forensic Science Technology Center (NFSTC, <http://www.nfstc.org>)
- National Institute of Justice (NIJ, <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij>)
- Occupational Research and Assessment, Inc. (ORA, <http://www.orainc.com>)

- Sacramento County Office of the Coroner (<http://coroner.saccounty.net>)
- University of Central Florida College of Engineering and Computer Science (CECS, <http://www.cecs.ucf.edu>)
- University of Maryland Dental School (<http://www.dental.umaryland.edu>)
- University of North Texas Center for Human Identification (http://www.hsc.unt.edu/departments/pathology_anatomy/dna/forensic.htm)

NamUs participants endorsed the Unidentified Decedent Reporting System (UDRS, <http://www.identifyus.org>) developed by the Fulton County Medical Examiner's Department and Occupation Research and Assessment (and endorsed by the National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME, <http://www.THENAME.org>) as the foundation for the NamUs system (<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/namus/index.htm>)