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Illinois Forensic Science Commission
Training and Career Development Subcommittee Meeting
Open Meeting
Speaker Series Event

Wednesday, November 18, 2026, 1 p.m.-2:15 p.m.

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AGENDA

I. Introductory remarks
II. Presentation- Forensic Scientist Wellness
    a. Presenter- Michael "Kess" Kessler

Michael "Kess" Kessler is a forensic science and public safety professional with more than 20 years of experience across law enforcement, forensic operations, defense, and program management. He currently works in business development at Field Forensics Inc., Principal Consultant at Kessler Forensic Solutions and Adjunct Professor at Florida International University. His career includes serving as Forensics Manager and Division Commander for the City of Denton Police Department, Research Project Manager and Technical Trainer at FIU, supporting US Special Operations Command, and sworn and civilian investigative roles. He also served as an Assistant Professor of Practice at Texas Tech University. Kess is a Certified Crime Scene Analyst and a Fellow of the Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences. He holds a PSM in Forensic Science from FIU and a BA in Criminal Justice, and he serves in standards work with OSAC, the AAFS Standards Board, ISO/TC 272, and the IAI Board of Directors. His current work looks at forensic trauma as a predictable occupational injury.

III. Next Meeting/ Adjournment

Public Notice and Agenda posted by Monday, November 16, 2026, at the Illinois State Police Central Headquarters 801 South 7th Street, Springfield, IL 62703; and on the Illinois State Police official website, https://www.isp.illinois.gov/.