



"The RCFL Program is recognized worldwide as law enforcement's leading resource for digital forensics services, training, and education. Our record speaks for itself, and we are extremely proud of our staff and the work that they do."

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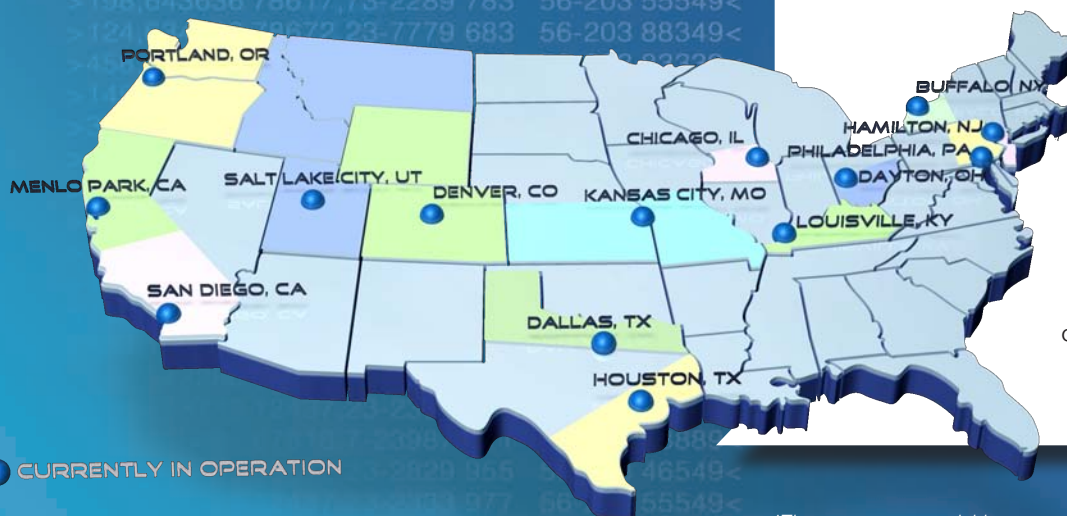
AMERICA'S PREMIER DIGITAL FORENSICS
LABORATORY NETWORK

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory (RCFL) Program is a national network of Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) sponsored, full-service digital forensics laboratories and training centers. The FBI provides start-up and operational funding, training, and equipment, while state, local, and other federal law enforcement agencies assign personnel to work as Examiners.

An RCFL is devoted entirely to the examination of digital evidence in support of criminal investigations such as, but not limited to

- Terrorism
- Crimes of violence
- Child pornography
- Theft or destruction of intellectual property
- Internet crimes
- Fraud
- Homicide.



PROGRAM SERVICES

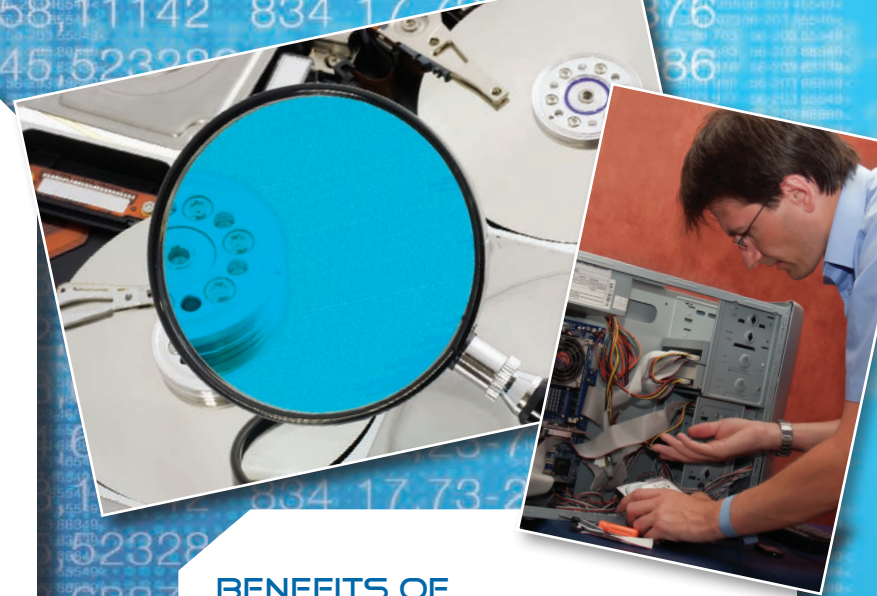
RCFL services* fall into four categories—

Laboratory—Certified RCFL staff members conduct examinations on various electronic devices such as computers, video cameras, cell phones, etc. in the controlled setting of the laboratory. To obtain an RCFL's assistance, customers must complete a service request form and should either meet or speak with the Examiner assigned to their case. These forms are available on the respective RCFL's website. (The complete list of RCFLs is available on www.rcfl.gov.)

Technical—Any law enforcement agency may contact an RCFL for advice on preparing a search warrant or affidavit pertaining to the seizure or potential seizure of electronic equipment. RCFL Examiners can also counsel law enforcement on the proper techniques associated with seizing and handling sensitive electronic equipment during a criminal investigation.

On-site—On occasion, RCFL personnel assist investigators by traveling to commercial businesses or private residences to either seize specified electronic equipment or to copy files for later examination in the laboratory.

Training—Most RCFLs contain a modern training classroom designed to facilitate demonstration of hands-on digital forensics training techniques. The program also hosts an extensive online continuing education library on its website.



BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

The RCFL Program brings together regional law enforcement officials from federal, state, and local government agencies. Known as "participating agencies," these organizations pool their resources by agreeing to manage and staff the RCFL in their community. Personnel from the participating agencies receive numerous benefits including—

- Approximately 7 weeks of first-class technical training for each detailee
- A suite of forensics equipment and software for each Examiner
- Direct peer review and coaching from certified Examiners
- Overtime compensation
- The use of a cell phone and vehicle while on duty
- "Top Secret" security clearance—enabling the Examiners to work on a variety of investigations
- FBI certification as a computer forensics Examiner.

*These services, available at no cost, are provided solely to law enforcement agencies residing in an RCFL's service area.