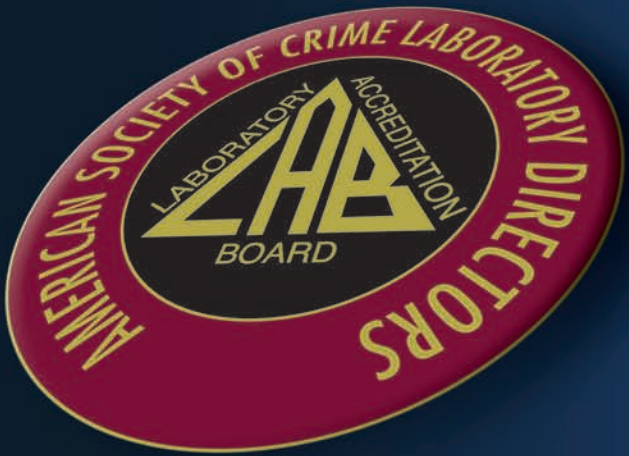




Many RCFLs have self-serve cellular telephone kiosks, which enable users to extract data from a cellular telephone, put it into a report, and burn the report to a CD or DVD in as little as 30 minutes. The kiosks are free to law enforcement—log on to www.rcfl.gov to view a directory of RCFLs that offer this service.

RCFLS = QUALITY

More than two-thirds of RCFLs have earned accreditation in digital evidence and multimedia from the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board. No other digital laboratory network in the world can make that claim. Accreditation is part of a laboratory's overall quality assurance program.



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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 staff the laboratory.

RCFLs serve law enforcement agencies in their designated service areas and are devoted entirely to the examination of digital evidence in support of investigations involving criminal and terrorist activities.

PROGRAM SERVICES

An RCFL's primary services include—

- **Laboratory**—Certified Examiners conduct examinations on a wide variety of electronic devices in the controlled setting of the laboratory. Customers must first complete a service request form, which is posted to each RCFL's website.
- **Training**—RCFLs contain a modern training room designed to demonstrate hands-on digital forensics training techniques. A variety of coursework is available, and law enforcement personnel can register online for classes at their local RCFL. Internships are also available for eligible college students.

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

Each RCFL is controlled, operated, and directed by an Executive Board that includes representatives from its participating agencies.

Agency benefits in an RCFL include—

- Requests for service are given top priority
- The cost of joining an RCFL is far lower than building and equipping a full-service digital forensics laboratory
- The FBI funds the training and certification of all RCFL Examiners
- With strict protocols and procedures in place, the highest quality service is guaranteed—with examination results that stand up in court.

Examiner benefits include—

- Approximately 7 weeks of first-class technical training
- A suite of forensics equipment and software
- Direct peer review and coaching from certified Examiners
- Overtime compensation for sworn law enforcement
- Use of a cellular telephone and vehicle while on duty
- RCFL Examiners hold "Top Secret" security clearances—enabling them to work on a variety of investigations.

