



Central (Richmond)



Northern (Manassas)



Eastern (Norfolk)



Western (Roanoke)

# DEPARTMENT OF FORENSIC SCIENCE UPDATE

Linda C. Jackson, Director

Presented to the Forensic Science Board

July 19, 2023





# Central Laboratory Capital Project

- Building updates available online

<https://dfs.virginia.gov/regional-labs/new-central-laboratory-facility/>

## Coming Q1 2026



Mobilization  
January 2023



Ground  
Breaking  
03/02/23



Structure  
Complete  
Q4 2023



Exterior Skin  
Complete  
Q3 2024



Final  
Inspections  
Q4 2025

Check back monthly for new video updates as the Central Laboratory takes shape.

**Points of Interest**

**JUNE 2023**

- Concrete foundations progressing, with expected completion in June
- Site utility work including domestic, sanitary, and fire-water lines is ongoing
- North underground stormwater detention system nearing completion
- CMU installation for Stair 4 expected completion early June

2023 2024 2025

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# New Lab Directors for Eastern and Northern Laboratories



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## CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION

The ANSI National Accreditation Board

Hereby attests that

**Virginia Department of Forensic Science  
Crime Laboratory System**

Fulfills the requirements of

**ISO/IEC 17025:2017**

ANAB Forensic Testing & Calibration AR 3125:2019

FBI Quality Assurance Standards for Forensic DNA Testing Laboratories:2020

FBI Quality Assurance Standards for DNA Databasing Laboratories:2020

In the field of

**Forensic Testing & Calibration**

This certificate is valid only when accompanied by a current scope of accreditation document.  
The current scopes of accreditation can be verified at [www.anab.org](http://www.anab.org).

  
Pamela L. Sale, Vice President, Forensics

Expiry Date: 30 September 2026

Certificate Numbers:

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FT-0052

FT-0053

FT-0054

FC-0004



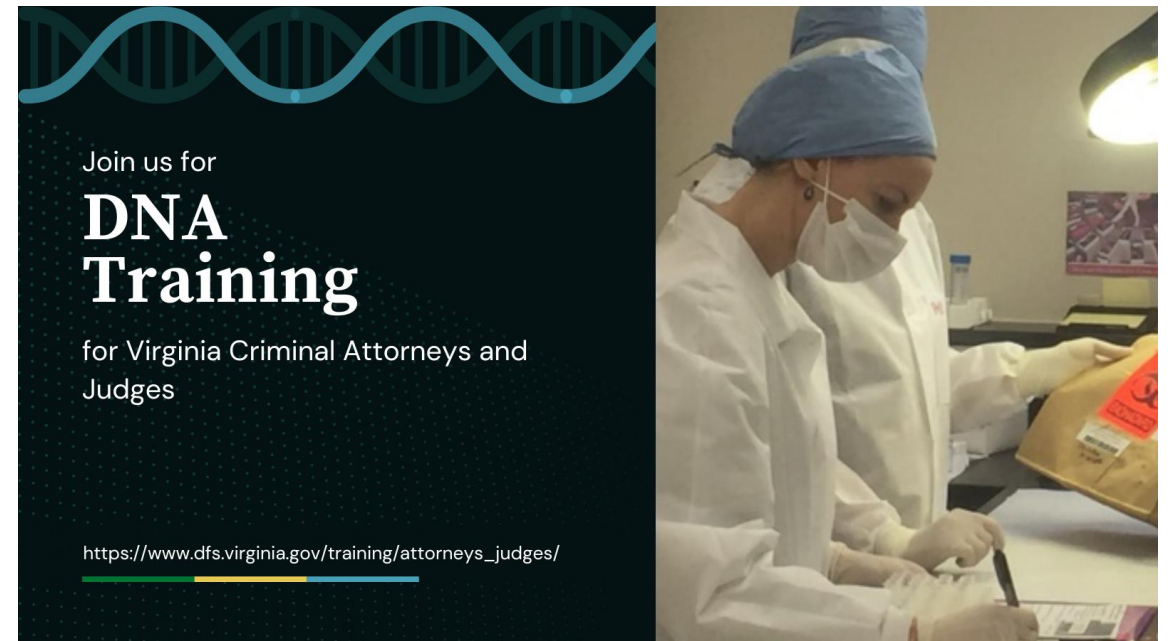
# Accreditation

- Completed Surveillance Document Review – May 2023
- Certificates and Scopes are available on the DFS website: <https://www.dfs.virginia.gov/about-dfs/accreditation/accreditation-documentation/>
- Current cycle expires September 30, 2026



# Training for Attorneys and Judges

- Planning in-person, full-day sessions for DNA:
  - September 29—Central (Richmond)
  - October 6—Western (Roanoke)
  - October 20—Eastern (Norfolk)
  - November 3—Northern (Manassas)
- No registration fee or CLE credits
- Registration closed on July 14, 2023
- Controlled Substances sessions held at all four laboratories in May 2023



# Staff Training

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- Leadership Retreat: September 18 - 20, 2023
- Section Meetings
  - **Firearms:** June 6 - 8
  - **Latent Prints:** August 21 - 25 all attending International Association for Identification Conference
  - **Forensic Biology:** October 2 - 4
  - **Controlled Substances:** October 17 - 19
  - **Toxicology:** October 18 - 19

## LEADERSHIP RETREAT

### SAVE THE DATE

We are thrilled to announce this multi-day training retreat that will cover:

- Discovering Your Leadership Style
- Essential Leadership Skills
- Courageous Conversations
- Mentoring and Succession Planning



 **September 18 - 20, 2023**

 **Hotel 24 South, Staunton, VA**



**Keynote Speaker:**

Dean Gialamas, is a Certified High Performance Leadership Coach™, who has been active in the forensic science community and has served in several crime laboratory leadership positions for the Orange County Sheriff's Department and Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. Mr. Gialamas has been providing leadership training to government agencies and companies since 2006.



# Forensic Training

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- 109<sup>th</sup> FSA Session graduated June 23, 2023
- 6 Short Courses in July & August
  - Basic Crime Scene Photography
  - CSI/Laboratory Overview
  - Alternate Light Source & Impression Evidence
- Annual FSA Retraining – Sept. 6-8, 2023





# NGI Palm Print Database Searches

- Programming error for FBI Next Generation Identification (NGI) system palm print searches
- Initial search results were not impacted
- Saved latent palm prints were not being automatically searched against newly added known palm prints
- Palm print searches for approximately 250 cases will be re-launched

  
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**AGENCY NOTICE**

To: All Agencies served by DFS  
From: Linda C. Jackson, Department Director *Linda C. Jackson*  
Date: June 12, 2023  
RE: Next Generation Identification (NGI) Palm Print Database Search Results

The Latent Print Section utilizes the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Next Generation Identification (NGI) system to provide investigative information about individuals potentially associated with criminal events through the search of partial latent prints recovered from evidence against databases of known exemplars (fingerprints and palm prints).

When a print is searched in the database and not identified to a source, it is typically registered in the database and automatically searched against newly added exemplars. Due to a technical issue with the NGI software, some latent palm prints searched between 2014 and 2022 were not being searched against new exemplars added to the database.

The FBI has provided DFS a list of cases impacted by this issue (see agency list below). DFS will reenter the palm prints in these cases to search against all new exemplars added after the initial search. If a potential identification exists, the agency will be notified with a Certificate of Analysis. The original evidence will need to be resubmitted if confirmation of the potential identification is necessary. If no identification is made, the prints will continue to be searched on a regular basis.

Please contact the Latent Print Section Supervisor for your service area at the number listed if you have any questions or concerns.

Laboratory	Section Contact	Phone Number
Central (Richmond)	Amanda Lane	(804) 588-4029
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Western (Roanoke)	Kate Adolf	(540) 283-5975

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# PC Project Evidence Return

- All evidence and samples relating to the DNA Post-Conviction project will be returned to the originating law enforcement agency
- Begins August 2023
- Samples can be stored at room temperature



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### DFS POLICY NOTICE

TO: All Agencies Served by Department of Forensic Science (DFS)  
FROM: Linda C. Jackson, Department Director *LJ*  
DATE: July 17, 2023  
RE: Return of Evidence Relating to the Post-Conviction DNA Testing Project

During the review of a case file for possible Post-Conviction DNA testing in 2001, DFS discovered that some of its historic case files (from 1972-1987) contained portions of previously tested evidence and/or known reference samples. After this discovery, DFS retrieved and reviewed case files from the Library of Virginia State Records Center in order to identify cases containing previously tested evidence or known reference samples.

Some of these cases were the subject of Post-Conviction (PC) DNA testing that was ordered by Governor Warner in 2005. A summary of the testing project is available here:

<http://vscc.virginia.gov/2020/DNA%20Project%20Overview.pdf>. Other cases, where a portion of evidence or reference standard was retained, were not tested because the case was not eligible, or no record of a conviction was identified. DFS has since stored all of this material at our laboratory in the event that further requests for testing were received or ordered by the courts. To be consistent with current evidence handling policies, the final aspect of this project will be to return the discovered evidence and/or reference samples to the originating law enforcement agencies.

Beginning in August 2023, previously tested evidence and/or reference samples from these historical cases will be returned to the originating law enforcement agency. Evidence batches (up to 25 cases) will be returned with an itemized list of the samples present for each case. The evidence for each case will be packaged in one or two manilla envelopes. Chain of custody forms will be used to document the evidence transfer and identify the cases in each batch by FS Lab # (and agency case #, if available), which can be matched to your agency records.

The returned evidence and/or reference samples container(s) may be stored in your evidence facilities at room temperature. An agency should contact their legal advisor regarding the appropriate retention time for this returned evidence.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice, please contact Shelley Edler, Forensic Biology Group Supervisor, at (804) 588-4084.



# Customer Working Group

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- Customer Working Group (CWG) met on May 8, 2023
  - Feedback from customers on evidence submission policies and services provided
  - Supportive of proposed changes to Latent Prints report wording
  - Discussed statutory language regarding reporting DNA allele tables





# Latent Print Report Wording Updates

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- Start with the BLUF – New format
- New table following the item descriptions

RESULTS AND INTERPRETATIONS:

COMPARISON RESULTS OVERVIEW:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Identification (Total/Item)</b>	<b>Exclusion (Total/Item)</b>	<b>Inconclusive (Total/Item)</b>
John DOE	1 / Item 02	N/A	3 / Item 01
Jane DOE	2 / Item 01	N/A	1 / Item 01



# Sexual Assault Kit Processing Unit

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- Hire 4 Biologists (pending in budget)
- They will join Biologist on staff in Central Laboratory
- Training on kit screening and DNA processing
- Kits transferred from around the state to Central for examination (1,400 kits estimated)
- Report writing will be divided up between the scientist staff based on complexity of results





# Dashboards for Case Statistics

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- Project with the Office of Data Governance and Analytics (ODGA)
- Project scope identified
- ODGA staff background checks completed
- Data transfer permissions and protocols
- Dashboards for case submissions, completions, backlogs and average turnaround times



# Breath Alcohol Instruments

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- Bid for new instrument is being handled by the Department of General Services – Division of Purchases and Supply (DGS-DPS)
- DGS-DPS met with DFS to discuss bid documentation on July 6
- New instruments and training expected in 2024





# Toxicology Updates

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- Outsourcing
  - Still being utilized in Eastern and Western OCME
  - Reducing usage as staffing increases
  - Extremely helpful for locations that experience staffing shortages
- Staffing – building capacity
  - 43 Forensic Scientists/Toxicologists (33 qualified, 7 in-training, 3 in-hiring)
  - 9 Forensic Lab Specialists (7 qualified, 1 in-training, 1 in-hiring)



# Toxicology THC Testing

- All DUI/DUID samples are now screened for a tetrahydrocannabinol metabolite and alcohol
- For Q1 2023, ~18% of cases with BAC >0.100 % w/v had a quantifiable THC concentration

- Quantitative:  $\Delta^9$ -THC,  $\Delta^9$ -carboxy-THC,  $\Delta^9$ -hydroxy-THC

NEW:

- Qualitative:  $\Delta^8$ -THC, Cannabidiol
- Other isomers and compounds will be in future work including  $\Delta^8$ -carboxy-THC,  $\Delta^8$ -hydroxy-THC,  $\Delta^{10}$ -THC/  $\Delta^{6a,10a}$ -THC, HHC

For Q1 CY 2023		
	Cases with BAC >0.100% w/v	Cases with BAC <0.100% w/v
Average THC Concentration	0.0047 mg/L	0.0074 mg/L
Median THC Concentration	0.0027 mg/L	0.0042 mg/L



# Drugs Submitted to DFS in 2022

## Illicit Synthetic Opioids



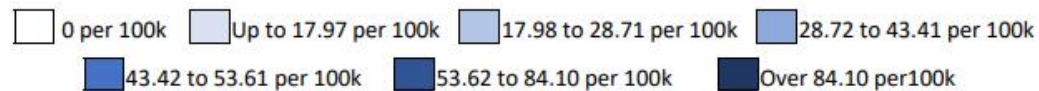
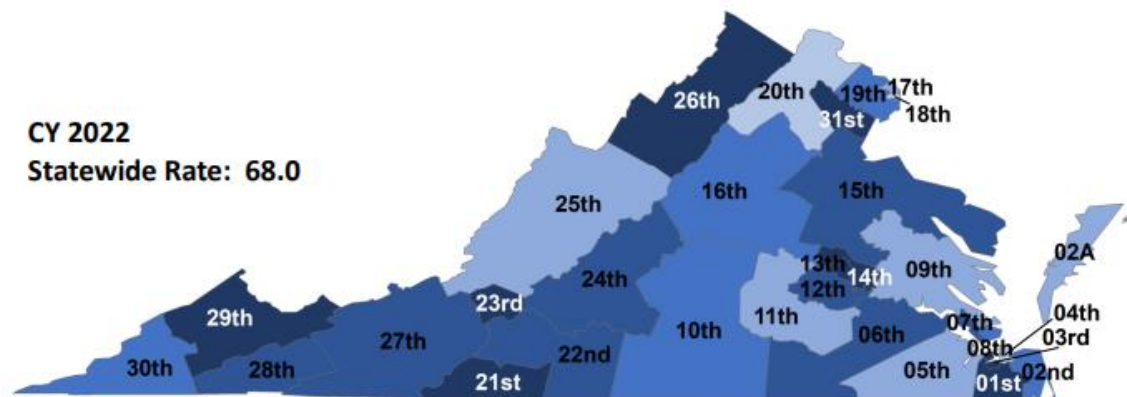
Illicit Synthetic Opioid Submissions  
CY2013-2022



**NEW  
REPORT:  
DRUG CASES  
SUBMITTED TO DFS  
IN CY2022**

## CY 2022

Statewide Rate: 68.0





# Legislation to regulate hemp products effective July 1, 2023

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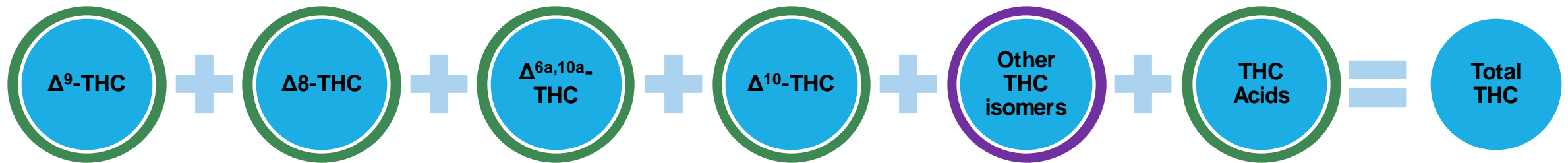


Definition Changes in Chs. 744 and 794:

"Tetrahydrocannabinol" means any naturally occurring or synthetic tetrahydrocannabinol, ***including its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers*** whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation and any preparation, mixture, or substance containing, or mixed or infused with, any detectable amount of tetrahydrocannabinol. ***For the purposes of this definition, "isomer" means the optical, position, and geometric isomers.***

"Total tetrahydrocannabinol" means the sum, after the application of any necessary conversion factor, of the percentage by weight of tetrahydrocannabinol and the percentage by weight of tetrahydrocannabinolic acid.

# Total THC includes sum of THC and THC acid for all isomers



- Total THC greater than 0.3% is marijuana
- DFS expanded semi-quantitative method to include the most common THC isomers and their acids
- Validations continue to encompass additional isomers



# Hemp Enforcement after July 1, 2023

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## Hemp products cannot:

- Contain more than 0.3% total THC (no longer just  $\Delta^9$ -THC)
- Contain more than 2 mg of total THC per package unless the product has an amount of CBD that is at least 25:1 CBD to THC
- Contain synthetic derivatives of THC (if for human consumption)
- There are registration and packaging, labeling and testing requirements for retailers
- Civil penalties apply under the Virginia Consumer Protection Act (§ 59.1-200) and the Food and Drink Act (Title 3.2, Article 5)
- Violations can be Class 1 misdemeanors and/or could be referred to law enforcement





# DFS Support for Marijuana Enforcement

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- Simple possession cases of marijuana and marijuana products of more than 4 ounces
- Home cultivation cases with five or more marijuana plants
- Underage possession of marijuana (although civil penalty)
- Possession with intent to distribute or distribution of marijuana (for criminal charges)

# DFS Support for Marijuana Enforcement

Individual



- Under 21 years of age in possession of marijuana (> 0.3% THC)
- Simple possession of more than 4 oz or contested civil cases of between 1 – 4 oz of marijuana
- Distribution or possession with intent to distribute of marijuana (> 1 oz)

Retail Store



- Selling marijuana (over 0.3% THC) to general public (distribution or possession with intent to distribute) whether representing the product to be marijuana or knowingly selling marijuana products packaged to look like compliant hemp products

**Table 2: Updated submission guidelines for Cannabis**

Offense	Policy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Possession of marijuana and marijuana products (§ 4.1-1100)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Accepted:</b> Quantities over 4 ounces  <b>Accepted with Limitations:</b> Contested civil offenses (greater than 1 ounce but less than 4 ounces) submitted by law enforcement  <b>Not Accepted:</b> Quantities under 1 ounce OR uncontested civil offenses</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Home cultivation of marijuana (§ 4.1-1101)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Accepted:</b> Five or more separately packaged plants or portions thereof, if a plant count is needed  <b>Not Accepted:</b> Four or less plants, or portions thereof</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Possession of marijuana and marijuana products by individuals under the age of 21 (§ 4.1-1105.1)</li> <li>Other misdemeanors with no weight thresholds (§§ 4.1-1107, 4.1-1108, 4.1-1109, and 4.1-1110)</li> <li>Manufacture, Sell, Distribute or PWID Marijuana (§ 18.2-248.1)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offering for sale or selling at retail a substance that has total THC that is outside the legal limit for hemp products (§ 3.2-4112) or industrial hemp extracts (§ 3.2-5145.1) and would, therefore, meet the definition of marijuana under Virginia Code §§ 4.1-600 and 18.2-247</li> </ul> </li> <li>Possession of marijuana by prisoners (§ 53.1-203(6)) and delivery of marijuana to prisoners (§ 18.2-474.1)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Accepted:</b> All weighable quantities (not residue amounts) seized during criminal investigations or were the subject of controlled purchases  <b>Not Accepted:</b> Edibles in violation of labeling and packaging requirements as described in §§ 3.2-4123 or 3.2-5145.4:1 or inhalants in violation of labeling and packaging requirements as described in § 3.2-4123[contact the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) for enforcement guidance]</p>

# Policy Notice

## June 29, 2023



- Updated submission guidelines for Cannabis offenses
- Clarifies capabilities to support criminal charges involving plant material, oils, extracts, vape cartridges, and edibles
- Announced outsourcing ability for edibles





# Cannabis Edibles Update

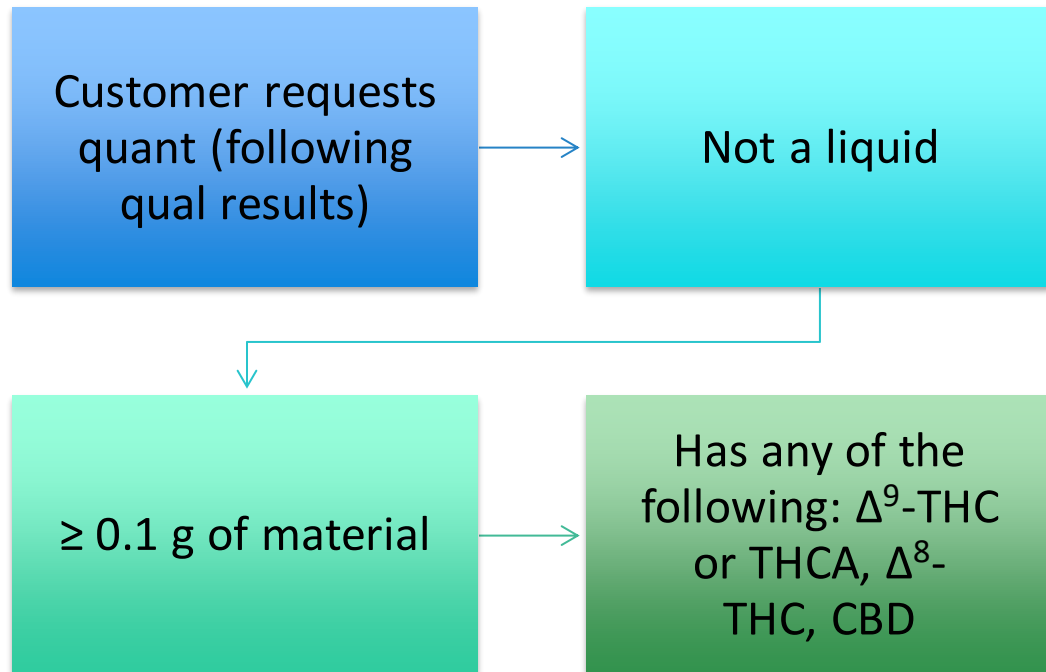
- Outsourcing is now available (NMS Laboratories) for quantitation of THC concentration in edibles
- DFS will do initial qualitative testing and report identification of cannabinoids present
- If THC quantitation is needed and is suitable for testing, DFS will send edibles to NMS Labs
- Will continue to assess the need for in-house testing capability of edibles



# Outsourced Testing for THC Concentration



## Suitability for Outsourced Testing



## Testing Approach

- Test 1 (previously untested)
- Will consult with customer if there is a need to meet a weight threshold and will request letter from Commonwealth's Attorney due to potential fiscal impact

# Case Statistics

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# Workload Statistics – FY 22 v. FY 23



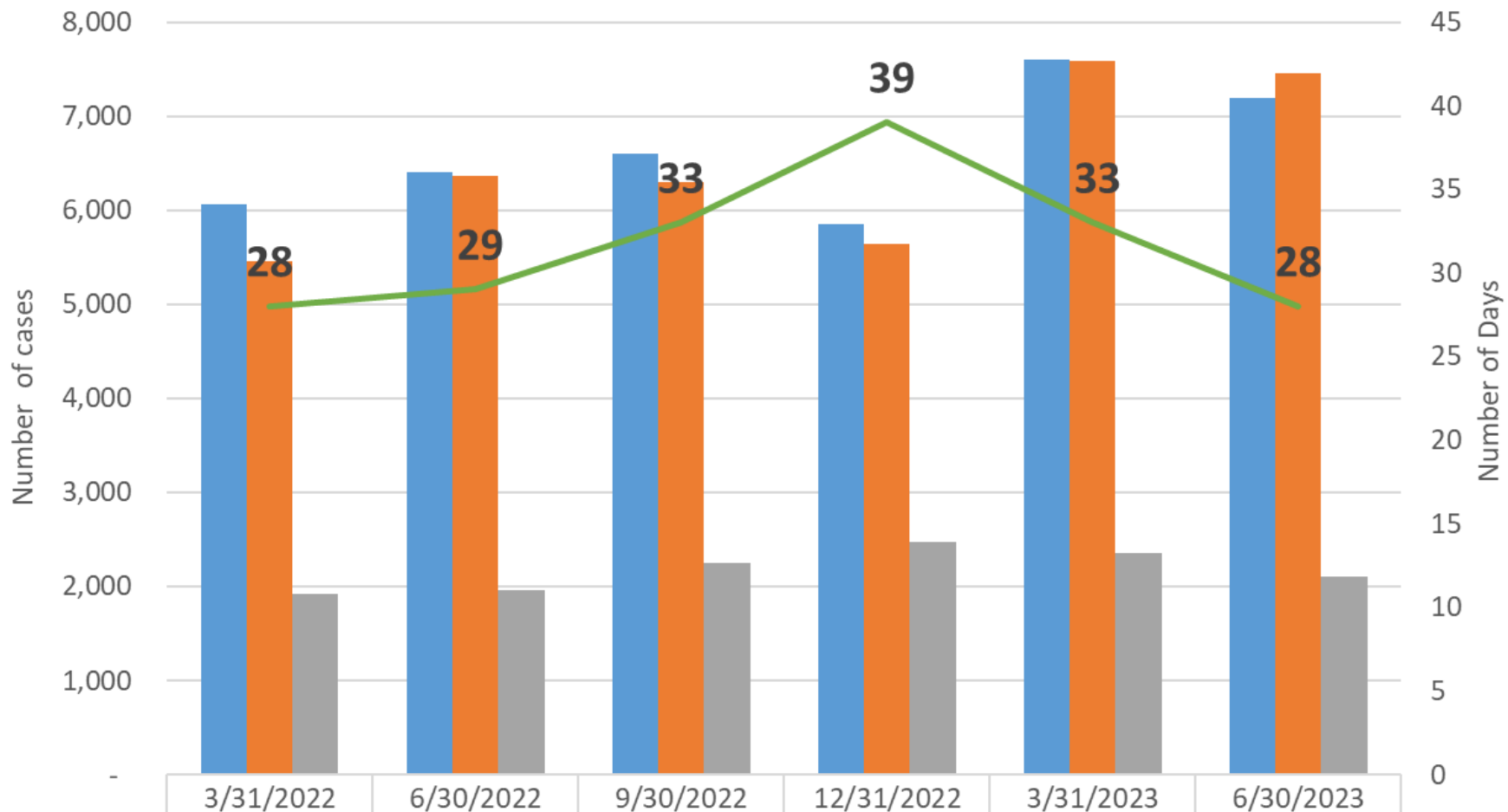
Fiscal Years	Submissions			Backlog (end of June)		
	FY 22	FY 23	% change	FY 22	FY 23	% change
Controlled Substances (CS)	23,997	27,217	+13%	1,986	2,103	+6%
Digital Evidence (DME)	212	254	+20%	46	108	+135%
Firearms & Toolmarks (FT)	6,314	6,450	+2%	1,798	1,573	-13%
Forensic Biology (DNA)	6,450	6,891	+7%	2,252	2,861	+27%
Latent Prints & Impressions (LP)	2,143	2,355	+10%	365	408	+12%
Toxicology (TX)**	9,883	10,642	+8%	1,300	1,694	+30%
Trace Evidence (TE)	702	725	+3%	159	223	+40%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>49,701</b>	<b>54,534</b>	<b>+10%</b>	<b>7,906</b>	<b>8,970</b>	<b>+13%</b>

\*\*Samples outsourced directly from Office of Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) not included





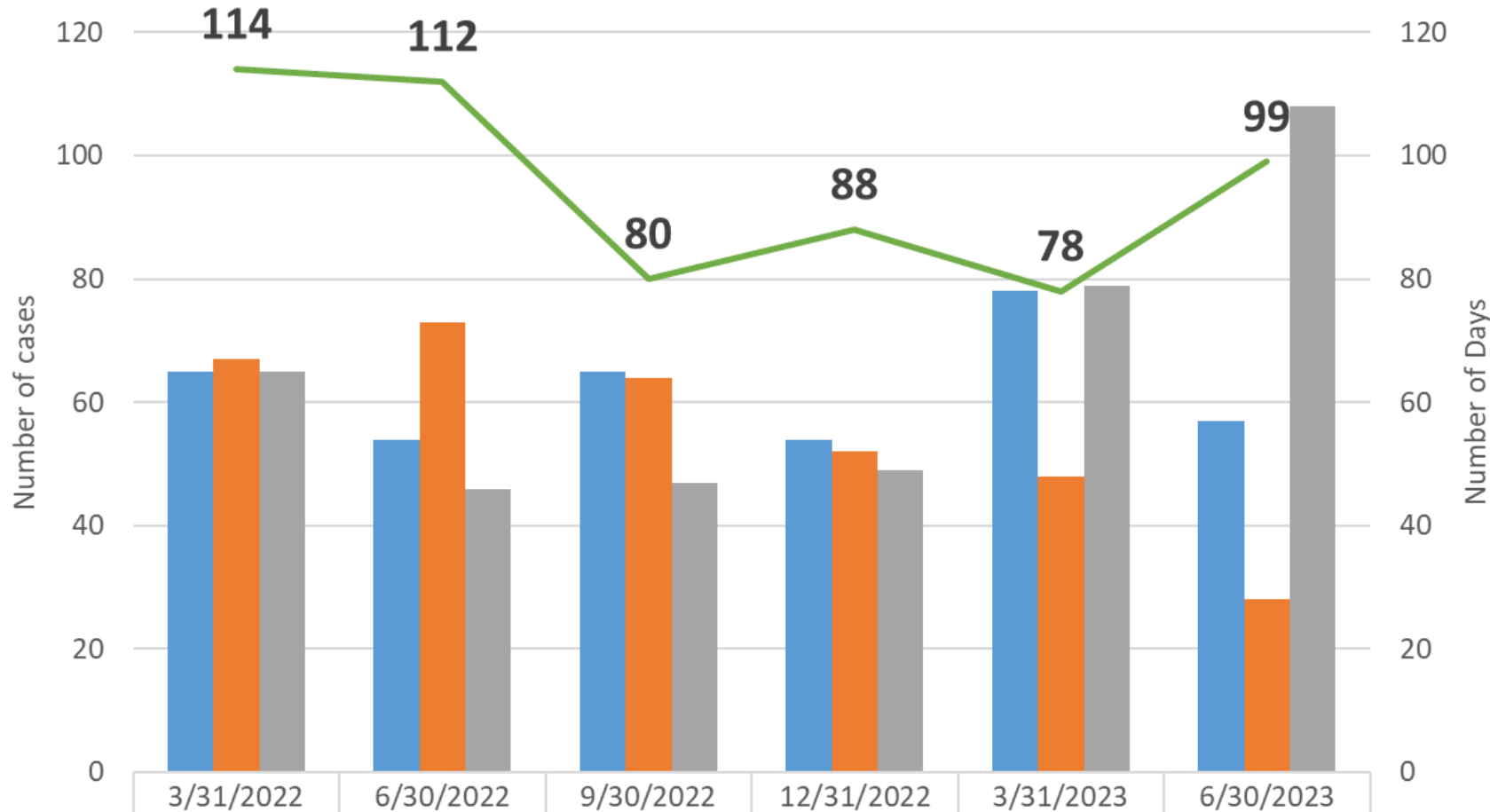
### Controlled Substances



	3/31/2022	6/30/2022	9/30/2022	12/31/2022	3/31/2023	6/30/2023
<b>Cases Received*</b>	6,066	6,410	6,598	5,852	7,599	7,198
<b>Cases Completed</b>	5,459	6,364	6,304	5,637	7,583	7,454
<b>Caseload</b>	1,916	1,962	2,256	2,471	2,356	2,100
<b>Average Days in System</b>	28	29	33	39	33	28



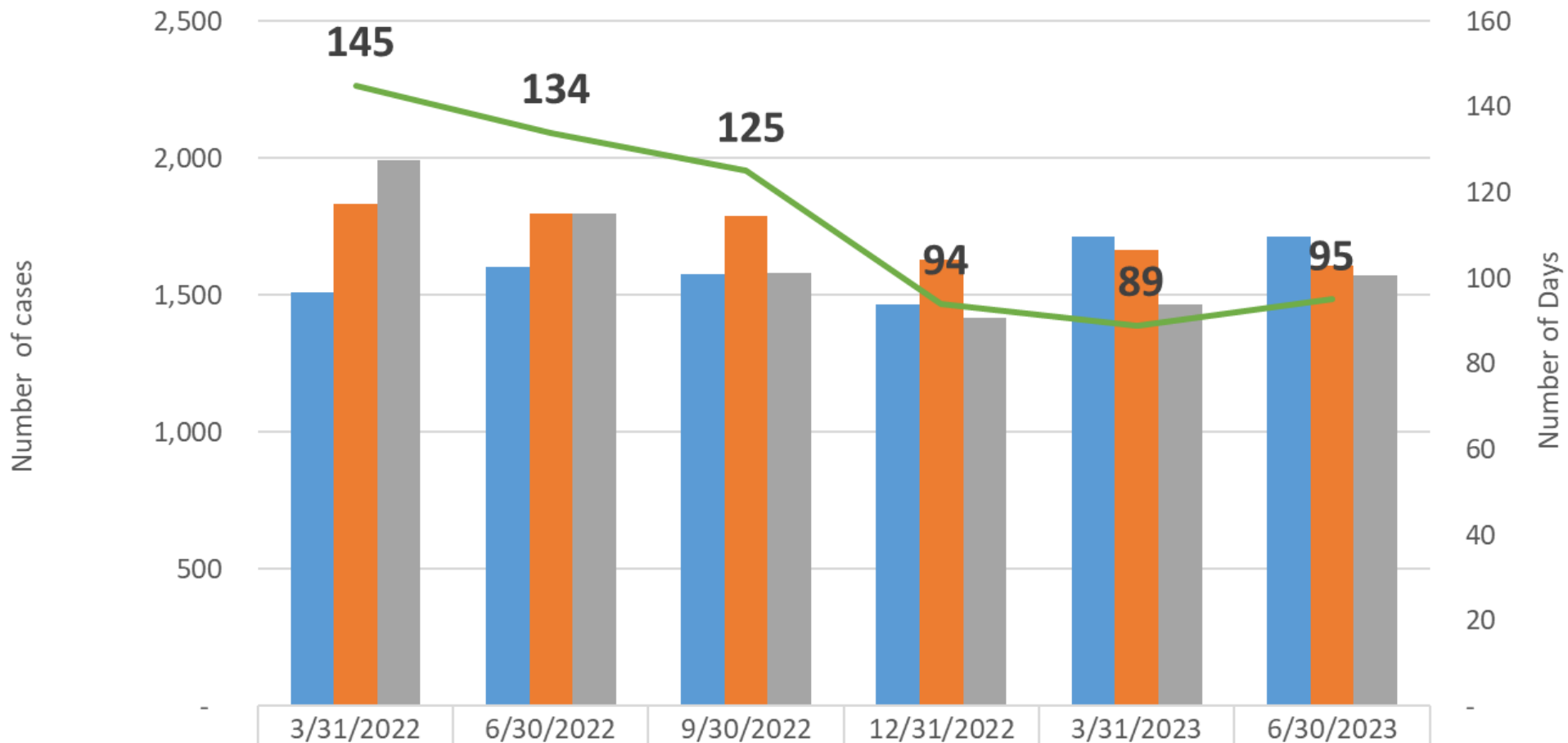
### Digital & Multimedia Evidence



Cases Received*	65	54	65	54	78	57
Cases Completed	67	73	64	52	48	28
Caseload	65	46	47	49	79	108
Average Days in System	114	112	80	88	78	99

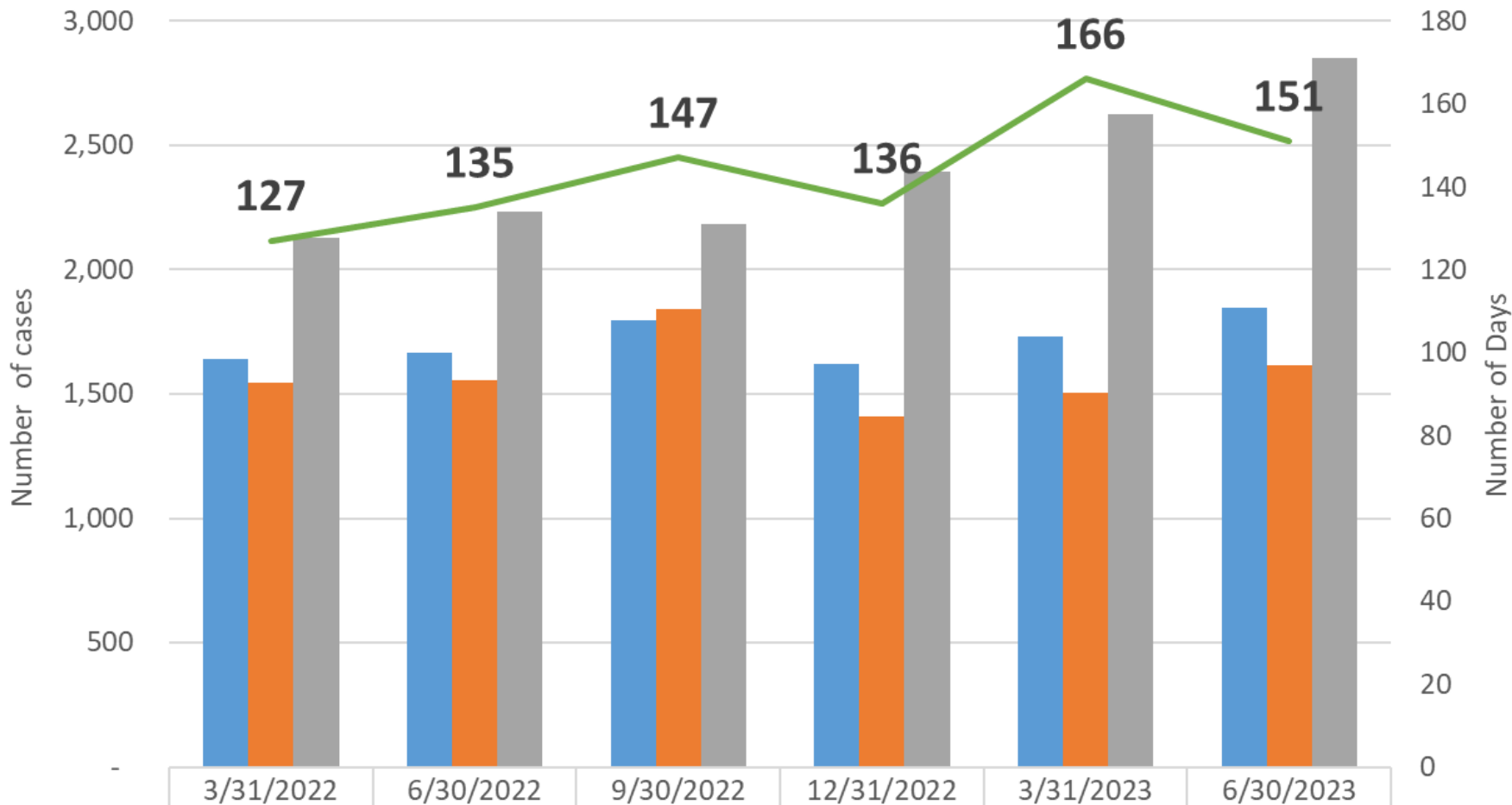


### Firearms & Toolmarks



Cases Received*	1,509	1,603	1,575	1,467	1,713	1,715
Cases Completed	1,834	1,799	1,789	1,630	1,666	1,608
Caseload	1,992	1,796	1,582	1,419	1,466	1,573
Average Days in System	145	134	125	94	89	95

### Forensic Biology (DNA)

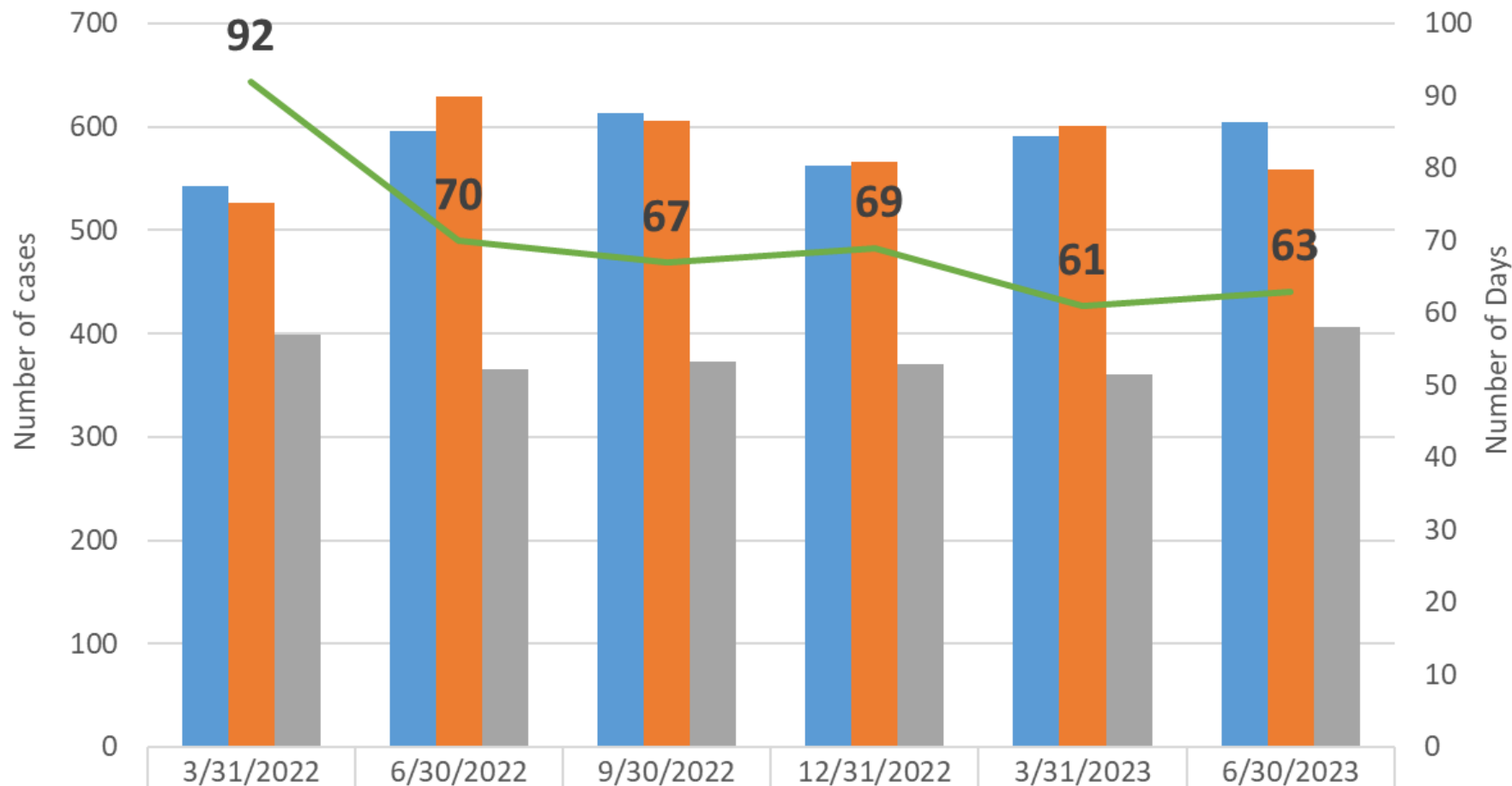


	3/31/2022	6/30/2022	9/30/2022	12/31/2022	3/31/2023	6/30/2023
Cases Received*	1,641	1,664	1,795	1,622	1,733	1,845
Cases Completed	1,547	1,557	1,844	1,411	1,506	1,618
Caseload	2,127	2,234	2,185	2,396	2,623	2,850
Average Days in System	127	135	147	136	166	151



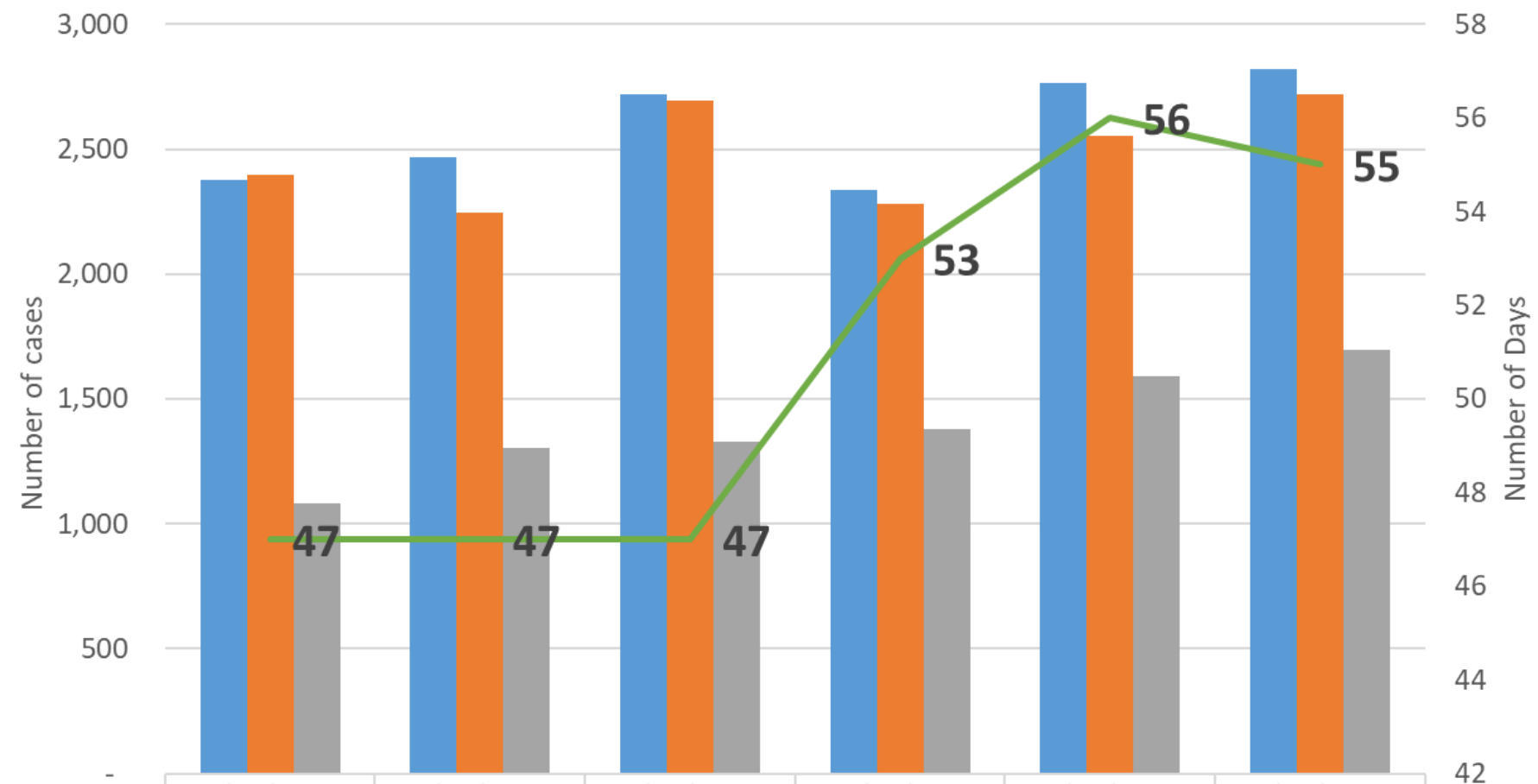


### Latent Prints & Impressions



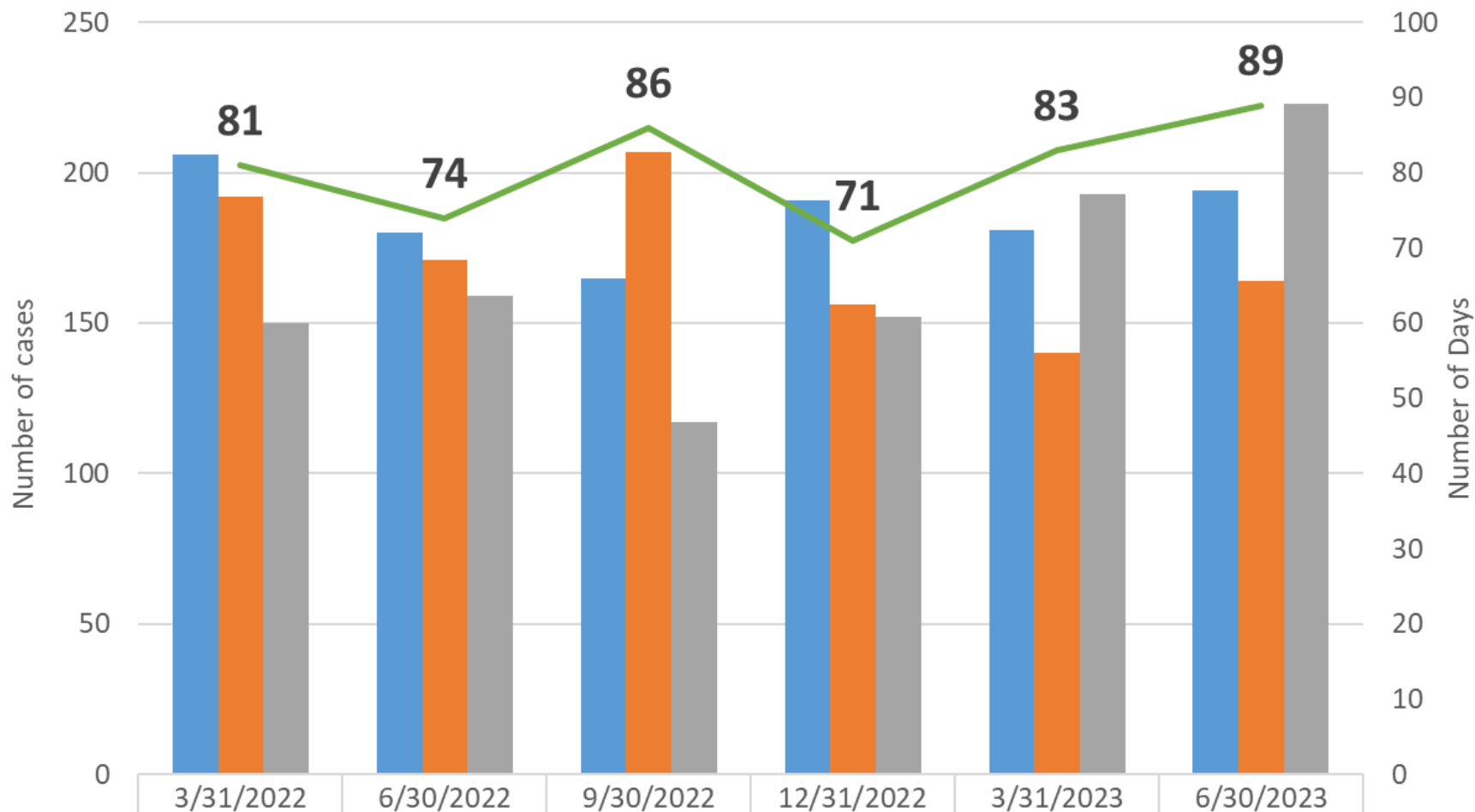
Cases Received*	543	596	613	563	591	605
Cases Completed	527	629	606	566	601	559
Caseload	399	366	373	370	360	406
Average Days in System	92	70	67	69	61	63

## Toxicology



	3/31/2022	6/30/2022	9/30/2022	12/31/2022	3/31/2023	6/30/2023
<span style="color: blue;">■</span> Cases Received*	2,379	2,468	2,721	2,336	2,765	2,820
<span style="color: orange;">■</span> Cases Completed	2,398	2,248	2,694	2,283	2,554	2,717
<span style="color: grey;">■</span> Caseload	1,081	1,301	1,328	1,381	1,592	1,695
<span style="color: green;">—</span> Average Days in System	47	47	47	53	56	55

## Trace Evidence



Cases Received*	206	180	165	191	181	194
Cases Completed	192	171	207	156	140	164
Caseload	150	159	117	152	193	223
Average Days in System	81	74	86	71	83	89

# Budget and Resources

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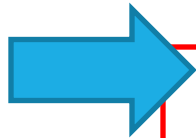
# Governor's Introduced Budget

## Department of Forensic Science

### Operating Budget Summary

### Authorized Position Summary

	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Cost	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2019 Appropriation	\$45,818,010	\$2,043,270	\$33,962,401	326.00	0.00	326.00
2020 Appropriation	\$50,014,798	\$2,259,770	\$34,918,472	326.00	2.00	328.00
2021 Appropriation	\$52,605,974	\$2,447,593	\$37,320,641	328.00	3.00	331.00
2022 Appropriation	\$53,325,654	\$2,438,930	\$37,737,079	331.00	4.00	335.00
2023 Appropriation	\$56,446,890	\$2,680,488	\$40,028,270	341.00	14.00	355.00
2023 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2023 Total</b>	<b>\$56,446,890</b>	<b>\$2,680,488</b>	<b>\$40,028,270</b>	<b>341.00</b>	<b>14.00</b>	<b>355.00</b>
2024 Appropriation	\$55,639,990	\$2,680,488	\$40,125,846	341.00	14.00	355.00
2024 Intro Changes	\$634,406	\$0	\$524,336	6.00	0.00	6.00
<b>2024 Total</b>	<b>\$56,274,396</b>	<b>\$2,680,488</b>	<b>\$40,650,182</b>	<b>347.00</b>	<b>14.00</b>	<b>361.00</b>





# Needs Remain

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## Operating Budget Changes

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### Introduced Budget Non-Technical Changes

#### **Convert part-time evidence receiving technician position to full-time status**

Provides one position and additional funding to convert a part-time evidence receiving technician position to full-time status. These positions maintain the chain of custody for evidence samples that are submitted to the Department.

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
General Fund	\$0	\$49,167
Authorized Positions	0.00	1.00

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#### **Fund software subscription fees for cell phone investigative tools**

Appropriates funding to cover the cost of software used to unlock cell phones that may contain evidence related to criminal investigations.

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
General Fund	\$0	\$107,770

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<b>Provide general fund support for Physical Evidence Recovery Kit (PERK) coordinator position</b>			
Provides general fund appropriation for a position that supports the agency's PERK tracking software. This position is currently supported by a federal grant that expires on September 30, 2023.	General Fund	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
		\$0	\$77,585
<b>Provide support for four biologist positions</b>			
Funds four biologist positions to address workload issues in the forensic biology section. These positions screen evidence submitted to the Department for the presence of DNA and perform other preliminary analyses and reporting.	General Fund	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
	Authorized Positions	\$0	\$314,637
		0.00	4.00
<b>Provide laboratory specialist position to enable agency response to THC legislation</b>			
Provides funding for one forensic laboratory specialist position to address the analysis of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) edibles, pursuant to potential legislation that may be introduced in the 2023 Session of the General Assembly.	General Fund	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
	Authorized Positions	\$0	\$85,247
		0.00	1.00

# Grant Applications Submitted – Full Board Approval Needed

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## **Centers for Disease Control, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control - *Overdose Data to Action in States***

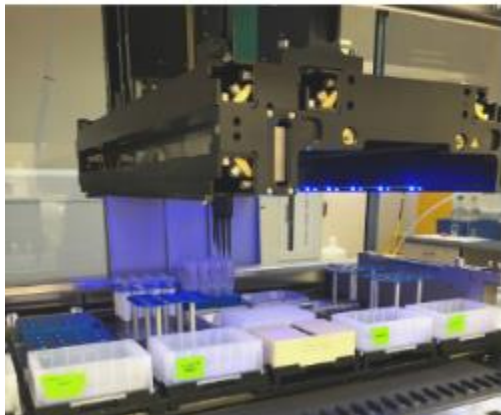
The Virginia Department of Health applied for funding under this program as part of a planned coordination effort among the Virginia Department of Health's Offices of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS), Epidemiology (OEpi), the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME), and DFS for purposes of conducting statewide surveillance of mortality related to overdoses.

Funds, in the amount of \$376,050 per year for five years, will be provided to DFS as a part of this project to conduct expanded toxicology testing in cases of opioid and stimulant overdose deaths. Funding for this purpose will be utilized for additional personnel, equipment, and supplies. This new funding will begin on September 1, 2023, if awarded.

## **FY 2023 National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative**

The Virginia Office of the Attorney General submitted an application under this grant program that included a portion of funds for DFS for the PERK Tracking System Coordinator position, in the amount of \$205,282 for two years of the three-year project that will begin on October 1, 2023, if awarded.





Thank you!