



Benefits of Participation



RCFLs Benefit Local Law Enforcement

An RCFL is a partnership between the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and other law enforcement agencies operating within a geographic region. Organizations that enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the FBI become participating agencies in the RCFL. In this capacity, participating agencies detail personnel to staff the laboratory, and in return—

- ♦ Participating agencies receive priority service for analysis.
- ♦ Detailees from state/local agencies receive the same sophisticated technical training that is provided to FBI's certified digital forensics examiners.
- ♦ Detailees from state/local agencies have the potential to receive compensation of overtime worked and use of a government-leased automobile while on official duty.
- ♦ Detailees from state/local agencies are provided state-of-the-art forensic equipment for use at the RCFLs. The FBI invests significant funds on computer examination workstations and advanced software for all certified and forensic examiners in training.
- ♦ Participating agencies receive access to mobile device unlocking services and other advanced forensic techniques.
- ♦ Participating agencies receive immediate access to expert analysis and advance technology—not only the examiners at that particular RCFL, but nationwide due to the forensic network.
- ♦ Participating agencies receive a stake in the management of the RCFL.

Advanced Technology is Key

RCFL detailees receive access to advance technology and equipment which is provided to all RCFLs. Many RCFL Examiners cite the opportunity to receive hands-on training and access to advance technical equipment, otherwise too costly for police departments, is the number one benefit of joining the program.

The Need for Computer Forensics Expertise Continues to Rise

The RCFL Program represents a national effort to use digital evidence to prosecute a broad array of crimes. Today, RCFLs are available to over 5,000 state, local, and federal law enforcement agencies spanning 23 states.



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