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**Bexar County Criminal Investigations Laboratory
Receives “Foresight” Award**

Yesterday, the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors (ASCLD) announced that the Bexar County Criminal Investigations Laboratory (BCCIL), a division of the Bexar County Office of Criminal Justice, has been awarded the Foresight Maximus Award. The BCCIL’s administration was informed that Project Foresight, in conjunction with the ASCLD, determined that for the reporting period of 2019 – 2020 BCCIL had operated at 90 % or better peak operational efficiency.

In the official announcement ASCLD President Erin Forry said, “Laboratories that choose to participate in Project FORESIGHT do so because they believe in continuous improvement and use the data they obtain to improve quality and efficiency in their operations. Maximus Award winning laboratories are organizations performing at the highest level, improving efficiency, reducing turnover, and reconsidering strategic priorities to improve their contributions to the justice system in their communities. We congratulate them for their dedication to improving forensic science.”

Project Foresight is an annual evaluation of forensic laboratories conducted by the John Chambers College of Business and Economics at West Virginia University. Participating forensic laboratories (representing local, regional, state, and national agencies) submit standardized metrics to determine levels of productivity and efficiency in completing analyses. The stated mission of Project Foresight is “to measure, preserve what works, and change what does not.”

Out of 168 total laboratories that submitted data to the project for the 2019-2020 time period 15 received the prestigious award.

BCCIL excelled and surpassed many of its peers in important areas such as cost per case, cases per fulltime employee, turnaround time from first items received.

Crime Lab Director Orin Dym said, “We are proud to be recognized as a leading organization in our field, and I am proud of our team. Our staff has yet again done an incredible job and continues to show how dedication to their profession has a direct, positive impact on the quality of work we deliver.”

The Bexar County Crime Lab is currently preparing to highlight their work and bring forensic science closer to interested citizens during National Forensic Science Week from September 19 to 25, 2021.

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