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## **Internationally Acclaimed Forensics Leaders to Gather at MTSU to Discuss the Past, Present and Future of Forensic Science**

*Registration Now Open for the 2013 TVC Forensics Symposium*

MURFREESBORRO, Tenn.— This October, forensics experts from around the region will come together to discuss criminal, anthropological, nuclear, industrial and cyber forensics at the Second Annual Tennessee Valley Corridor (TVC) Forensics Symposium.

The event will be held October 29-30, 2013 at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU), and special guests include **Dr. William Bass**, Founder of the Forensic Anthropology Center, Professor Emeritus at University of Tennessee, Knoxville; **James Markey**, Retired Sergeant for the Phoenix Police Department and Owner of Investigative Lead, LLC; **Paulette Sutton**, Retired Director of Investigations for the Division of Forensic Pathology Shelby County (Memphis, Tennessee) Medical Examiner's Office and retired Assistant Director of Forensic Services at the University of Tennessee, Memphis; and **Dr. Richard Raines**, Cyber Portfolio Manager, Global Security Directorate, Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

Other presenters include Dynetics, East Tennessee State University, Materials and Chemistry Laboratory, Inc., Middle Tennessee State University, the National Institute for Hometown Security, National Safe Skies Alliance, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, RJ Lee Group, University of Alabama at Birmingham, University of Tennessee Law Enforcement Innovation Center, University of Tennessee, Western North Carolina University and the Y-12 National Security Complex.

"There are a tremendous amount of forensics capabilities and resources, and internationally recognized experts in our region," said Steve Jones, champion of the TVC Forensics Initiative. "By bringing everyone together in one event to discuss where the industry has been and where we are going, we can identify opportunities to work together, as well as learn from each other and create a stronger foundation for our region to answer national forensics challenges."

The symposium will include a tour of the Tennessee Fire and Codes Academy, where attendees will experience hands-on demonstrations of, arson investigation, fire suppression, and fire

rescue while visiting the 330-acre training facility for fire service professionals, as well as a special student competition that will highlight research happening across the Corridor.

Pre-registration for the event is required, and space is limited. Student rates are available, along with a special “lunch only” rate for those who are interested in hearing from Dr. Bill Bass during lunch, but who cannot attend the full event.

To view the full agenda, please visit <http://www.tennvalleycorridor.org/summits/other.html>.

To register to attend the event, please visit: [https://secure.touchnet.com/C20134\\_ustores/web/store\\_cat.jsp?STOREID=24&CATID=21](https://secure.touchnet.com/C20134_ustores/web/store_cat.jsp?STOREID=24&CATID=21).

For questions, contact Jennifer Wiggins at [jwiggins@akinsps.com](mailto:jwiggins@akinsps.com).

The 2013 Tennessee Valley Corridor Forensics Symposium is sponsored by Middle Tennessee State University, Oak Ridge Associated Universities, the University of Tennessee Law Enforcement Innovation Center, the University of Tennessee, Eastern Kentucky University, the University of Alabama in Birmingham, RJ Lee Group and Materials and Chemistry Laboratory, Inc.

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#### **About the Tennessee Valley Corridor Forensics Initiative:**

The Tennessee Valley Corridor (TVC) Forensics Initiative is a coalition of organizations and experts in the forensics industry who are located in the TVC— a region encompassing five states and 10 congressional districts strategically linking the technology-rich region from North Alabama through Tennessee into Southwest Virginia, Western North Carolina and Southern and Eastern Kentucky. The TVC Forensics Initiative brings together the region’s forensics experts to provide a forum for collaboration, partnerships and alliances; encourages sharing of knowledge amongst partners; and promotes the region’s expertise on a national level.

Partner organizations in the TVC Forensics Initiative working toward a forensics agenda for the entire region include: East Tennessee State University, Eastern Kentucky University, National Children’s Advocacy Center, National Institute For Hometown Security, National Safe Skies Alliance, North Carolina State University, Materials and Chemistry Laboratory, Inc., Middle Tennessee State University’s Forensic Institute for Research and Education, Oak Ridge Associated Universities, RJ Lee Group, Inc., University of Alabama in Birmingham, University of Alabama in Huntsville, Wallace State Community College, Western Carolina University, Y-12 National Security Complex, University of Tennessee, University of Tennessee Law Enforcement Innovation Center and King College.

For more information about the Tennessee Valley Corridor Forensics Initiative, please contact visit <http://www.tennvalleycorridor.org/ventures/forensics.html> or contact Jennifer Wiggins at [jwiggins@akinsps.com](mailto:jwiggins@akinsps.com).

