




NMS

LABS





WINSTON-SALEM POLICE DEPARTMENT
FORENSIC SERVICES DIVISION



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- 🧪 NMS Labs – World recognized and accredited lab for forensic testing.
 - 🧪 Based in Pennsylvania.
 - 🧪 City of Winston-Salem contracted with NMS for outsourced on-site BAC and Drug ID analyses in 2014 through June 30, 2019.
 - 🧪 Testing began in August 2015 and included current and backlog cases.

- ‡ Significant delays in NCSCCL testing led to reduction and dismissals of charges due to no analysis in DWI/BAC and various other drug related charges.
- ‡ Explored options to expedite testing to include: no change, outsourced off-site lab, build, manage, and staff a WSPD Lab, and outsourced on-site lab.
- ‡ Outsourced on-site lab allowed for expert testimony services and expedited process and best overall choice.

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- 🧪 NMS per contract agreement provides:
 - 🧪 1 week BAC turn around time
 - 🧪 2 week Drug ID turn around time
 - 🧪 Currently, NCSCCL analyses could take several months dependent upon request.
 - 🧪 The use of the lab has enabled us to be more effective as a law enforcement agency with the efficiency of analyses.



🧪 The District Attorney's Office supports the use of NMS Labs and are able to expedite court cases and have assisted in obtaining fees from restitution.

🧪 NC State General Statute allows for:

🧪 \$600. fee for forensic analysis

🧪 \$600. fee for expert witness testimony

🧪 Since testing began in 2015, restitution received is \$52,787.08.

5 year contract

- ‡ December 1, 2014 – November 30, 2019
- ‡ Amendment # 2 – overage of samples increase in fees per contract (spring 2019)
 - ‡ Adjustment to end date to coincide with fiscal year – June 30, 2019
 - ‡ Two-year renewal will be July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021.

Questions ?



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