



I am honored to be the new Chair of the Scientific Working Group on Imaging Technology (SWGIT). My background includes eighteen years as a Forensic Imaging Examiner with the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory. At the Army Crime Lab I am a training officer where I enjoy mentoring and encouraging the next generation of forensic examiners and crime scene investigators. In 2004, I retired after completing a distinguished military career as a Chief Warrant Officer Four. I served twenty two years in the U.S. Army as a Military Policeman, CID Special Agent, Laboratory Photography Division Chief in Europe and Forensic Imaging Examiner. I have been with SWGIT since its inception in 1996 and have served as the Vice-Chairman since 2000.

Over the past ten years as a strategic working group, SWGIT has been instrumental in the transition of the criminal justice community from a film based society to a digital society. We have successfully helped prepare hundreds of law enforcement organizations across a broad spectrum of agencies for this change. SWGIT has addressed still imaging and video to include capture, processing, output and storage of film and digital images to ensure admissibility in court. We have strived to keep our documents current with the changes in technology. We have collaborated with other SWG's to address imaging concerns. The excellent documents we have produced have been due to the extraordinary individuals who make up SWGIT and the input from the criminal justice community.

SWGIT's goals include engaging the entire law enforcement imaging community in the development of these guidelines. It is my desire to enhance that collaboration by a variety of methods including a SWGIT website, panel discussions, and workshops at the IAI, AAFS, and other forensic conferences.

In the future SWGIT will continue to tackle imaging challenges and issues that are important to the first responder street cop, laboratory examiner, and managers of criminal justice organizations. As we move forward I am confident we will be able to support the imaging community by providing the best practices and guidelines available.

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