King County Regional Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) Levy

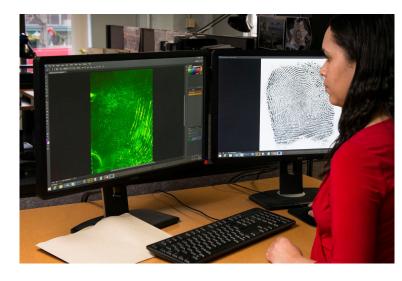
AFIS Levy - Background

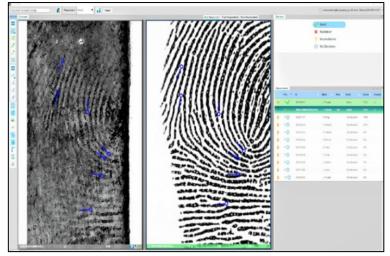
- AFIS has been a levy-funded program in King County since 1986
- Provides staffing and technology to support all aspects of fingerprint identification for Police, Corrections, Medical Examiners and Prosecutors in King County.
- Being levy funded allows for cost sharing at an overall lower expense than if agencies were to fund their own identification units.

AFIS Services

 Funds 117 positions between the King County and Seattle AFIS Units, and provides overhead for both operations.

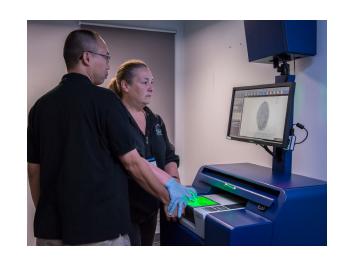
• Supplies the AFIS Computer which stores, searches and compares over 3 million finger and palm print records and 63,000 unsolved crime scene prints. It also provides access to multiple other State and Federal fingerprint databases.





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 Funds 56 Livescan Stations throughout the county for capturing finger and palm prints as well as mug shot and tattoo images. All data is transmitted to KC AFIS for identification and forwarding to the State and FBI criminal history repositories.

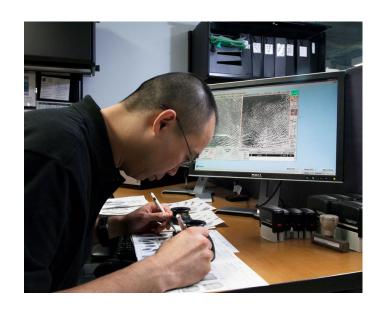


 Provides 220 Mobile ID devices for fast two-finger field identification without the need to detain someone and transport them to a secondary location to run their fingerprints.



AFIS Services

AFIS services can be separated into two main missions – Identification Operations and Forensic Operations

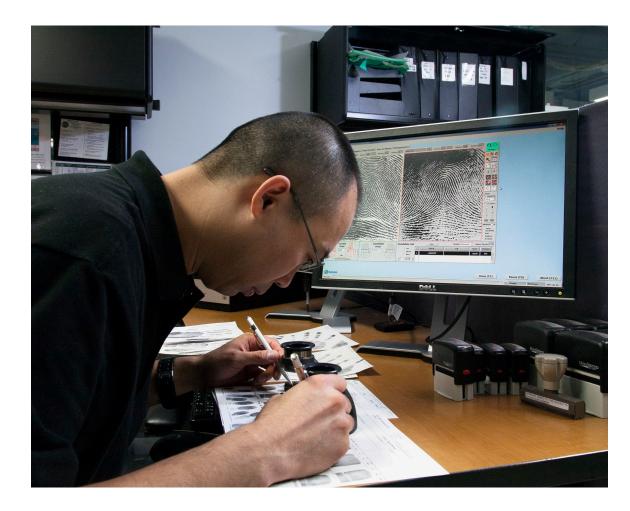




AFIS Positions

Identification Operations

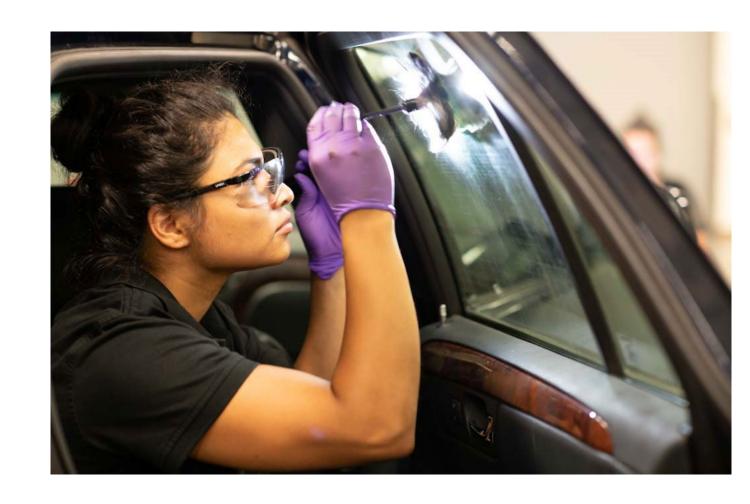
- Identification Technicians Take fingerprints, palm prints, and DNA swabs of arrestees at King County correctional facilities.
- Tenprint Examiners Search and compare fingerprints to establish identity for arrestees, applicants, and incapacitated or deceased individuals.
- Information Specialists Research charge information and ensure accurate data is transmitted along with fingerprints to the State and FBI.



AFIS Positions

Forensic Operations

- Processing Technicians Respond to crime scenes to process for fingerprint evidence.
- Latent Print Examiners Respond to more complex crime scenes, process evidence items in the lab, and search and compare crime scene prints to those of known individuals.
- Records Specialists Prepare latent comparison reports, track chain-of-custody of evidence, and disseminate case information.



Current Levy Period – Financial info

6-year levy, approved in August 2018, expiring December of 2024

 Levy began at \$0.035 per \$1000 of assessed value and is currently at \$0.029 per \$1000 of AV.

 There will be no levy collection in 2025 as AFIS spends down an undesignated fund balance before going out for our next levy.

Current Levy Period – Changes and Advances

- Migrated the AFIS Computer to a cloud-based platform with improved stability and continual system updates throughout the contract.
- Performed a technology refresh of our Livescan and Mobile ID devices.
- Expanded our property crime processing program, leading to a program high of nearly 3000 crime scenes in 2023.
- Relocated all operations to the Black River Building in Renton, where we constructed a state-of-the-art processing lab.

Current Levy Period – Changes and Advances

- Procured a Lab Information Management System for more complete and efficient tracking of cases, evidence, and the work performed by AFIS staff.
- Began collecting DNA samples from crime scenes and evidence items which has allowed for a more efficient workflow and a decrease in the chances of evidence contamination. Samples are still submitted to WSP for comparison to the DNA database.

In the past 22 months, our ID section has:

- Fingerprinted 27,000 individuals
- Accepted 10,000 MobileID submissions from the field
- Processed 91,000 Livescan submissions for identity determination. This led to the discovery of over 900 individuals using a different name than what they had on file.



Top submitters of livescan transactions:

- KCCF
- SCORE Jail
- Kent City Jail

Top submitters of MobileID searches:

- KCCF
- Seattle Police
- KCSO



In the past 22 months, our Forensic Section has:

- Responded to over 5,000 crime scenes
- Examined prints in over 6,400 cases
- Processed nearly 26,000 evidence items in the lab

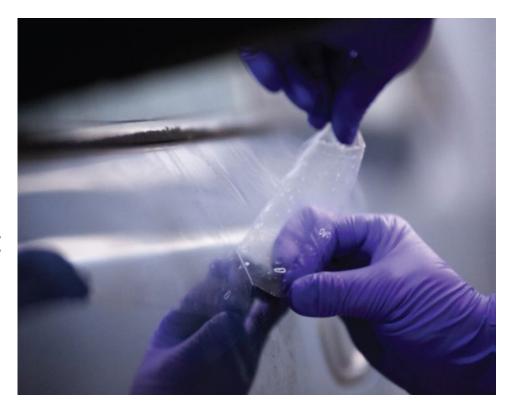


Top case types for Crime Scene response:

- Auto Theft
- Commercial Burglary
- Robbery

Top case types for Exam and Lab Processing:

- Auto Theft
- Robbery
- Assault



Top users of our crime scene response unit:

- Kent
- Renton
- KCSO

These 3 agencies make up 53% of our crime scene workload



Benefits of AFIS Crime Scene Response:

- 75% of what AFIS recovers from a scene is useable for comparison, in contrast to 35% of officer submitted prints.
- 57% of those useable prints will be identified and provide an investigative lead in the case.
- Having AFIS process the scene allows officers time to complete other components of the investigation while we look for prints.



Upcoming Levy

- Preparing for levy reauthorization to be on the April 22, 2025 ballot, with collections beginning in January of 2026. This decision was made to provide separation from other levies in 2025.
- Budget has been developed for a 7-year levy (2026-2032) so that we can avoid being on the same renewal schedule with KC Parks and EMS in the future.
- Ordinance proposes an initial collection rate of \$0.0275 per \$1000 of assessed value. A reduction in the current rate of \$0.029
- The owner of an \$875,000 home will pay approximately \$24 in 2026 for the AFIS program.

Upcoming Levy

- The starting levy rate has been set to spend down some of the remaining undesignated fund balance over the term of the levy and to avoid high balances in the future.
- This will be a status quo levy with no new initiatives or large expenditures. Guidance provided by the AFIS Advisory Committee, which is comprised of customer partners, was to not put the core fingerprint identification duties at risk by adding new initiatives to our scope for this levy period.

Proposed Levy Rate:

\$ 0.0275 per \$1000

AFIS Levy 2026-2032 (7-Year Levy)

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Levy Proceeds -	25,300,000	25,850,000	26,400,000	26,960,000	27,520,000	28,090,000	28,670,000

7-Year Total Rev.							
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7-Year Net
(5,210,000)

Levy Rate (per \$1000 AV):

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Historical Data

AFIS Levy History									
Year	Type	Election	Yes Vote	Term	Rate Per 1K AV				
1986	Levy	November General	56.80%	5 Years	\$0.0250				
1990	Levy	November General	70.00%	5 Years	\$0.0200				
1995	Lid Lift	November General	73.20%	5 Years	\$0.0665				
2000	Lid Lift	September Pimary	58.00%	5 Years	\$0.0578				
2006	Lid Lift	September Pimary	55.78%	6 Years	\$0.0568				
2012	Lid Lift	November General	59.41%	6 Years	\$0.0592				
2018	Lid Lift	August Primary	54.95%	6 Years	\$0.0350				

Possible Future Initiatives

During the next levy period we will continue looking for efficiencies and technology advancements to implement in the future. These may include:

- Replacement of hardware based MobileID program with a phonebased application.
- Whole hand capture and searching beyond fingers and palms
- Overall program and staffing efficiencies.

Success Story

In October of 2022, Latent Examiners were called to a home in Skyway which was the scene of a death investigation. Details of what transpired at the scene where still unclear, but investigators were able to identify a potential entry point and specific areas within the scene that needed to be processed for latent prints. The AFIS response team was able to develop prints in those key areas and rush them back to our office in Renton for examination. Within 3 hours of having received the callout request, and while Investigators were still working at the scene, the case examiner was able to call the Detective with the name of an individual whose print had been recovered from an important surface inside the home. The subject was unknown to investigators, and he was apprehended the next day. He has since been charged with several assaults and one other homicide.

Questions