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Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department News Release

(Los Angeles County) - Los Angeles County Sheriff's Crime Laboratory Director Barry Fisher became the eleventh recipient of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences highest honor, the Gradwohl Medal. The medal is bestowed in recognition of a lifetime of distinction and exceptional service to the Academy and the forensic science profession. The award was presented at the annual meeting of the AAFS in Washington, D.C., on February 20, 2008.

Fisher, 63, began his career as a criminalist with the Sheriff's crime lab in 1969 and was appointed crime laboratory director in 1987. The laboratory serves all the criminal justice agencies in Los Angeles with the exception of the LAPD and recently moved into a brand new facility on the campus of California State University, Los Angeles. The new lab shares space with the LAPD lab, the university's School of Criminal Justice and Criminalists and the California Forensic Science Institute.

In addition to being honored with the Gradwohl Medal, Fisher has served as president of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors and the International Association of Forensic Sciences. He has authored two books on forensic science, *Techniques of Crime Scene Investigation* and *Forensics Demystified*.

He holds a BS in chemistry from the City College of New York, an MS in organic chemistry from Purdue University and an MBA from California State University, Northridge. Barry and his wife Susan live in the San Fernando Valley and have two married sons, David and Michael and four grand children. Their son David is a criminalist at the New York City Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Forensic Biology Department.

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Cutline: Barry Fisher, right, receives the medallion from Dr. Bruce Goldberger, AAFS president. Photo courtesy of AAFS.