



VICTORIA POLICE

VICTORIA FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTRE

FINGERPRINT BRANCH

MODULE TWENTY TWO

**FINGERPRINT
SOCIETIES**

Professional Societies

It is not mandatory in our profession to belong to any of the professional societies, as it is for doctors, lawyers, etc. However, to maintain a professional image and to keep abreast of current information and trends, membership of one or more of the societies is certainly beneficial.

The Fingerprint Society

Based in the England, membership of the Fingerprint Society is open to those that have completed an initial course in the science of fingerprints and are employed by a police force. Post nominal initials MFS (Member Fingerprint Society) is granted to members still training to become Fingerprint Experts. FFS (Fellow Fingerprint Society) is automatic after qualifying as an expert and completing five years experience. A journal "Fingerprint Whorld" is produced each quarter.

The International Association for Identification (IAI)

Based in America membership is open to those employed buy law enforcement agencies in any of the various identification disciplines. A bi-monthly "Journal of Forensic Identification" is produced.

The IAI conducts certification programs for accreditation in many of the relevant fields for example: -

- Certified Latent Print Examiner (CIPE)
- Crime Scene Technician (CST)
- Crime Scene Analyst (CSA)

The Forensic Science Society

A United Kingdom based society the Forensic Science Society is affiliated with the International Association of Forensic Sciences. The society conducts a number of seminars around the world each year.

The Australia & New Zealand Forensic Science Society (ANZFSS)

An amalgamation of the New Zealand and Australian Forensic Societies. Holds regular meetings and biennial symposium.

Association of Investigative Professional Photographers (AIPP)

American association, which produces a newsletter containing, hints on problems associated with crime scene and fingerprint photography.