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To: All Minnesota Law Enforcement and Prosecuting Agencies

As the leadership of the Minnesota Association of Property and Evidence (MAPET), the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association (MSA), the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA), and the Minnesota County Attorneys Association (MCAA), we are united in our support of the Statewide Evidence Retention Guide.

This guide was developed through collaboration across our professions to establish consistent, practical, and legally sound standards for the retention of evidence. By following these guidelines, agencies can ensure:

Consistency across counties and jurisdictions,
Clarity for investigators, evidence technicians, prosecutors, and courts, and
Accountability in managing property and evidence

We strongly encourage every sheriff's office, police department, and county attorney's office to utilize the guide and integrate its standards into local practice. Doing so will not only reduce risk and confusion but also strengthen the trust placed in us by the communities we serve.

We are proud to stand together in support of this initiative and thank you for your commitment to upholding these standards.

Sincerely,

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