



Susan Hormann is the DNA Unit Supervisor for the Oregon State Police Forensic Laboratory. She has worked for OSP for 21 years and during that time worked in variety of forensic sections including chemistry, serology and DNA. The majority of her career has been in the DNA section where in the early 1990's she helped validate the first PCR based DNA analysis for forensic analysis in Oregon and has seen the science progress to the highly sensitive and specific analysis it is today. Susan says "I was a CSI before people even knew what that was."

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Long Version:

Education: Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Willamette University.

21 years working for OSP Forensic Laboratory

- 1988 Forensic Chemist analyzing controlled substances
- 1989 Forensic Serology section where I learned to screen evidence for biological stains such as blood and semen. Stains were analyzed using ABO and enzyme typing procedures.
- 1991 Chosen to be part of the forensic team to validate the Polymerase Chain Reaction for DNA analysis in the OSP lab.
- 1992-2007 Full time DNA analyst for the OSP.
- 2007-present DNA Unit Supervisor

In addition to the working for OSP in 2003 I worked for Gene Codes Forensics, Inc. Ann Arbor, MI. I was hired to be part of a DNA team to perform analysis of mitochondrial DNA for the identification of the victims of the World Trade Center disaster.