

### **Steps towards accreditation and certification of the Forensic Laboratory Has Commenced**

The Guyana Forensic Science Laboratory (GFSL) has conducted a three day training session for staff in the areas of Root Cause Analysis and Measurement Uncertainty. The training was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> of December 2017 at the labs complex Turkeyen, and was facilitated by the American Nation Accreditation Board (ANAB) with the aim of ensuring the laboratory reach the required standard in preparation for international accreditation.



#### **Staff at the Guyana Forensic Science Laboratory Training.**

The training was designed to equip staff with key areas of understanding such as: the basic steps of corrective action and root cause analysis, the difference between correction and corrective action, and the interrelationship associated with measurement traceability, assurance and uncertainty among others.

According to the director of GFSL Delon France, the training will not only support the lab's future endeavor with regards to DNA testing, but it will also help the current scope of works within the Trace Evidence, Toxicology, Chemistry, Documents and Video Analysis departments. He added that Root Cause Analysis is one of the quality management tools commonly used in problem solving and corrective action in all sections and departments within GFSL. Mr. France noted that it was a privilege to have training facilitated by **Jami J St Clair** the author of the text book **Crime Laboratory Management**, a book that is used by many in the forensic fraternity and crime laboratories, including the Barbadian Forensic Consultant who developed the first

strategic plan at the startup phase of GFSL laboratory in 2013. Other aspects of the training was also conducted by instructional designer Emma K. Dutton of ANSI-ASO National Accreditation Board facilitated (ANAB).



**Director of GFSL Delon France Presented with Crime Laboratory Management Text Book By the Author Jami J St Clair**