



International  
Association of  
Arson  
Investigators  
*Illinois Chapter*



# Illinois Chapter

27<sup>th</sup> Annual

Fire Investigation Training Conference

September 13-17, 2010

In cooperation with the  
Illinois Fire Service Institute and  
the Office of the State Fire Marshal

Russ Nummer  
C/O Fire Scene Investigations, Inc.  
909 E. 31<sup>st</sup> St. Suite B  
LaGrange Park, IL 60526

## **Hawthorne Suites Hotel – Champaign**

101 Trade Center Dr.  
Champaign, IL 61820  
217-398-3400

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**ROOM RATES - \$79.00**

Contact hotel directly for reservations.  
Please indicate you are with the Illinois Chapter – IAAI  
to insure the discounted rate

**Free buffet breakfast provided for hotel guests**

## **SILENT AUCTION**

The Chapter will conduct a silent auction of various donated fire service or fire investigation related items. Items will be on display throughout the conference and may be bid upon at any time. The auction will end on Thursday night prior to the Buffet Dinner.

Here is a chance for you to clean out your attic and donate items that may be the treasures others have been looking for. Items may include: Department patches, T-shirts, posters, fire regalia, books, etc.

All proceeds from the auction will go to the Training & Education Fund to offset future training events.

The Illinois Chapter - IAAI reserves the right to change program content, scheduled speakers, or venue without advanced notice. The opinions expressed by speakers are the opinions of the individual and may not necessarily be endorsed by the IL-IAAI.

## **Course Handouts**

**Each attendee will be provided a 2GB flash drive that will contain all course materials and handouts. There will NOT be paper handouts for the classes.**

### **For More Information Contact:**

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# Conference Seminars

## **New IL FOIA Regulations**

**Cara Smith, Deputy Chief of Staff, Illinois Attorney General's Office**

On January 2010 the latest revisions of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act took effect. This presentation is intended to provide an overview of what changes were made and how they affect us as investigators.

## **Arson Prosecution**

**Mary Lacy, Esq. Cook County State's Attorney's Office – Arson Division**

Ms. Lacy will discuss various issues related to a successful arson prosecution.

## **Investigating Fires Involving Fire Deaths**

**Jason Mardirosian, Chicago FD – Office of Fire Investigations**

This session will deal with the added issues compounding a fire investigation when fire deaths are involved. Mr. Mardirosian will also discuss the added steps required for both civilian and firefighter deaths.

## **Evidence Collection and Handling**

**Special Agent Michelle Evans, ATF Training Section**

Agent Evans will focus on the issues related to collecting, handling and storing evidence collected from a fire investigation scene.

## **Burn Pattern Recognition**

**Steve Chasteen, IAAI-CFI**

Mr. Chasteen will discuss how to recognize various burn patterns and how these burn patterns affect the overall fire investigation.

## **Case Study – Case Study - Sofa Super Store Fire, Charleston, SC involving 9 FF fatalities**

**Special Agent John Golder, ATF Training Section.**

Agent Golder will present a detailed synopsis of what happened and an analysis of what went wrong during the incident that claimed the lives of the firefighters.

## **Kinesic Interviewing**

**G. Glenn Foster**

Kinesic Interview and Interrogation Techniques. Using a case study of one of his files, Mr. Foster will discuss his studies of the way human beings react under stress in interview situations, is now the acknowledged authority in the field.

# **INSTRUCTORS**

## **Cara Smith**

Deputy Chief of Staff Illinois Attorney General's Office

## **Mary Lacy**

Asst. Cook County State's Attorney - Arson Unit

Mary Lacy is a veteran of the Cook County State's Attorney's office with over 16 years of service. In 1997 she was appointed to head the Arson Unit. She is the go-to person in Cook County for arson cases.

## **Jason Mardirosian**

Chicago Fire Dept. - Office of Fire Investigations

Mr. Mardirosian is a veteran fire investigator assigned to the Chicago Fire Department Office of Fire Investigations. He is also an instructor for the University of Illinois Fire Service Institute. Mr. Mardirosian was awarded the Investigator of the Year award by the International Assn of Arson Investigators in 2006. He also works with a private investigation firm conducting investigations on behalf of insurance companies.

## **Special Agent Michelle Evans**

BATF

Agent Evans worked for two years at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) before joining the ATF Forensic Science Laboratory in MD in 2000 as a forensic chemist. Her duties include examining evidence from explosives and fire debris investigations, testifying in court, and providing training to local, state, federal, and international law enforcement personnel.

## **Steve Chasteen**

FireTech, Inc.

Mr. Chasteen is an instructor for IFSI. He has over 34 years combined experience as both a volunteer and career firefighter. He has more than 25 years in criminal and civil fire investigations and has testified in court as an expert in fire origin and cause. Steve is a Certified Fire Investigator with the IAAI and a Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator with NAFI.

## **Special Agent John Golder**

BATF

Special Agent Golder is assigned to the Training Division of ATF and was personally involved with the investigation of the fire at the Sofa Super Store in Charleston, SC where 9 firefighters perished in the fire.

## **D. Glenn Foster**

D. Glenn Foster & Associates

D. Glenn Foster's Kinesic Interview and Interrogation Technique originally grew out of his collaboration with Frederick C Link in the late 1970s when they developed the basic Kinesic Principles. This resulted in the publication of their The Kinesic Interview Technique. Foster, whose criminal Kinesic Interview & Interrogation Technique has never stopped evolving with his study of the way hundreds of human beings react under stress in interview situations, is now the acknowledged authority in the field.

# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

<b>Monday Sept. 13</b>	<b>Tuesday Sept. 14</b>	<b>Wednesday Sept. 15</b>	<b>Thursday Sept. 16</b>	<b>Friday Sept. 17</b>
<u>0800 – 0830</u> Opening Ceremonies	<u>0800 – 1200</u>	<u>0800 - 1200</u>	<u>0800 – 1200</u>	<u>0800 – 1130</u>
<u>0845 – 1015</u> New IL FOIA Regulations <b>Cara Smith</b> IL Attorney General's Office	Evidence Collection & Handling  <b>M. Evans</b> ATF	Burn Pattern Recognition  <b>Steve Chasteen</b>	Kinesic Interviewing  <b>D. Glenn Foster</b>	Kinesic Interviewing  <b>D. Glenn Foster</b>
<u>1030 – 1200</u> Arson Prosecution  <b>Mary Lacy</b> Cook Co. States Atty.				
<u>1200 – 1300</u> LUNCH (provided)	<u>1200 – 1230</u> LUNCH (provided)	<u>1200 – 1300</u> LUNCH (provided)	<u>1200 – 1300</u> LUNCH (provided)	
<u>1300 – 1700</u> Investigating Fatal Fires  <b>Jason Mardirosian</b> Chicago FD - OFI	<u>1300 - 1700</u> Evidence Collection & Handling  <b>M. Evans</b> ATF	<u>1300 – 1700</u> Case Study 9 FF's die in fire Sofa Super Store Charleston, SC  <b>John Golder</b> ATF	<u>1300 – 1700</u> Kinesic Interviewing  <b>D. Glenn Foster</b>	
<u>1800 – 2000</u> BBQ Dinner Mixer	<u>1715</u> Annual Chapter Meeting  <b>Chapter Elections</b>		<u>1800</u> Annual Awards Dinner Banquet	
<u>2000 – 0100</u> Hospitality Room	<u>2000 – 0100</u> Hospitality Room	<u>2000 – 0100</u> Hospitality Room	<u>2200 – 0100</u> Hospitality Room	

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## Conference Objectives

- ~~///~~ Provide comprehensive instruction regarding the investigation of fire cause
- ~~///~~ Provide a forum for interaction between those responsible for civil and criminal investigations
- ~~///~~ Assist in the development of professional credentials for those involved in the field of fire investigation
- ~~///~~ Teach the highest standards of professional ethics

### Conference Examinations & Certificates

An optional test will be given at the end of each seminar. This is considered a tested conference and is eligible for re-certification points in the International CFI Program and for the Illinois State Certification.

***Certificates of Completion will be e-mailed after the conference. To receive your certificate, provide your email on registration form below, or see staff for other arrangements***

## Official registration form for the IL-IAAI Fire Investigation Conference -Sept. 13-17, 2010

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
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CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

### Conference Registration

IL Chapter Members      \$200.00  
Non-Members              \$215.00\*

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**Checks payable to: Illinois Chapter IAAI**

\* Includes an Associate Membership in the Illinois Chapter

\*\* Cancellations subject to a 50% fee if received after August 30, 2010. No refunds will be made for any cancellations received after August 31, 2010. Substitution of registrants allowed only if notification is made prior to September 10, 2010.