

# Illinois Chapter

## 4th Annual BUXTON/MAZZONE Fire Investigation Training Conference May 10 - May 11, 2012



In cooperation with the Illinois Fire Service Institute

### BILL BUXTON and AUGUST F. MAZZONE

In 1974 the Southern Illinois Arson Investigators Association was formed. At the time, August "Gus" Mazzone was Chief Arson Investigator for the State of Illinois. Gus was the "creator" of arson investigation within the state. In his position, Gus saw the need for fire investigation training in the fire, law enforcement, and insurance fields. Because of his personal commitment to training programs, Gus felt the association could provide fire investigation training for Southern Illinois. Chief Mazzone underwrote the costs of the first and second conferences.

The training conferences continued because of Bill Buxton's guidance and support. His commitment to quality continuing education has benefited every fire investigator in Illinois and across the country. Because of his confidence and trust, we were able to go on and establish a truly professional annual conference.

The tradition of the conference continues and in tribute to the bedrocks of Fire Investigation is now known as the—**Buxton/Mazzone Fire Investigation Training Conference**.

Four Points Sheraton—Fairview Heights, IL

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Fairview Heights, IL 62208

Hotel Reservations -800-368-7764 \*Hotel Front Desk—618-622-9500

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Room Rates—\$90.00 per night—Breakfast for 2 provided for hotel guests

Please indicate you are with the Illinois Chapter—IAAI to ensure discounted rate.

#### Instructor Information and conference focus:

**Thursday Sessions** — *Factory Built Fireplaces and Chimneys in Relationship to Cellulose Insulation* by Todd Metzger and Randy Bicknese. Will discuss terminology of factory-built fireplaces and chimneys, investigative techniques as related to cellulose insulation and much more. Mr. Metzger and Mr. Bicknese both graduated with Mechanical Engineering Degrees from University of Missouri and are registered Professional Engineers in several states. Since joining Schaefer Engineering, both have been involved in product failure analysis. Both have experience with commercial and residential gas fired, oil fired, and solid fuel fired equipment fire causation analysis.

**Friday Sessions** — *The Investigation of Kitchen Systems* by R. Kirk Hankins, IAAI-CFI, MIFireE, will discuss the codes and standards that apply to kitchen systems as well as appliances, exhausts, and extinguishing systems. Mr. Hankins is the Regional Manager for Fire Consulting and Case Review International, Inc. He is a Certified Instructor, Chair of the IAAI-CFI committee, Chair of the CFTrainer.net steering committee and Past President of the IAAI.

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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 Schedule:

##### Thursday—May 10, 2012

0730—0830

Registration

0830—1200

Factory Built Fireplaces and Chimneys in Relationship to Cellulose Insulation

1200—1300

Lunch (Provided)

1300—1700

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1700—??

Hospitality Room

\*Bring a guest

\*Food and beverage provided

##### Friday—May 11, 2012

0800—1200

The Investigation of Commercial Kitchen Systems

1200—1300

Lunch (Provided)

1300—1700

The Investigation of Commercial Kitchen Systems Continued.

\*Testing will follow Friday's class. Certificates will be emailed.

\*\* Testing is eligible for certification points in the IAAI-CFI program and OSFM CFI recertification

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