

THE ILLINOIS CHAPTER OF IAAI

PRESENTS THE

34TH ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 24 - 27, 2017

HILTON GARDENS HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER

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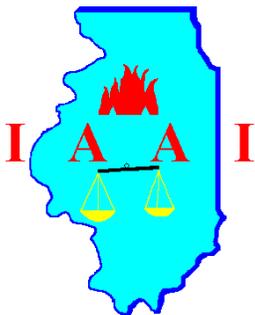
SPECIAL ROOM RATES AVAILABLE FOR ATTENDEES - FIRST COME FIRST SERVED - SEE RESERVATION LINKS BELOW

IL-IAAI MEMBER - \$200.00/\$225 AFTER 8-24-17

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Sunday, September 24

- 1500-1900 Case study - Multiple fatality fire, Cicero, IL, February 14, 2010. Presented by OSFM K-9 Handler Mitch Kushner, Retired Cicero Fire Chief Ron Opalecky, Cook County ASA Mary Lacy, Cicero Police Sgt. Joey Melone. MABAS Division XI Fire Investigation Team.
- 1900-2200 Tailgate and Hospitality Room

Monday, September 25

- 0800-0830 Opening Ceremony, Welcoming Remarks, Overview of Tuesday and Wednesday
- 0830-1200 Jason Karasinski- NFPA 921/1033 update
- 1200-1300 Lunch is provided
- 1300-1530 Jason Karasinski- Arc Mapping
- 1600-1800 General Meeting, Elections, Awards
- 1900-2200 Hospitality Room

Tuesday, September 26

- 0800-1700 Bob Toth and Rick Jones- Tablets, Tools, Tips, and Tricks of the Trade.
- 0800-1700 Hands-on evolutions at IFSI
- 1100-1300 Lunch is provided
- 1900-2200 Hospitality Room

Wednesday, September 27

- 0800-1600 Bob Toth and Rick Jones- Report Writing Techniques.
- 0800-1600 Hands-on evolutions at IFSI
- 1100-1300 Lunch is provided
- 1600 Conference closes and test PINS handed out

Hotel Reservation Links (copy and paste the links into your address bar)

Hilton

<http://group.hiltongardeninn.com/International-Association-of-Arson-Investigators>

Homewood

<http://group.homewood-suites.com/internationalassociationofarsoninvestigators>

SOMETHING NEW THIS YEAR

On Tuesday and Wednesday, the class will be split in half. One group will go to IFSI in the morning and the other group will stay at the conference center. The groups will flip-flop for the afternoon session.

Tuesday Hands-on Evolutions

1. Evidence collection cell. Collecting various types of evidence in a scenario type setting.
2. Advance technology cell. Knowledge of the new 3d cameras, iPads, and various types of new technology
3. Explosion cell. Knowledge on various types of explosions and what evidence that can be found in each type of explosion we can encounter.
4. Subrogation cell. How to properly identify, document and preserve the appliance for public and the process that private investigators go through during their investigation and the process.

Wednesday Hands-on Evolutions

1. Basic arc mapping in a burn cell.
2. Car fires. How to properly document, process, identify and preserve the vehicle.
3. Post fire reconstruction of items within a burn cell.
4. Fire patterns burn cell. Various burn patterns presented in a burn cell and also a discussion on wind driven and ventilation burn patterns.

The training subjects provided meet their respective requirements of NFPA1033, 2014 edition. This conference is providing 27 tested hours of training. Testing will be done on CFTrainer.net, using a PIN number that will be provided at the end of the conference. Disclaimer: No liability is assumed by the IL-IAAI for changes in program content, speakers, or venue. The instructor's presentation and content thereof is the responsibility of the individual instructor and not necessarily endorsed by any of the persons or organizations associated with this seminar. The IL-IAAI reserves the right to cancel, alter, or substitute any class or instructor without advanced notice. **Cancellation policy- Full refund available up to 31 days before conference start, 50% refund available 30 days or less before conference start.**

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS AND INSTRUCTOR BIO'S

NFPA 921 and NFPA 1033 Update / Arc Mapping, presented by Jason Karasinski

This presentation will update the fire investigator with the changes to the 2017 edition of NFPA 921 and the relationship with the current edition of NFPA 1033. After lunch, Mr. Karasinski will review arc mapping and how you can use this process to help determine your area/point of origin.

Hands-On Evolutions at IFSI

Students will be able to experience different aspects of fire scene investigation, using actual burned rooms and a vehicle.

Tablets, Tools, Tips, and Tricks of the Trade, presented by Bob Toth and Rick Jones

This presentation will take the investigator on a journey through some of the High-Tech, Low-Tech, and No-Tech solutions for fire scene investigation, excavation, documentation and courtroom presentations available to the fire investigator. Most, if not all of these ideas were developed, not out of fire science and investigations needs, but mostly in other unassociated industry. The presentation will highlight how these solutions for other industry were exploited for use in fire investigations. Most, if not all, of the ideas, tools, and technology were and continue to be personally used by the presenter. The goal of the presentation is not just to introduce you to these tools and techniques, but more importantly to stimulate critical and creative thinking about what and how we currently conduct our investigations and the "product" we provide to our clients.

Report Writing Techniques - Making Reports more Powerful, Persuasive, and Understandable, presented by Bob Toth and Rick Jones

An expert's report is one of the most important services provided to the client. A well-written report reflects the quality of the investigation. A poorly written report can and will be used to impeach the expert in the case at hand and future cases for years to come. This presentation will teach you how to write more valuable and more defensible reports and how to avoid the most common pitfalls involved in expert report writing. Attendees will learn how to structure their reports so as to be better prepared for cross examination.

Jason Karasinski

Jason Karasinski is currently the President/ Owner of Fire Research and Technology, LLC (FRT). He is an NFPA 1033 Nationally Pro Board Certified Fire Investigator, New York State Level I/II Fire Investigator, IAAI- CFI, NAFI- CFEI, and holds the current position as President for the NY State IAAI Chapter 23. As President, he holds a seat on the Training Committee, Peer Review Committee, as well as the 921 Committee for the NY State Chapter. Jason serves as a volunteer firefighter for the Wallington Fire Department where he holds the position of Fire Investigator and has served as President. Jason also serves as an instructor at the National Fire Academy (NFA). Jason has provided advanced electrical instruction for ATF at the National Center for Explosives and Research Center. Jason has conducted, or participated in hundreds of origin and cause investigations within the United States including major explosion incidents in San Bruno CA, West Texas Fertilizer Plant, Allentown, Dixon City PA, and Springfield MA. All through his time as a fire investigator and fire fighter, he has also had an opportunity to conduct hundreds of live burns, demonstrations, testing and training for both the public and private sectors. During 2012-2013, Jason was a key contributor that led the effort to successfully secure a \$267,000 grant from the Department of Homeland Security, awarded to the NYS IAAI Chapter 23, for the development, delivery and institution of electrical training for fire investigators and Fire Dept. Line Officers in New York and regionally. The training initiative encompassed 8 seminars ranging in length from one to five days, as well as development of Course Expert Material, Subject Matter Experts, technical articles, hand-outs, and web based content.

Robert Toth

I am a private fire investigator and have been conducting fire and explosion investigations involving structures, vehicles, and wildland fires, since 1992. I began my career in 1982 at the Aurora Fire Department as a firefighter. In 1992, I became a fire investigator and head of the investigations department for the Aurora Fire Department. In 2002, I retired from the fire service, branched off into the private sector of fire investigations and opened IRIS Fire Investigations, Inc. IRIS Fire Investigations is a full service fire and explosion, origin and cause investigation firm. On top of our fire investigation services we also offer training classes, warehouse storage, and aerial photography. Using our UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle), our fire investigators can pilot a helicopter to take aerial photographs of fire scenes, or to help with accident reconstruction. In addition to conducting investigations I have taught and lectured on this and kindred topics across the United States, Canada, Hong Kong, Malaysia, South Africa, and Botswana. I am a licensed fire investigator in Kansas, Nevada, New Mexico, Montana, and Oklahoma. I also conduct fire investigations for Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Idaho (these states do not require a private investigator license).

Richard Jones

Mr. Jones has over 22 years of experience in the field of investigations for both the public and the private sectors. He also has prior service and training with local fire districts and the Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal, specializing in the field of fire and explosion investigations. Mr. Jones has completed numerous courses related to fire and explosion investigations sponsored by the National Fire Academy, Maine State Police, the International Association of Arson Investigators, and other federal, state, and local organizations. He earned a degree in Fire Science from Columbia Southern University and is an experienced lecturer on fire and explosion investigations. Mr. Jones has been recognized as an expert witness and has provided testimony on both the state and federal levels. He has been actively involved in the Louisiana Chapter of IAAI, previously serving on the Board of Directors and advancing to the position of Chapter President on two occasions. He served on the Board of Directors for the IAAI for 6 years. He continues to serve the IAAI on the CFI committee; FISC committee; Strategic Planning committee; Foundation Board; ITC Training Committee; Editorial Review Committee for the Fire and Arson Investigator Journal; and Firearson.com Website Content Review Committee. He is also a facilitator for the IAAI ECT program and served as committee chair for the IAAI publication Fire Investigator Principles and Practice to NFPA 921 and 1033, for both the 2014 edition and the 2017 edition of the publication. Additionally, he serves as an alternate NFPA committee member for NFPA 1300 Standard on Community Risk Assessment and Community Risk Reduction Plan Development, NFPA 1452 Guide for Training Fire Service Personnel to Conduct Community Risk Reduction, NFPA 1730 Standard on Organization and Deployment of Fire Prevention Inspection and Code Enforcement, Plan Review, Investigation, and Public Education Operations, and NFPA 302 Motor Craft.