



## **The Institution of Fire Engineers (IFE) Accepts International Association of Arson Investigators' Certified Fire Investigator (IAAI®) for Pre-Qualified Membership in the IFE**

The Institution of Fire Engineers is a worldwide fire engineering/service organization with more than 11,000 members in 42 branches worldwide. Founded in 1918, the IFE assesses the knowledge of fire and professional experience of qualified practitioners, awarding internationally recognized membership grades and fire-related qualifications. Through its Engineering Council license as a Professional Engineering Institution (PEI), the IFE registers suitably qualified IFE members as Chartered Engineers (CEng), Incorporated Engineers (IEng) and Engineering Technicians (Eng Tech). The IFE Head Office is located in Stratford Upon Avon, in the United Kingdom. The IFE's Head Office staff coordinates IFE activities and regulatory compliance in all of its worldwide established branches. Membership or affiliation in the Institution is open to all, regardless of role or geography, and is inclusive of those working in emergency response, fire safety, active and passive fire protection, fire engineering consultancy, fire investigation, and fire risk assessment and enforcement.

The IFE recently completed an extensive review of the training and qualifications of professional requirements and competency that are required to achieve the IAAI Certified Fire Investigator (IAAI-CFI®) designation and has determined that the training, qualifications, and formal education of IAAI-CFI® designees meets or exceeds minimum requirements for membership in the IFE. The IFE will extend to individuals who have completed the rigorous IAAI-CFI® designation process appropriate levels of membership in the IFE in recognition of their individual accomplishments and contributions to the science of fire engineering.

The IAAI is an international professional association of more than 9,000 fire investigation professionals headquartered in Crofton, Maryland. The Association provides resources for those serving and associated with the fire, arson, and explosion investigation profession with respect to fire safety and prevention; arson investigation, determination, and prosecution; and fire loss claims and litigation. There are currently more than 2,000 IAAI-CFI®'s worldwide.

Chief Ed Hartin, FIFireE, IFE-USA Branch President, and Chief Fire Officer of Central Whidbey Island (WA) Fire & Rescue, made the IFE-IAAI partnership announcement at the IFE United States of America Branch Annual General Meeting held in Anaheim, California on March 20th. CFO Hartin also announced that while the IFE-USA Branch will offer IFE membership to qualified IAAI-CFI® designees in the United States, a similar effort to allow for IAAI-CFI® designees in both Canada and Europe to obtain membership in the IFE will be initiated in the next few weeks.

The International Association of Arson Investigators will make a similar announcement to their membership both on the IAAI website and at their upcoming Annual General Meeting to be held in Las Vegas from April 9-14, 2017.

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