April 2021 Photography Contest Winners

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This incident took place on 6/23/2019 in Springfield, MA. A Xfinity cable technician was using a 12-inch drill bit to drill a hole from the interior of the house (living room) to the outside, to install new cable. As he was drilling and not realizing the electrical service entrance wires from the pole to the house were in the path of the drill bit, he drilled exactly in the center of the service wire causing an electrical arc and fire. There were no injuries to the technician.
• The picture shows a chimney fire at a single-story home in Newbury, VT. The owner had removed his propane stove and installed a secondhand wood burning stove in the center of his home. A fire broke out in the middle of the night and destroyed the home. I located burn patterns coming from this area of the chimney and bricks. After removing some of the bricks to examine the flue, I discovered the “metal” pipe leading from the wood stove into the chimney was made of aluminum flexible dryer vent hose and was obviously unable to withstand the high temperatures of the wood burning stove and failed.
Honorable Mention Accidental
Steven Huey Virginia Beach Fire Department Fire Marshal’s Office

- The Photo was taken at a residential structure fire in Virginia Beach Virginia on 10/10/2020. The fire started on the stove and progressed to a large bay window at the back of the house due to a door being left open. This photo was taken between those two points. The background where the shadowing appears is the kitchen island, where the stools were lined up against it.
• Incendiary Arson: Residential structure fire that occurred on 06/24/2020 @1016hrs. Location was 5285 Crystal Anne Drive, West Palm Beach Florida. The cause of the fire was a Molotov cocktail that was thrown through the dining room window. The bottle hit the mirror wall and landed on the carpet.
2nd Place Arson Levi Carpenter
Washington Township/Avon Fire Department

- This photograph was taken on 11/18/2020 at 9402 East CR 100 South, Avon Indiana. This photograph was taken of an attempted arson of a vacant home in our response area, where law enforcement had recently arrested squatters the week prior. Photograph shows a yarn material that was soaked in gasoline and attempted to be used as a trailer.
Honorable Mention Arson

Stephen Rinaldi Los Alamos Fire Department

- Photo was taken at 1174 Big Rock Loop Los Alamos New Mexico on 4-2-18.

- Submission Photo shows a portion of pickle jar and the lid, along with a piece of material that together were used as a Molotov cocktail.

- IMG 0045 in support shows part of the label indicating the jar originally contained Vlasic Bread and Butter Pickles. IMG 0014 in support shows the location where the jar contacted the residential garage door and then landed on the driveway, breaking and spilling the contents, which ignited leaving indications of a fire. The lid portion of the jar can be seen on the lower left of the photo where it landed after the jar broke.
IAAI Committee & Sub Committee Judges

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