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president's perspective



George A. Coddington, IAAI-CFI, MIAAI

Happy New Year from your representatives at the IAAI! I hope this journal finds you well and staying safe in your investigations and other activities. I wish you a happy and prosperous 2017.

Not everyone makes new years' resolutions, but if you are looking for some, please allow me to suggest a few that relate directly to your fire investigations.

Speaking of the NFPA, the Board of Directors' annual Midyear meeting was held in November at the NFPA headquarters in Quincy, Massachusetts where we spent quality time with NFPA leadership discussing mutual plans and ideas. The NFPA has been a consistent friend and partner for the IAAI and I would like to extend my personal thanks to President Jim Pauley as well as the other Board members.



2017 Candidates for IAAI Board of Directors

Candidate for IAAI Board of Directors

Gary Hodson, IAAI-CFI, MIAAI, Utah



What do you believe are your best leadership traits and how would you use them as a Director or Officer of the IAAI? I lead by example and maintain an open mind regarding issues until all of the information is available. I believe in empowering and assist them to find successful. Each

How long have you been a member of the IAAI?
16 years

How many IAAI Annual Meetings have you attended? 12 Which years? 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

Do you regularly attend your State/Province Chapter meetings and activities? Yes

List any offices held in your State/Province: Directors, 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President, Past President, Sergeant-At-Large

Please list any International offices held: projects or Committee work, indicating service 2014-present, Director 2015-present, Chapters Committee, Chair 2016-present, and Safety Committee 2011-present, Review Subcommittee, CFI Committee 2009, Investigator Safety Committee Transportation Subcommittee, Training Education Committee

If you are elected, will you take on the IAAI, and with your present position annual meetings and board meetings term of office? Yes

Describe, in 100 words or less, how you are qualified for this position. I have been in Public Safety for over 30 years in supervisory positions for many years involved in fire investigations and currently employed as a senior investigator am dedicated to fire investigation



Electrical Fundamentals- 6 Hours

- The components of an electrical service, circuit modes of failure, and arc mapping.
- Define basic electrical terms.
- Identify common electrical failure mechanisms.
- Describe common electrical systems and components found in a home.
- Examine a fire of potential electrical origin.

This block of instruction will serve to satisfy, in part or requirements concerning continuing education Section 1.0.7



VEGAS
2017

68th IAAI

International Training Conference

Las Vegas, NV
April 9-14 2017

All classes open to all attendees.

MONDAY, April 10th All Attendees	
Time 8am-9:30am	VEGAS 2017 Opening Ceremonies
Time 9:30am-12pm	Insurance Fraud: An Offender's Perspective Michael Vergon, Kenneth Allen
Lunch on your own 12pm to 1pm	
Fire Claims and Investigation Training Seminar co-presented by ICAC and IAAI	
Track A	Track B
	TRACK D Two-day Seminar Vetting & Selecting the Right Experts and Attorneys John Fitzpatrick, Brian Henry,

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IAAI Fire Investigation Standards Committee (FISC)

Terry-Dawn Hewitt, Esq.
Chair

and
Wayne J. McKenna, Esq.

EXPERTS BEWARE: ARE YOUR FOUNDATIONS OPEN TO ATTACK?

Preface and Outline
Due to its length, this article is published partly in print (in this issue of the Fire & Arson Investigator) and in its entirety online. Below is the article outline. Sections 1 to 6 (with the accompanying endnotes) are reproduced in this Journal edition. website (sign-on required). "Links" tab; and then scroll down and click the "Table of Contents" section and open the link to this article.

IAAI New One-Day Classes

10. Implementing the Foundational Research Recommendation: Notable Views of the NCFS
11. Applying NCFS Criteria to Scientific Literature Forming the Underpinnings of Fire Investigations
12. Effect of NFPA 921 and NFPA 1033 Approval for the OSAC Registry
13. A Litigation Perspective
14. Conclusion

Origin and Cause – 6 Hours

- Evaluating and analyzing a fire scene using a systematic method to determine the origin and cause of the fire.
- Understand and apply systematic approach and scientific method to determine the area of fire origin, then cause.
- Identify fire patterns.

House Interagency Working Group for Research, Development, Testing, and Evaluation (IWG);

Technical and Scientific Working Group on Fires and Explosions (T/SWGFE);

Organization of Scientific Area Committees (OSAC); and,