

seminar **Sept 12-15** **2017**

IOWA IAAI FIRE INVESTIGATION SEMINAR & ANNUAL MEETING



at the

Gateway Hotel and Conference Center

2100 Green Hills Drive
Ames, Iowa 50014



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Gateway Hotel and Conference Center, 2100 Green Hills Drive, Ames, Iowa 50014.

RESERVATIONS: Phone: (800) FOR-AMES. Deadline August 22, 2017, to guarantee the room rate of \$120.00.

REGISTRATION: \$250 for Iowa Chapter members; \$350 for non-members prior to August 28, 2017. After August 28, 2017, the price is \$275 for members and \$375 for non-members. Single day registration for Wednesday or Thursday is \$100.

Registration includes breakfast all three mornings and lunch on Wednesday and Thursday.

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The seminar registration **does not include membership.** Iowa Chapter membership is \$30.

Send registration form to:

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The Chapter has the following positions open for elections: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Director of Insurance, Director of Prosecution.

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2017 Iowa IAAI Conference

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2017

- 1:00 p.m. Board Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Registration/Display Room Set
- 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Early Registration
- 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. **Fire Investigation Involving Lipo Batteries** *Todd Hartzler, PE*,
Independent Forensic Investigations Corporation
- 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. **Using Drones in Fire Investigation** *Jeff Hutcheson* – Fire Investigation
Specialists, Inc. and *Captain Alex Ford* and *Fire Chief Justin James* –
Council Bluffs Fire Department members

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

- 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Registration
- 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Opening Ceremonies and Nominating Committee Report
- 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Mental Health and Fire Investigations** *Kathi Osmonson* – Minnesota
Deputy State Fire Marshal and *Jerrod Brown* – Director for Pathways
Counseling Center Inc.
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch (Provided)
- 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. **Dealing with Social Media and Cell Phones in Fire Investigations** *Sean
Ryan* – Senior Principal Consultant with NTT Data Federal Services, Inc.
- 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. Sectional Meetings
- 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. President's Reception

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

- 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. **Litigating Fire Losses: What Origin and Cause Consultants Should
Know** *Chris Konzelmann* – Partner at the Law Firm of White and Williams
LLP in Philadelphia
- 11:00 – 11:45 a.m. **Reconvene of Annual Iowa Chapter Meeting**
- 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Plated Lunch Banquet and Awards
- 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. **Litigating Fire Losses** – *Continued*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2017

- 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Basic Techniques of Interviewing** *John F. Quinn* – Waukeez Police Chief
- 11:30 a.m. Seminar Exam

SEMINAR TOPICS AND SPEAKERS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2017

Tuesday Evening – September 12, 2017 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Fire Investigation Involving Lipo Batteries *Todd Hartzler, PE*, Independent Forensic Investigations Corporation



Todd is the Vice President of IFIC and has been involved in forensic electrical engineering since 1996. Todd has earned his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and Master of Science in Engineering. He is a Licensed Professional Engineer in Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska. Experienced with investigations of residential and commercial wiring, vehicles, HVAC, consumer electronics and industrial process controls, Todd draws from a diversified knowledge base. Todd also serves as the Chaplain for the Iowa Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators.

Tuesday Evening – September 12, 2017 from 8:00 – 9:00 pm

Using Drones in Fire Investigation *Jeff Hutcheson* – Fire Investigation Specialists, Inc. and *Captain Alex Ford* and *Fire Chief Justin James* – Council Bluffs Fire Department members

Assistant Fire Chief (Retired) Jeff Hutcheson spent 30 years with the Council Bluffs Fire Department before retiring in 2012. Jeff worked his way through the ranks and transferred into the Fire Prevention Bureau as a Fire Inspector/Fire Investigator where he spent three years before his promotion to Fire Marshal. Jeff is an IAAI-CFI and NAFI-CFEI and CVFI. He is a Past President of the Iowa Chapter of IAAI and served several years as a Board Member for the Chapter. He also served for four years on the IAAI Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors, serving as the Foundation President in 2013-2014. Jeff has been an adjunct instructor at Iowa Western Community College in Council Bluffs and has been a member of the Iowa Chapter since 1999. Upon his retirement from the CBFDD, Jeff started working in the private sector as a Fire Investigator. Jeff is licensed as both a Private Pilot and a Commercial Unmanned Aerial System (UAS)(Drone) pilot.

Captain Alex Ford began his career with the Council Bluffs Fire Department in January 2000. Alex was assigned to the suppression division working as a Firefighter/Paramedic. Alex was promoted to Engineer in 2006 and then to Captain in 2012. He has been a part of several committees, and has served on the Local 15 Executive Board. Alex transitioned into the Fire Marshal's office in January 2016. He completed his two week fire investigation school in March of 2016. His duties in the Fire Marshal's office include building inspections, plan reviews, code enforcement, public education and fire investigation. Alex is one of three fire department personnel trained to operate the department's UAV. Alex continues to be a proactive leader bringing new ideas and technology to the Council Bluffs Fire Department.

Fire Chief Justin James began his fire service career in 1998 working at the Fort Calhoun Nuclear Power Station. He was hired by the Council Bluffs Fire Department in Sept. of 1999. First serving in the suppression division he has attended numerous fire service training opportunities throughout the U.S. Justin was promoted to Captain and reassigned to the Council Bluffs Fire Marshal's Office in Jan. of 2009. During this time, Justin was tasked with fire inspections, code compliance, and fire investigations within the city. In December of 2009, he graduated from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy as a certified peace officer. Upon returning to duty he was tasked with serving the city as a law enforcement officer and ensuring the successful prosecution of arson related crimes. During this

time, he was charged with determining the cause and origin of over 80 fires which led to more than 30 criminal convictions of fire related crimes. Justin also managed one of the State's designated WMD Hazmat teams and ensured their training and equipment was maintained. In 2013, Justin was promoted to Assistant Fire Chief where he returned to a shift to manage over 30 personnel on the line. In the spring of 2014, Justin was promoted to Fire Chief where he currently serves and oversees the overall management of the department. Chief James attended the University of Nebraska at Omaha where he studied Public Administration with a minor in Aviation. James is a member of several fire service and law enforcement associations. He served for seven years as the Local 15 IAFF President and as an executive board member of the Iowa Law Enforcement Intelligence Network (LEIN). He also currently serves as Vice President of the Iowa Professional Fire Chiefs Association and as a member of countless other boards and commissions.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

Wednesday Morning – September 13, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Mental Health and Fire Investigations *Kathi Osmonson* – Minnesota Deputy State Fire Marshal and *Jerrod Brown* – Director for Pathways Counseling Center Inc.

Deputy State Fire Marshal Kathi Osmonson Coordinates the Minnesota State Youth Fire Intervention Team (YFIT). YFIT partners with law enforcement, mental health, justice and social agencies to sustain a network of professionals who collaborate to provide intervention. Her career includes volunteer and career firefighting with specialties in fire prevention education and youth fire setting intervention. She is a member of the NFPA 1035 Committee and the Minnesota Juvenile Justice Coalition (JJC), she is an adjunct instructor for the FEMA National Fire Academy, stakeholder in the Youth Fire Intervention Repository and Evaluation System (YFIRES), publishes and reviews peer reviewed articles for national and international scholarly journals and presents at national and international conferences. Osmonson developed the YFPI Specialist and Program Manager Certifications through the Minnesota Fire Service Certification Board. She is currently pursuing her Master's Degree in Forensic Mental Health.

Jerrod Brown, M.A., M.S., M.S., M.S., is the Treatment Director for Pathways Counseling Center, Inc. Pathways provides programs and services benefiting individuals impacted by mental illness and addictions. Jerrod is also the founder and CEO of the American Institute for the Advancement of Forensic Studies (AIAFS), lead developer and program director of an online graduate degree program in Forensic Mental Health for Concordia University (St. Paul, Minnesota), and the Editor-in-Chief of Forensic Scholars Today (FST). Jerrod holds graduate certificates in Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Other Health Disabilities (OHD), and Traumatic-Brain Injuries (TBI). He is a certified Youth Firesetter Prevention/Intervention Specialist, Thinking for a Change (T4C) Facilitator, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Trainer, and a Problem Gambling Treatment Provider. Jerrod is currently in the dissertation phase of his doctorate degree program in psychology.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2017 (Cont'd)

Wednesday Afternoon – September 13, 2017 from 1:00 –5:00 pm

Sean Ryan is a Senior Principal Consultant with NTT Data Federal Services, Inc. an information technology services firm based in McLean, Virginia. Currently he is assigned to the DEA Special Operations Division to provide an expertise in communications, particularly IP-based communications, to all federal agencies within Special Operations. In addition, Sean provides training and briefings relating to communication exploitation topics; such as, the impact of Voice over Long Term Evolution on lawful intercept and internet-based investigation best practices. He has been a consultant to DEA for more than 17 years. Previous DEA experience includes: the Firebird Project which involved the deployment of a new enterprise-wide network, the Office of Training developing and delivering technology-related presentations and the Office of Investigative Technology providing operational support on emerging technology issues.

Sean received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Strayer University in 1994 and a Master of Forensic Sciences in High Technology Crime Investigation from The George Washington University in 2006.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

Thursday Morning – September 14, 2017 from 8:00 –11:00 am and Continued 1:00 – 5:00 pm

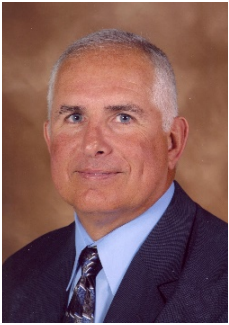


Chris Konzelmann, Esq.

Chris is a partner in the Subrogation Department at the Philadelphia based law firm of White and Williams LLP where he began his legal career in 1990. He is admitted to practice law in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, and the District of Columbia and regularly acts as lead counsel in fire related subrogation matters throughout the United States with the assistance of local counsel. Chris is a member of the National Association of Arson Investigators, the National Association of Subrogation Professionals, The Loss Executives Association, and the National Fire Protection Association. His practice is focused on investigating and litigating fire losses for insurance carriers and he is a frequent lecturer on property subrogation related topics.

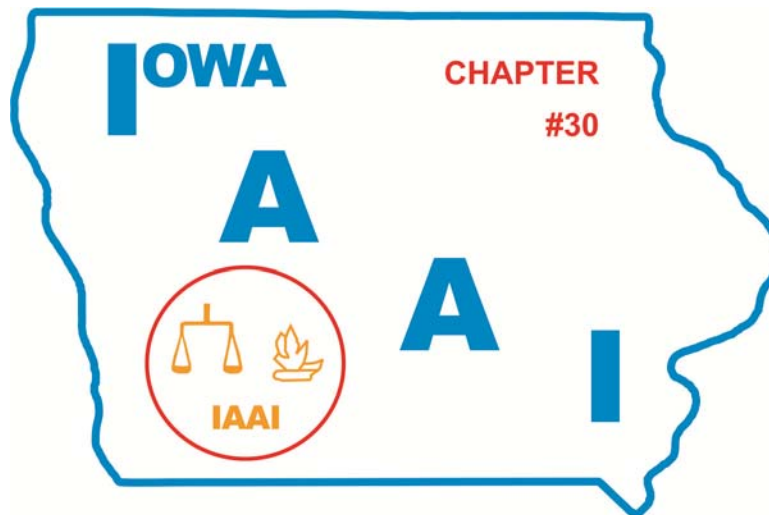
Chris is one of a limited number of subrogation lawyers who is an active state certified interior structural firefighter, fire officer, and fire instructor. He is a Captain in the Moorestown Fire Department in Burlington County, New Jersey where he has training, operational, and supervisory fire ground responsibilities. His 27 years of experience in handling property subrogation claims involving fires, coupled with his firefighting training and experience, make him uniquely qualified to provide helpful advice and guidance to origin and cause investigators.

Friday morning – September 15, 2017 from 8:00 – 11:30 am



Waukee Chief of Police John F. Quinn

On June 27th, 2008, Commissioner Eugene T. Meyer appointed John Quinn Director of the Division of Criminal Investigation. Director Quinn began his career with DPS in 1983 after completing the 11th Basic Academy. He was first assigned as a Special Agent for the DCI working general criminal investigations. After 20 years investigating more than 100 homicides and numerous other crimes against person or property, Quinn was promoted to Special Agent In Charge, supervising all field operations, investigations and personnel for DCI's Zone 1. Then in 2003, Quinn was promoted to Assistant Director of DCI in Charge of Field Operations. In his duties as Assistant Director Quinn, managed all general criminal investigations, DCI's Cyber Crime Unit and the Missing Persons Information Clearinghouse. In his years of service to DPS, Quinn has been a DPS recruiter, head drill instructor for the DPS Academy, and coordinated DCI firearms training when the division switched from revolvers to semi-automatic pistol in 1993 and 1994. Quinn was also one of DPS' greatest resources in training officers state-wide on the basic techniques of interviewing and interrogation. Quinn is a 1982 graduate of Iowa State University. In his journey toward self-improvement, he also completed Drake University's Certified Public Management Program in 2006 and Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command in 2007. Quinn is also a 2007 Leadership Iowa Graduate. In March of 2014, John was hired the Waukee Chief of Police.



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