

FIRE FAX

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FROM THE DESK OF



G. Terry Smith

DIRECTOR OF INSURANCE

I recently spoke with the Fire Marshal from a city in Iowa. The Fire Marshal informed me that the community he serves intends to eliminate that position at some point in time. In many communities the Fire Marshal's office is responsible for both inspections and investigations. It is somewhat amazing because the reduction in the area of inspections and/or investigations is probably being done as a cost-cutting maneuver. When inspections and investigations are no longer priorities, the work load of the firefighting operations will most likely increase, thus defeating the intended cost reduction to the community. Over time, the costs to the community could actually increase and place an increased financial burden on an already strained budget. Inspections reduce the fire loss within a community and protect life safety. The financial costs to residents will

be reduced when businesses are not affected by fires and jobs not lost because of the temporary or possibly the permanent loss of a business or businesses.

Active inspections and investigating every fire has an un-measurable reduction in losses to the community. Inspections may remove bad practices or products. When a fire is investigated and the cause is determined, and eventually becomes known throughout the community, future similar fires may be eliminated or at least reduced. Community residents will address problem areas and possibly cease the use of an item that was involved in the cause of the fire.

The investigation of all fires has other effects within the community. If there are a few or no investigations of incendiary fires, the arsonist does not have a deterrent to cease the devastating crime that he or she is committing. Some communities may think that they can shift the costs of these investigations to other agencies that may not be paid from those communities' coffers. The agencies that may be assigned these tasks, if available or in existence, may become significantly overburdened as a result of this type of planning and not be able to address the issues properly.

I am aware of a community that had a significant arson problem in a particular type of arson. Fire service

and law enforcement of that community decided to actively investigate each of these fires including interviews with various individuals and questioning anyone that may have information. Word got around and the problem in that community was significantly reduced. I have always believed that a proper investigation of every fire has an eventual monetary savings to everyone. Some of these savings may be in an area that the individual will never be aware of such as an increase in their insurance premiums that never occurred.

Saving money in the short term may result in greater losses in the future.

**Mark Your
Calendar**

for the

**Iowa IAAI
Fire Investigation
Seminar &
Annual Meeting**

Sept. 10 – 12, 2019

FROM THE DESK OF



Mark Dooley
SECRETARY/TREASURER

TAKING CARE OF YOURSELF

To begin, thank you for the opportunity to serve the Iowa IAAI as the Secretary/Treasurer. I am looking forward to doing my best in this position.

As I looked back on the fires that my department experienced this year and incidents across the state in the past six months, I realized that I wanted to share that we need to take care of ourselves. As fire investigators we are constantly exposed to incidents that have significantly changed the lives of those we serve. In my opinion it does not matter if we are a government agency or working in the private sector. The people we serve as we gather the facts and determine the origin and cause of a fire are going to be directly impacted by our decisions. The scenes are damaged from smoke, heat and direct flame contact resulting in damage to memorable items for our victim. This is an emotional event for our victims and can affect us over time.

These constant exposures to emotional events, and the added stresses of significant events, such as fatal fires or stressful personal experiences, can culminate in the investigator feeling overwhelmed. When a person becomes overwhelmed it can directly affect their

work. In an investigation environment this can be critical for themselves and those we serve.

Within my department, we have started a Peer Support Team that is available for all members of the department. A peer support member has received training that allows them to be great listeners and provide a safe environment for members to share their feelings. They also have contacts that will allow the member to seek more professional help if required. We also share commonly known information on how a care provider, or a fire investigator, can do to take care of themselves.

As a reminder for everyone, take care of your physical well-being by eating healthy, staying hydrated with water, avoid overindulgence of alcohol, and maintain and constant work-out program. Also, don't stay focused in one area, have a balance in your life. Enjoy your family time, be involved in your community, be good at work and take time just for yourself. Be sure to have a confidant to share your feelings. It is counterproductive to keep your feelings inside. They need to be shared so that they are not a burden you carry alone. Whomever you choose to share with, be open and ensure that they understand you need someone to listen, not to judge.

The fire investigator is exposed to chaotic scenes that have drastically changed the lives of those we serve. Sometimes it's the damage of material, sometimes it results in the loss of life. A single call, or a career of constant exposure, can lead to the investigator feeling overwhelmed. By taking care of yourself – physically, mentally and emotionally, you can have a successful career. So with the weather getting better take the time to get out, enjoy the weather and keep yourself healthy.

FROM THE DESK OF



John Ticer
2nd VICE PRESIDENT

Another conference has come and gone. This year we saw some new faces at the conference and felt a void for those who did not attend. Many of the new faces were those of area prosecutors who attended for the first time. 1st VP Kim Shepherd worked hard at advertising this year's conference to the county attorney's association. While I know Kim would have liked to have seen a few more prosecutors in attendance, the approximately 12 who did attend was still more than triple the number we have had in the past. I have had numerous discussions over the years concerning frustrations related to case prosecution or case dispositions. I have always believed there is more than one reason for this. Some of this frustration is self-imposed. Whether the case is civil or criminal, we as investigators have invested significant time and energy into our case by the time we bring it to the attorneys. Because of this investment, we become disappointed or frustrated when the court proceedings do not turn out the way we think they should. This disappointment I think at times, is of our own doing by failing to understand or view the "big picture" of what is going on inside the prosecutor's office, the overall judicial and correctional systems and perhaps even in society in general. That being said, I

also believe that some of the issues arise from attorneys who do not fully understand our investigations or even the societal and economic ramifications of intentionally set fires. This may be due to a lack of relationships between those who investigate fires and the attorneys who handle our cases. Likewise, we all normally also study and work harder for those things we have interest in. To that extent, the board this past year decided to push one day of the conference towards prosecutors with the hope that it would help build some of those relationships and also hopefully inspire an interest in the type of investigations we do. This was also done as a follow-up to the county attorney's conference that Kim, her boss Mike Walton and I all spoke at in June of 2017. At the conclusion of that presentation we had numerous attorneys ask continued questions and engage us in conversations about arson investigations and prosecution. Clearly, we had peaked their interest and this year's one day event for them felt like a nice second step. While the class may have been basic to many of the seasoned investigators (based upon some feedback we have already received) we do believe it will pay dividends in the future for the association and its membership. We hope that our actual membership may grow slightly from prosecutors seeking to join. We also hope that the interest we have been able to ignite in some, will grow exponentially throughout their group, which can only help investigators in the future. I encourage each of you to follow-up with the attorneys who you recognized in attendance at the conference and continue to build on their interest.

As we now begin to turn our interest to next year's conference in Cedar Rapids the board is actively working on a number of topics.

Paul O'Connell has agreed to stay on and help the board with some of our social media to include our web page. Paul has recently worked with our web partners to re-create the conference registration tab so that one person can now register several members from his/her department all at the same time. The membership renewal tab has also been re-created so that one person can renew several members at the same time.

Secretary/Treasurer Dooley has sent out a survey monkey to the membership concerning the conference as well. The questions revolve around how you felt about this past year's conference if you attended. Please take time to take the survey and to be as honest as possible in your responses. We as a board want to provide you with the best learning opportunity possible and we can only do that if we know what you need and expect from our conference.

We are also already working on the topics and speakers for next year's conference. If you have specific topics and/or speakers, please let one of the board members know. Oftentimes, we receive topic request but rarely does anyone supply possible speakers for those topics. If you have been to a good class out of state or at the international conference that you believe would be beneficial to the Iowa membership let us know. Currently, we are looking at one of the days to have breakout sessions so that we can offer multiple tracts or topics to cover everyone's interest. We recognize that those attending come from a variety of backgrounds, employers and specialization levels. As was brought up at this year's conference, the other side is beginning to really focus on NFPA 1033 and our training and experience. Now more than ever, it is imperative that investigators keep up on their training.

FROM THE DESK OF



Joe Rodriguez

DIRECTOR OF DETECTION

As your newly elected Director of Detection, I would like to introduce myself and give you a little bit of my background. I grew up in Houston, Texas, and after graduating high school, I enlisted in the U.S. Navy as a Hospital Corpsman (Medic), specializing as an air rescue swimmer and inflight medical technician; however, I spent my entire eight years of active duty with the Marine Corp. For those that are unaware, the Marines fall under the Department of the Navy and the medical section is overseen by the Navy. It was a great honor serving with the Marines! For all the veterans and active duty military personnel, I want to say Thank You for serving our county and protecting our freedoms! I told myself that I will always live by the water, which I didn't imagine would be the Missouri River.

I am a proud father of the three children, with the two older ones being girls and the youngest a boy. The two youngest are attending Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota, as they prepare themselves for the chaotic world we currently find ourselves in. They both played hockey from a young age and continue through college. My oldest girl is married with three beautiful children living in Dallas, TX.

For you that don't know me, I am a Texas Longhorn Fan and follow the professional sport teams that I grew

up watching as a kid! The Houston Oilers, now the Texans, 2017 World Series Champions Houston Astros, and Houston Rockets. I will root for both Iowa and Iowa State except when they play the Longhorns. Hook'em Horns!

I've been with Sioux City Fire Rescue for twenty years. The past fifteen years have been in the Fire Prevention Bureau serving in different capacities from being the departments Public Information/Education Officer, to my current position as a Fire Investigator and Code enforcement. We have a team of four investigator and are always striving to be better.

My first arson fire that I investigated as the lead investigator was on August 21, 2012. It was a garage fire with two areas of origin. There were two ignitable liquid pour patterns that were text book and the burn patterns were perfect. The only thing that was missing from the scene was the suspect(s) that did it. After teaming up with the police department, our investigation ran cold and never identified the person(s) that intentionally set these fires.

As I reflect on that incident, I realize that I am a better fire investigator now than I was back in 2012. Along with my experience, the training has improved and the knowledge I have gain by attending our conferences, using CFITrainer.net and learning from my fellow investigator, who took the time to explain and answer questions, have helped me tremendously in my skills. Don't be afraid to use your resources that are available to you and we are all here to help each other out. This Iowa chapter has vast amount of experience, education and willingness to share their experience and knowledge.

We all face new challenges in fire investigation, from technological advances, building construction, legal challenges and others. I feel that we can prepare our members for these challenges, and provide the necessary training, tools, and resources to increase the likelihood of success when we are met with adversity. Please don't hesitate to contact myself or any one on the board members with ideas on training, conference speakers, and

other things you feel may be beneficial to our members.

I have been preparing myself to get my Certified Fire Investigator (CFI). Prior to writing this, I took my IAAI-FIT designation test and passed, which was not an easy test but one must be prepared to continue the journey on improving your training and honing your skills as an investigator.

We, the Iowa IAAI as an organization comprised of both public and private sectors, aim to investigate all fires and are determined to apprehend and prosecute those guilty of the crime of arson. At the end of the day, we are seeking the truth regarding the cause a fire.

I am looking forward serving our members in this position and seeking your input for future training.

Please don't hesitate to contact me:

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Office: 712-279-6146

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Joe Rodriguez

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ARSON INVESTIGATORS IOWA CHAPTER MINUTES Annual Meeting of the General Membership September 12, 2018

The annual meeting of the General Membership of the International Association of Arson Investigators – Iowa Chapter was called to order at the Gateway Hotel and Conference Center, Ames, Iowa at 0850 hours on September 12, 2017, pursuant to the notice sent to all members in accordance with the bylaws.

Jeff Haler, President presided and Mark Dooley, Secretary/Treasurer, recorded the proceedings of the meeting.

Roll call of officers:

Jeff Haler – President

Greg Siembieda – 1st Vice President

Paul O'Connell – 2nd Vice President

Mark Dooley – Secretary/Treasurer

Brian Greer – Director of Investigations

John Ticer – Director of Detection

Kimberly Shepherd – Director of Prosecution

G. Terry Smith – Director of Insurance

Daniel Roberts – Direct at Large – West

Melaine Whitchelo – Director at Large – East – **Excused**

Todd Hartzler – Chaplain

The first order of business was from the nomination committee. Director's Roberts and Greer took nominations from the floor as well as nominations sent via e-mail.

For the position of President. Greg Siembieda was nominated.

For the position of 1st Vice President. Kimberly Shepherd was nominated.

For the position of 2nd Vice President. John Ticer was nominated.

For the position of Secretary/Treasurer. Mark Dooley was nominated.

For the position of Director at Large West. Daniel Roberts was nominated

A motion was made and second to cease nominations until the meeting reconvenes September 13th, 2018 was accepted at this time. The meeting was recessed at 0900 hours on September 12th, 2018.

The annual meeting of the General Membership of the International Association of Arson Investigators – Iowa Chapter was reconvened at the Gateway Hotel and Conference Center, Ames, Iowa at 1100 hours on September 13th, 2018, pursuant to the notice sent to all members in accordance with the bylaws.

Roll call of officers:

Jeff Haler –President

Greg Siembieda – 1st Vice President

Paul O’Connell – 2nd Vice President

Mark Dooley – Secretary/Treasurer

Brian Greer – Director of Investigations

John Ticer – Director of Detection

Kimberly Shepherd – Director of Prosecution

G. Terry Smith – Director of Insurance

Daniel Roberts – Director at Large – West

Melaine Whitcelo – Director at Large – East - **Excused**

Mark Dooley gave the Secretary/Treasurer report:

- 115 members of our association at present time, 14 Life Members
- US Bank Checkbook balance is \$11,413; US Bank Savings is \$6001; \$31,607 in CD’s; \$25 in Savings. Motion made (2nd Vice O’Connell) to approve Financial report and seconded (Member Fraser). Motion passed unanimous.
- 19 New members for 2018
 - Chelsea Sawyers – Independent Forensics Investigative Consultants
 - Alisha Rankin – Des Moines Police Department
 - Matthew Byrne – Manson Police and Fire Department

- Tera Jackson – Davenport Fire Department
- Reed Kious – Marion County Sherriff’s Office
- Brad Kruse – Davenport Fire Department
- Aaron Mack – Davenport Fire Department
- Tim Smith – City of Cedar Falls
- Brock Weliver – Waterloo Fire Rescue
- Scott Mack – Buena Vista County Sherriff
- Brian Schreck – Buena Vista County Sherriff
- Clinton Merithew – South Sioux City Fire Department
- Frank Sir-Louis – Iowa City Fire Department
- Gary Ramquist – Des Moines Fire Department
- Ryan Osborn – Clive Fire Department
- Chad Bundy – Ames Fire Department
- Mike Kaldenberg – Ames Fire Department
- Karen Peters – Ankeny Fire Department
- Jason Ziph – Ames Fire Department

- Dues are good until September of the conference year
- Example September 2018 are 2018 dues
- An email will be sent to the body for dues October 1st, June 1st and August 1st of each year.
- Jeff Haler gave the Presidents report:
- Attended the ITC Annual conference in Frisco, Texas. Thank you to the membership for sending me. Every year the Iowa Chapter sends the President to represent.
- Thank you to Jim Kenkel for the audio/visual equipment and service again this year.
- There were two lunch-n-learns this year, both were great.
- There were 5 scholarship applications and there will be two scholarships given away.
- Greg Siembieda gave the 1st Vice President’s report:
- Attended the board meetings.

- Lots of preparation for this year’s conference.
- Paul O’Connell gave the 2nd Vice President’s report:
- Worked with Dooley for the transition of Secretary/Treasurer
- Lots of preparation for this year’s conference.
- Dan Roberts gave the Director At large West report:
- Attended board meetings
- Participated in the Expert Witness class
- Reminded the body of the Electrical Aspects class in November
- Kim Shepherd gave the Director of Prosecution report:
- Attended Board Meetings
- Hosted and moderated the eastern Iowa Lunch-n-Learn
- Preparation for conference presentation
- Auditing committee report was that the audit was completed and no irregularities appeared.
- John Ticer gave the Director of Detection report:
- Facilitated and organized the western Iowa Lunch-n-Learn
- Was involved for all two weeks of the annual Fire Investigator conference in Ames
- Lots of preparation to present at this year’s conference
- Brian Greer gave the Director of Detection report:
- Attended the scheduled board meetings
- Participated in conference preparation
- G. Terry Smith gave the Director of Insurance report:
- Attended the Board meetings
- Assisted in facilitating the expert witness class
- Had a good sectional meeting

- For CFI Committee G. Terry Smith shared that there are 20 CFI's in the state of Iowa
- Melaine Whitchelo was excused. Her report was presented by Kimberly Shepherd
- Hosted the eastern Iowa Lunch-n-Learn which was mental health issues and fire investigations
- Participated in board meetings
- Zach Spykerman gave the Training committee report:
- There was an expert witness class held in Grinnell at the end of July. It was very successful and we are going to try to have this course offered yearly.
- Electrical Aspects class is in Ames November 6th-8th. There are not a lot of students registered at this time. Please sign up.
- Communication chair report was given by Mr. Siembieda:
- Paul O'Connell is going to continue to assist with the website as the administrator

CHANGE OF BY-LAWS

A change of By-Laws was sent electronically July 25th to the membership list. A proposal to change the by-laws of Active Membership to mirror the language in the International Association by-laws for membership.

Our current By-Law reads:

Section 1. Active Membership. Membership in the IAAI qualifies the individual member for active membership in the Iowa chapter, subject to the approval of the Chapter Board of Directors.

Any representative of government or a government agency or any representative of a business or industrial concern who is engaged in some phase of the suppression of arson at the time he/she makes application shall be eligible to active membership in appropriate section, on application, provided such person possesses the other qualification for membership, in the discretion of the Membership Committee and provided such person

is not less than 18 years of age at the time he/she makes application.

The proposed by-law change is:

Section 1. Active Membership. Membership in the IAAI qualifies the individual for active membership in the Iowa chapter, subject to the approval of the Chapter Board of Directors.

Any representative of good moral character involved with government or a government agency and/or any representative of a business or industrial concern who is actively engaged in some phase of fire and arson investigation or administration of justice at the time the representative makes application shall be eligible for full membership, provided such person possesses the other qualifications for membership established by the Board of Directors upon recommendation of the Membership Services Committee and provided such person is not less than eighteen (18) years of age at the time he/she makes application. Active members shall have the right to vote on Association business and have the right to hold office.

A motion was made by member Whitsel and seconded by member Abbott to accept the proposed change to our by-laws. All Aye, motion passed.

Scholarship committee report was presented by Mr. Haler during his presidential report.

For site selection committee report, Mr. Haler stated that they looked at 6 hotels for the upcoming conferences. The final selection was for the Marriott Hotel in Cedar Rapids. The next conference will be September 10th-12th, 2019.

Nominations committee again asked for nominations for open board positions. The nominations currently received are:

For the position of President. Greg Siembieda was nominated.

For the position of 1st Vice President. Kimberly Shepherd was nominated.

For the position of 2nd Vice President. John Ticer was nominated.

For the position of Secretary/Treasurer. Mark Dooley was nominated.

For the position of Director At large West. Daniel Roberts was nominated.

There were no other nominations.

A motion was made to accept the nominations without a vote (Member Fraser) and seconded (Member Knutzen). It passed unanimously.

Director of Detection was elected in sectional meeting and is Joe Rodriguez.

A motion was made (Member Collins) and seconded (1st Vice President Siembieda) to pay the salary of the Secretary/Treasurer \$5/ member. Passed unanimously.

Business for the Good of the Order:

There was a comment to the President as to why there was only one FireFax sent out in 2018. President Haler stated that it was his fault that it was not done.

There was a question about membership to Secretary/Treasurer Dooley about membership, and if it is declining. Mr. Dooley stated that new membership had increased, it appeared that current membership decreased and that he was going to send electronic communication to all previous members in an attempt to increase membership.

A question was asked of Secretary/Treasurer Dooley about an overdraft fee posted in the June minutes. Mr. Dooley stated that the bank charged \$36 to transfer monies from the savings account to the checking account to cover checks written for ITC expenses. The overdraft fee was refunded by the bank in July and mentioned at the next board meeting.

A motion was made (Member Rex) and seconded (Member Fraser) to have the Iowa Chapter endorse Chapter Member Trace Lawless for his International Association of Arson Investigators board nomination. Passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn the meeting (2nd Vice President O'Connell), second (Member Westhoff). Passed unanimously.

Annual meeting adjourned at 1145 pm.



Swearing in of our new board members by Iowa State Fire Marshal, Dan Wood.



Iowa Chapter IAAI Director, John Ticer instructing about basic fire investigations for the membership and several Iowa County Prosecutors.



Trace Lawless, GMRC and IAAI Board of Director, instructing about alternative fuel vehicles.



Past President, Jeff Haler passing off the customary Iowa Chapter IAAI briefcase to newly elected President, Greg Siembieda.

RECALLS

November 9, 2018

For more information regarding Whitemore Fire Consultants, Inc., please visit our website at:

www.whitemorefire.com

Or call us at:

952-461-7000

A.O. Smith Recalls 30-Gallon Gas Water Heaters

The Consumer Product Safety Commission in cooperation A.O. Smith of Milwaukee, Wisconsin has voluntarily issued a recall of the A.O. Smith 30 gallon gas water heaters with model #G6-UT3030N.

The water heater's flame arrester can fail to work properly, posing a fire hazard.

Approximately 190 units were sold exclusively at Lowe's stores in California from February 2018 through April 2018 for between \$540 and \$640. No incidents or injuries have been reported.

This recall includes A.O. Smith 30-gallon natural gas water heaters with model #G^A-UT3030NV serial numbers with the first four digits of 1805 and 1809. A.O. Smith, the model number and the serial number are printed on the data plate located next to the gas water heater's control valve/thermostat. A.O. Smith is printed near the top of the water heater.

Consumers should immediately turn off and stop using the recalled water heaters and contact A.O. Smith to arrange for a free repair.

For more information, please visit www.waterheaterrecall.com and click on "check my serial number" link.

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A.O. Smith Recalls Ultra-Low NOx Water Heaters

The Consumer Product Safety Commission in cooperation with A.O. Smith of Milwaukee, Wisconsin has voluntarily issued a recall of the A.O. Smith Ultra-Low NOx water heaters. The water heater's gas burner screen develops tears. The water heater's burner can then create excess radiant heat, posing a fire hazard if the water heater is installed directly on a wood or other combustible floor.

Approximately 616,000 units were sold by independent contractors, plumbers, plumbing supply vendors and various home improvement and hardware stores primarily in California from April 2015 through December 2016 for between \$500 and \$1000.

This recall includes 30, 40 and 50 gallon natural gas-fired Ultra-Low NOx emission gas water heaters. They are designed to comply with regulations in certain air quality districts in California, and were sold primarily in California. They were sold under the American, A.O. Smith, Kenmore, Reliance, State, U.S. Craftsman and Whirlpool names and manufactured in April 8, 2015 through August 1, 2016. Only water heaters with the first four digit serial numbers between 1115 and 1691, where the first four digits represent the year and week of production are included in the recall. The brand name, model number and serial number can be found on the data plate on the product located next to the gas control valve/thermostat. The brand name is printed near the top of the water heater. Consumers can look up their water heater's serial number to see if it is affected by this recall.

Consumers should immediately turn off and stop using the recalled water heaters and contact A.O. Smith to determine if a free repair is necessary.

For more information, please visit: www.waterheaterrecall.com and click on "check my serial number" link.



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Haier America Recalls Top-Mount Refrigerators Due to Fire

The Consumer Product Safety Commission in cooperation with Haier America of Wayne, NJ has voluntarily issued a recall of the Haier Top-Mount Refrigerators. An electrical component in the refrigerator can short circuit, posing a fire hazard.

Approximately 137,000 refrigerators were sold nationwide at Lowes stores and independent retailers from September 2011 through September 2018 for between \$200 and \$500.

Haier America has received three reports of smoke, fire and associated property damage. No injuries have been reported.

This recall involves the Haier models HA10TG1 with 10.1 cubic foot capacity. They measure about 5' tall and 2' wide. The Haier logo is affixed on the refrigerator door. For a complete list of the model and serial number ranges involved in this recall, please visit: www.cpsc.gov and click on "recalls."

Consumers should immediately unplug and stop using the recalled refrigerators and visit Haier America's website to schedule a free repair or receive a refund in the form of a \$150 rebate toward the purchase of a qualified new Haier brand refrigerator.

For more information, please visit: www.haierappliances.com and click on Recall Information.



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CB2 Recalls Pendant Lights Due to Fire & Shock Hazards

The Consumer Product Safety Commission in cooperation with CB2 of Northbrook, Illinois has voluntarily issued a recall of their pendant lights. The insulation on the electrical wiring can come loose, posing fire and shock hazards.

Approximately 250 pendant lights were sold nationwide at CB2 stores and online at CB2.com from November 2017 through August 2018 for about \$100. CB2 has reported no injuries or property damage.

This recall involves CB2's Colby lacquered wood and glass pendant light fixtures. The recalled lights are hanging ceiling lights that measure 17.5" long. They have a clear glass shade that measures 12" in diameter and a hanging cord that measures 75" long.

Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled pendant lights, keep the light switch in the off position and contact CB2 to receive free removal of the recalled light and free installation of a replacement light.

For more information, please visit: www.cb2.com and click on Product Recalls.



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