



THE ILLINOIS CHAPTER IAAI

PRESENTS THE

37TH ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 19 - 23, 2021

PAR-A-DICE HOTEL AND CASINO CONVENTION CENTER

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SPECIAL ROOM RATES AVAILABLE FOR ATTENDEES - FIRST COME FIRST SERVED

IL-IAAI MEMBER - \$225.00/\$250.00 AFTER 08-30-2021 NON-MEMBER - \$325.00/\$350.00 AFTER 08-30-2021

To register, go to www.il-iaai.com

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Sunday Afternoon - September 19, 2021

The IL-IAAI 50th Anniversary starts off with the Hoyle Golf Outing which will tee off at Quail Meadows Golf Course in Washington, Illinois, with a 12:00 p.m. registration and a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start. Keep your eyes out for the Outing Flyer.

Conference sign in also opens at 12:00 p.m. in the pre-function area (Lobby) of the hotel. (\$10.00 Slot Card and 2 Mixed Drink Tickets) will be given out upon signing in for the conference.

Sunday night Tailgate Party from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. sponsored by Robinette Demolition and F.E.R.S.T. in the Plaza Room IL-IAAI Hospitality Room, food, beer, non-alcoholic refreshments are provided, mixed drinks are available at Bourbon's in the Par-A-Dice Hotel and Casino Lobby.

Track A is Law Enforcement oriented and will be limited to the first 50 registered Sworn active "Arson Investigator" attendees. You must have this designation and be vetted to attend Track A.

NO WEAPONS SHALL BE VISIBLE, ALL NON-UNIFORMED OFFICERS MUST HAVE THEIR WEAPONS CONCEALED AT ALL TIMES WHILE ON HOTEL PROPERTY, AND NO WEAPONS ARE ALLOWED INSIDE THE CASINO!!!

Track B is Fire Investigator oriented training and is open to all attendees.

Monday - September 20, 2021 - Track A {8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.} in Meeting Rooms 1 and 2

Explosive Recognition and Requirements

Mobile Training Unit - Dept. of Natural Resources, Specialist /Inspector/Investigator Nick Sterling

Track A - Sworn Arson Investigators Peace Officer Training - (Class is Limited to 50 students, on a first come, first serve basis.)

Track A is designed to provide all Sworn Arson Investigators specific training to meet and obtain the minimum annual standards established by the Illinois Governmental Law Enforcement Training Advisory Board requirements for all Sworn Peace Officers in the State of Illinois. Qualifies for continuing education requirements for recertification hours for Lead Homicide Investigator

Monday - September 20, 2021 - Track B {8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.} Grand Ballroom Suite A

BATF & E Electrical Engineer Mike Abraham, PE

“Energized Electrical Incendiary Devices”

Topics Include: Identifying and recognizing altered and/or tampered with energized electrical devices used as improvised incendiary devices.

Tuesday - September 21, 2021 - Interviewing and Interrogation Techniques

A Psychological Perspective of Examining Arsonists - Interviewing and Interrogation Technics and Profiling

BATF & E - S/A Stephen Patrick

During this day of instruction, attendees will be presented with examining the psychological factors of arson and enhancing skills to conduct effective interviews and interrogations with the offenders.

Wednesday - September 22, 2020 - {8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.}

Beyond the Fire Scene

Attorney Brian Henry - Rolfes/Henry Law Firm

What you need to know for Civil and Criminal Litigation, Understanding Daubert and Frye challenges

Thursday - September 23, 2020 - {8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.}

Morning Session - Things Are Not What They Seem

Attorney Zach McCune - Rolfes/Henry Law Firm

Insurance Fraud

Afternoon Session - Case Study of the Boston Serial Arsons of the 1980's & Reverse Arson Stings

Retired BATF & E/CFI Agent Wayne Miller

New Hampshire House Fire - Total Burn - Was it a case of arson or not? Don't make these mistakes. Your career may be severely affected. Get your facts straight; otherwise, your opinions based on bad facts are useless. How interviews, patterns, fire dynamics, and testing was used to win this case.

Fire Analyst Wayne Miller will walk you through the good, the bad, and the ugly evidence!

The training subjects provided meet their respective requirements of NFPA1033, 2017 edition. This conference is providing 24 tested hours of training. Testing will be done on CFITrainer.net, using a PIN number that will be provided at the end of the conference. Disclaimer: No liability is assumed by the IL-IAAI for changes in program content, speakers, or venue. The instructor's presentation and content thereof is the responsibility of the individual instructor and not necessarily endorsed by any of the persons or organizations associated with this seminar. The IL-IAAI reserves the right to cancel, alter, or substitute any class or instructor without advanced notice. Cancellation policy - Full refund available up to 31 days before conference start, 50% refund available 30 days or less before conference start.

INSTRUCTOR BIOS...



DNR Investigator Nick Sterling - has over twenty-two years of explosives experience, and currently and holds an Illinois Blaster's and Individual Explosives License and instructs those wishing to obtain such licensing for both the commercial explosives industry and Law Enforcement. Nick is a Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) instructor, with includes the handling and usage of bulk quantities of explosives and has been involved in more that 3000 explosive initiations of both high and low explosives. Nick is charged with inspection of all explosive storage facilities with the NEMRT territory, and investigates all incidents, recoveries, and accidents involving explosives with that territory and throughout Illinois. He also coordinates stings and task force groups for the purposes of the Illinois Explosives Act and its enforcement.



Mike Abraham PE - is a licensed electrical engineer with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF). Michael works at the ATF Fire Research Laboratory located in the Washington, D.C. metro area. He provides forensic engineering support to Federal, State, and Local investigative entities on electro-mechanical engineering matters as they pertain to the origin and cause of fires and explosions. Michael also responds as a member of the ATF National Response Team (NRT) to large-loss fire and explosion scenes. He has instructed on behalf of the ATF nationally, internationally for the US State Department, and for several state and local organizations. He has participated in fire and explosion scenes across the nation and the territories of the US, including several firefighter line of duty death investigations, the Austin serial bombings, and the Allentown car bombing. Prior to the ATF, he worked as a private sector forensic engineer and as the principal design engineer on numerous mechanical, electrical, and fire protection projects throughout the NYC metro area. Michael has been a certified Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician with a volunteer fire department for over 17 years in Central New Jersey.



Stephen Patrick - is a 27-year veteran of the BATF & E, beginning his career as an ATF Industry Operations Investigator, serving in both Detroit, MI and Baltimore, MD. In 1999, he became a Special Agent with the ATF and was assigned to the firearms trafficking group in Washington, DC before transferring to the Virginia Arson and Explosives Group. Steve has been an ATF Certified Explosives Specialist since 2002 and has spent seven years on the ATF National Response Team; investigating arson and bombing cases nationwide. Since February 2012, Steve has been assigned full-time to the FBI's National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime (NCAVC) in Quantico, VA and is one of two ATF Criminal Profilers specializing in arson and bombing criminal investigative analysis. Steve has an undergraduate degree in Business Administration from Shepherd University and is currently pursuing his Master's Degree in Forensic Science from Oklahoma State University.



Brian Henry, Esq. - Brian P. Henry, President of Rolfes/Henry Law Firm has significant litigation and trial experience in the areas of insurance, fire science, and product liability. His practice has spanned the entire country, having served as national trial and coordinating counsel to several product manufacturers and a Fortune 500 insurer. Brian's practice also includes the representation of businesses and organizations in an "outside" general counsel role, providing legal counseling and representation on a host of corporate issues ranging from corporate transactions to human resource issues to regulatory compliance.

Brian is one of only a handful of attorneys to achieve the Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator designation from the National Association of Fire Investigators. Brian's extensive knowledge of fire science issues provides the firm's clients with a strong competitive advantage in litigation involving damage and injury from fires. He is an Adjunct Instructor at both the National Fire Academy and the National Center for Explosives Training & Research. In 2017, Brian was named to the Technical Committee for *NFPA 921: Guide for Fire and Explosion Investigations*, the seminal authority in the world of fire investigation methodology and process.

Brian is also nationally-recognized for his knowledge and experience on expert preclusion issues, having written and lectured extensively on the subject and having handled more than 150 *Daubert*-type challenges in cases throughout the United States. He represents hundreds of expert witnesses from a variety of fields, providing representation in areas such as expert fees, scope of work and retainer agreement disputes, discovery issues, and expert preclusion efforts. Brian has also served as an expert witness on the standard of care for attorneys handling fire science cases, and he is a frequent lecturer on fire science, expert preclusion, insurance, and product liability issues at conferences throughout the country.

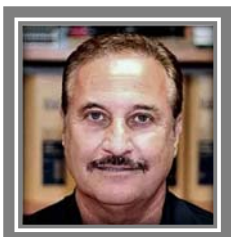


Zach McCune, Esq. - Zach joined Rolfes/Henry more than a decade ago while in law school and is now a Partner in the firm's Cincinnati office. His practice primarily involves counseling and representing insurance companies of all sizes in fire science litigation, complex fraud and coverage investigations, and bad faith litigation. Zach's extensive fire science experience includes fire and explosion causation investigations, prosecution and defense of *Daubert* expert witness challenges, catastrophic burn litigation, and complex arson investigations.

Zach's claim and coverage investigation experience includes taking hundreds of Examinations Under Oath and depositions for claims involving fire, theft, water, wind, suspected fraud, organized crime, and ring activity throughout the country.

Zach serves as a lead firm and industry source for implementing technological and forensic advancements into fraud and coverage investigations, with a particular focus on computer and cellular telephone technology. He is a proud to serve on the Ohio Board of the National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators.

Zach is one of a limited number of attorneys nationwide to receive a Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator designation from the National Association of Fire Investigators. Zach uses the knowledge gained from this designation to provide value-added assistance to clients on matters involving fire science.



Wayne Miller – A former Special Agent, Criminal Investigator and Certified Fire Investigator for the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in Boston for 25 years. He has been involved in numerous high-profile illegal firearms, bombings, and arson cases, and as a member of the ATF National Response Team, Mr. Miller responded to several major fire and explosion incidents. During his public and private career, he examined more than 2,300 fire and explosion scenes, plus provided expert testimony in numerous Federal and State courts.

After retiring from ATF in 2001, Wayne worked privately for 18 years, eventually working fire and explosion scenes in 43 States.

Wayne has been a member of the International Association of Arson Investigators since 1984 and has held numerous positions within the MA Chapter of the IAAI. Besides teaching fire investigation as an Adjunct Professor at Cape Cod Community College for two semesters, he has been a speaker on fire-related topics over 80 times throughout the United States and in Canada.

Wayne is also the author of "Burn Boston Burn", an account of the largest arson case(s) on record in the Country... ***A current #1 seller on Amazon!!!***