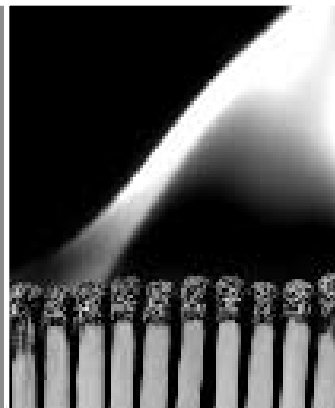


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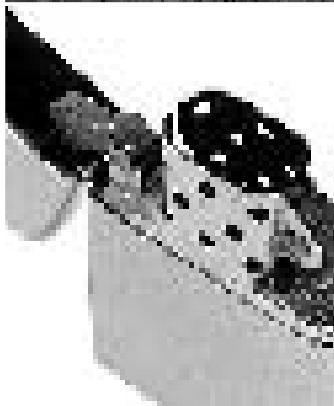
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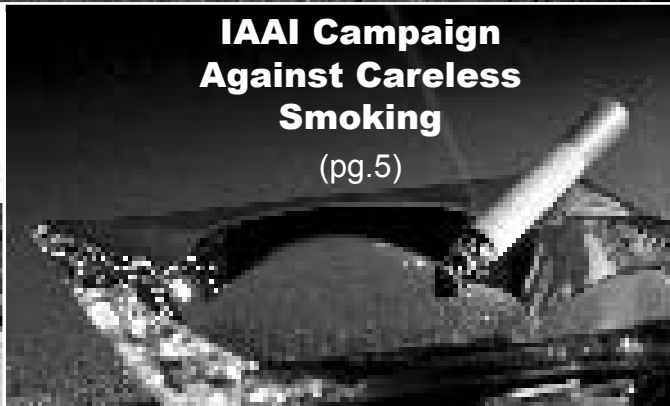
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## Message from the Editor



Welcome readers to 2008! As editor of the Arson Reporter, I am proud to produce the first issue of 2008 for the Washington Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators. Be it known that anyone working in the field of fire is welcome to be a member of this association. This Arson Reporter is being sent to members of the IAAI Washington Chapter first; following that a mailing to international members within the state will be sent, as well as to individuals in Idaho, Alaska and Canada. The purpose of the Arson Reporter is to inform, educate and entertain the readers. The first upcoming news is the February 15th 2008, 27th annual Hands Across the Border event in Canada. This year the Washington Chapter

provides the speaker and has secured Vyto Babrauskas to present. The chapter is also working with the Northwest Fire Investigators to put on the May 12-16 Leavenworth conference. This conference was well attended last year and some tracks filled up months ahead of time. Check our association website [www.iaai-wa.org](http://www.iaai-wa.org) for more details and forms to sign up.

Noel Putaansuu  
1st Vice President & Editor  
International Association of Arson  
Investigators  
Washington Chapter  
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### The cover: Elk Bath

This great picture was taken in Bitterroot National Forest in Montana on August 6, 2000. The photographer, John McColgan, is a fire behavior analyst from Fairbanks, Alaska. Because he was working at the time he took the picture, he cannot profit from it; however, he feels the picture is a once-in-a-lifetime shot and should be shared.



## Trivia Question:

What was the name of the play that was being performed in Boyertown, Pennsylvania's Rhoades Opera house on January 13th, 1908, when a fire erupted, killing 170 people? (See answer on page 3.)

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## Pyromath

A mathematician and a physicist were asked the following question: Suppose you walked by a burning house and saw a hydrant and a hose not connected to the hydrant. What would you do?

**P:** I would attach the hose to the hydrant, turn on the water, and put out the fire.

**M:** I would attach the hose to the hydrant, turn on the water, and put out the fire.

Then they were asked this question: Suppose you walked by a house and saw a hose connected to a hydrant. What would you do?

**P:** I would keep walking, as there is no problem to solve.

**M:** I would disconnect the hose from the hydrant and set the house on fire, reducing the problem to a previously solved form.

## From The Washington Chapter President:

A long, long time ago in a far off land I had just graduated from high school with the notion that I had all the book learning that I'd ever need. One of the first things that I did was to join the Army to "serve my country". The first thing that they made do was to go to 'basic training' where I had to 'learn' some things. When I finished with that I then got into the construction trades so that I could 'build things'. I spent the next three years going to classes every Saturday at the local community college to 'learn' how to build. For the last twenty-five years I've been in the fire service where I've continued to 'learn' so that I could become 'qualified' and 'certified'. Do you ever wonder how much do we need to know? When will we be able to stop learning? I suppose that if nothing ever changed then our training needs would not change. But construction techniques are constantly changing and how they burn also changes. How many ways can a piece of wood burn? How many ways can wood be cut, chopped, formed, pressed or finished? Even harder to answer is: 'how many different ways can a person start a fire?' To maintain proficiency as a fire investigator we must be constantly learning.

In a few months it will be time for our Annual Training Conference in Leavenworth. Our partnership with the Northwest Fire Investigators has made this a very worthwhile conference. Our Basic Class has been very popular and fills up quickly. So get the word out to any new investigators that they need to get their applications in early. The conference will have 3 tracks of instruction for advanced investigators. We will be bringing in both

local and nationally known instructors. We will also be testing for Certified Fire Investigator for both IFSAC and IAAI. If you hope to test for the IAAI CFI you will need to get your application in to the International right away. Please check the flyer included in this magazine for full conference details and bios on the instructors. You can also check the IAAI-WA and NWFire websites.

If you have other investigators in your organization that cannot make it to Leavenworth in May then let them know that the British Columbia Chapter is holding their conference April 22-25 in Vernon, B.C. and that the International is holding their Annual Training Conference in Denver April 27th – May 2nd.

I know that some of you will not be able to travel to a conference to continue with your own 'learning'. You should check out the progress that the International has made with their CFI Trainer.net website. This is a great source for on-line training. IAAI was awarded an \$800,000 Fire Grant from FEMA and has plans to expand the training.

If you are hosting any investigation training locally, please let us know so that we may be able to help spread the word about your courses. The more that we learn the better we will be. The more that we share our learning with others, the better that we all will be.

See you in Leavenworth,

Norman Loftin, IAAI-WA President

## Trivia Answer:

A church sponsored play called "The Scottish Reformation". The tragedy helped usher in a slew of fire safety standards and building regulations now taken for granted: Marked exits. Doors that open outward. Easily accessible fire escapes.

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## Meet Kevin Nee:

Kevin Nee has instructed numerous classes. At Bellevue Community College he is the instructor for the following classes which are part of the Fire Investigator AA Degree program:

### Bellevue Community College:

- Investigative Interview
- Crime Scene & Physical Evidence
- Arson Fraud (Arson for Profit)
- Juvenile Fire Setters

### Everett Community College:

- Fire Investigation & Scene Preservation

### King County Training Officers, Officers Development Academy (ODA):

- Fire Investigation for the Company Officer

### Other courses taught regionally or for seminars:

- Investigating Vehicle Fires
- Company Officers Responsibility in Fire Investigations
- Explosives not Fireworks

Kevin Nee is a Captain and Assistant Fire Marshal at the Kent, WA, Fire Department and has over 32 years of firefighting experience. He also has police experience and is in his 23rd year investigating fires and explosions. He has instructed classes at Bellevue Community College and Everett Community College and in many of the WSP Regions around the state of Washington. He is a WSP- IFSAC Certified Fire Investigator and is an evaluator for the WSP Fire Certification program. He is an IAAI-CFI Certified Fire Investigator, NAFI-CFEI, CVFI (Certified Fire & Explosion Investigator, Certified Vehicle Fire Investigator) and IFC certified Inspector. He is a licensed Private Investigator. During his years as an Investigator, Kevin has investigated all types of fires and has testified as an expert witness.

# HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER



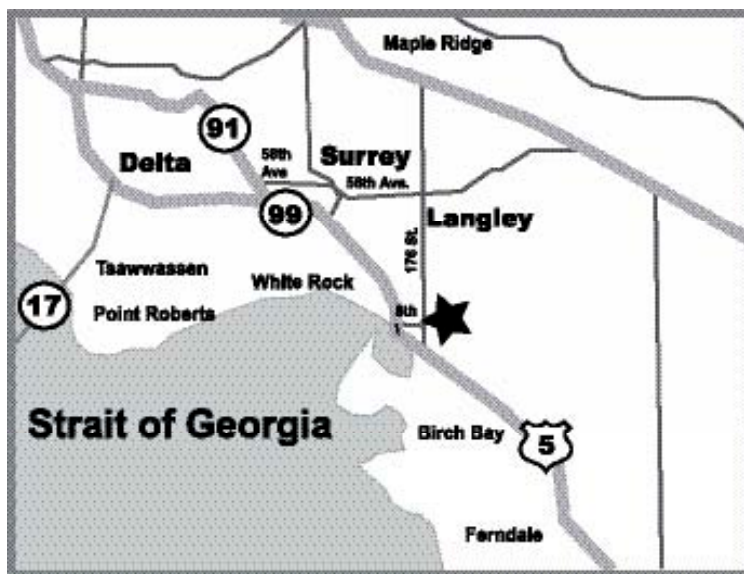
Feb 15th 2008

at 11:00am

at the Hazelmere Golf Course in  
Langley, BC Canada

Guest Speaker: **Vyto Babrauskas**

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# Segment 1 Basic Class with Instructor Kevin Nee

by Kevin Nee

This year I will be the instructor for the IAAI-NWFI, Leavenworth, Basic Fire Investigation Course. I will bring with me experiences from 32 years firefighting and 23 years Fire & Explosion Investigations from both the public and the private perspectives.

I view the Basic fire investigation course as a foundation on which to build ones experience and/or career as a fire investigator. NFPA 921 2004 edition is required for this class. Yes I know, the re-write for NFPA 921 should be coming in 2008. It may not be available in time for this class, and what I have learned

is that much of the information is transferable from edition to edition as this publication is consistently being redefined.

This Basic Course is designed to meet the outcomes defined in FESHE guidelines for Fire Investigation I. Check out [www.usfa.dhs.gov/nfa/higher\\_ed/model/download.shtm](http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/nfa/higher_ed/model/download.shtm) Fire Investigator I for course description and learning outcomes.

Students should also bring with them NFPA 1033 if available.

Attendees wanting to get a jump on this course should read:

NFPA 921 2004 ed, Chapters 1, 3-8, 11-12, 14-19, 22 & 25

In addition if desired:

Kirk's Fire Investigation 6th edition by John D. DeHann Chapters 1,3,7,9,10,16, 17 Pg 648-655, and the Glossary

There will be four (4) days classroom and one day of hands-on investigation.

(See Kevin's Biography on page 4)

## IAAI Supports Campaign Against Careless Smoking

CROFTON, MD (January 22, 2008) - The United States Fire Administration has announced the opening of a campaign to end the #1 cause of fatal home fire deaths—fires caused by careless smoking. The International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI) applauds this effort and offers their full support of this campaign. The details of the campaign can be found at: <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/media/press/2008releases/010908.shtm>.

IAAI President Thomas J. Fee stated; "Approximately 1,000 people are killed each year in fires where the cause has been identified as the careless use of smoking materials. In many cases, the victims are children, the elderly or public safety responders. All of our members have been affected by these tragedies. I call on all IAAI members to enthusiastically support this worthwhile campaign".

The United States Centers for Disease Control reports that US fire departments responded to over 412,000 residential fires in 2006. These fires killed almost 2600 people and injured almost 13,000. The cost of these fires is over \$7 billion per year. Approximately half

of all residential fire deaths occur in homes without smoke detectors.

The International Association of Arson Investigators is dedicated to improving the professional development of fire and explosion investigators by being the global resource for fire investigation training, technology and research. They have a world-wide membership of approximately 7,000 persons representing the fire service, law enforcement, insurance industry and professional engineering communities.

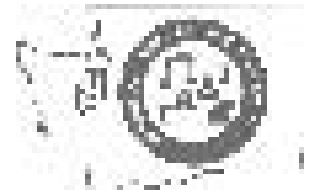
For interview requests, please contact President Thomas J. Fee or Executive Director Jason Campbell at the following address:



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This is the fourth year our organizations are teaming together to provide unique educational opportunities for Fire- Arson Investigators & Prosecutors. The following educational tracks are being offered. Choose one (1) only:

**TRACK A-** Basic Fire Investigation- The 40 hour basic class is where it starts – we have the experts ready to get you off to a good start in the field of fire investigation. This class will provide a wide range of information from securing the scene to documenting a fire scene and determining the origin and cause of a fire. This class is recommended for all fire fighters and officers. This class is a pre-requisite for any advanced fire investigation class.

**TRACK B-** Fire-Arson Evidence Collection, Fire Scene Photography & “Forensic Hands-On Processing”- One day of this 3-day course will feature Crime Laboratory staff covering evidence collection, packaging, and proper storage, and services the Crime lab can provide. A second day will feature Detective Ron Trogdon instructing the class on digital photography. The third day will feature hands-on practical applications of what was learned during the first 2 days. Students should come prepared with their own digital camera, flash, tripod, measuring scales, and evidence packaging materials (evidence tape, markers, vapor-tight containers).

**TRACK C-** ATF Advanced Fire Investigation (Post Flashover), Arson for Profit and Fire Litigation-Subrogation Issues- In many instances, the phenomenon of flashover can so change and mask burn patterns that even the experienced fire investigator can have difficulty determining origin and cause. Burn patterns can be dramatically affected by flashover, and many fire investigators do not have a solid understanding of the physical processes that take over at this stage of a fire. Accordingly, they can have difficulty explaining the damage they see. Using real experience and modeling, this presentation will visually explain the reasons behind why ventilation becomes the controlling

factor in causing burn patterns in post-flashover fires. It will further expand the investigator’s understanding of what they’re seeing in such fire scenes, and improve their ability to determine cause and origin from the unique patterns in compartments that have experienced flashover, Plus, WA ST R67 Issues

**TRACK D-** Investigation Report Writing & Courtroom Testimony- Chief Alan Predmore and Pierce County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Sue Sholin are here to help you become better prepared for your next (or first) courtroom testimony. This class will focus on preparing your report and yourself to be the best that you can be in the courtroom. Chief Predmore and DPA Sholin have experience of working together in the courtroom to successfully present fire investigations to the judge and jury resulting in convictions for the crime of arson. This course will also prepare the student for testing for the courtroom component of the IFSAC Certified Fire Investigator practical test. IFSAC testing of the task sheet related to courtroom testimony will be made available at the conclusion of the class.

(IAAI Washington State Chapter and Northwest Fire Investigators Association reserve the right to alter course content and instructors based on terms, availability, and confirmation).

Special thank you to our partners for professional development & in helping us fight the crimes against arson-fraud!

**Professional Networking**  
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**WA State IAAI Annual Chapter Meeting**  
We need you, come get involved in this professional organization. Members include public fire & police officials and private industry.  
Monday, 05-12-2008 @ 6:45 p.m.  
Icicle Inn- Room 4

**Northwest Fire Investigators Annual Meeting**  
We need you, come get involved in this professional organization. Members include public fire & police officials exclusively.  
Wednesday, 05-14-2008 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Icicle Inn- Room 4

**Pacific Northwest Fire Investigation Conference Exhibition, Mixer & Appetizers (Raffle) -**  
Icicle Inn- Room 4  
Thursday, 05-15-2008 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Leavenworth Fire Dept. BBQ Dinner & Raffle- The LFD will host another outstanding country style BBQ. There will also be fun raffle items too.

**Certification Testing**  
**IAAI CFI Written Exam-** For those seeking **IAAI CFI** we have arranged to have the written exam proctored during our conference. Your application must be completed and approved at least 60 days prior to our exam date.

**IFSAC CFI Written Exam-** For those seeking **IFSAC CFI** we have arranged to have the written exam proctored during our conference and a limited number of spaces are available for the practical exam.

Questions? Please email us at [contact@nwfire.org](mailto:contact@nwfire.org)

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**TRACK C** Post Flashover Investigations, Arson-Fraud Investigations & Fire Litigation Issues

**TRACK D** Investigation Report Writing & Courtroom Testimony

Check this box if you intend to take the IAAI Written Examination for CFI.

(You are responsible for your application submittal to IAAI International & approved 60 days in advance)

Check this box if you intend to take the IFSAC Written Examination for CFI. (No fee)

Conference Registration Fee ~ ALL Tracks: \$375 Early Registration (before April 1st) - \$425 Late Registration.

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Cancellation Policy- All cancellations made prior to April 1st may be refunded in full if books and other class handouts have not been ordered.

Cancellations requested after April 1st will be charged the full conference rate.

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# Crime Scene Processing Protocol

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M/Sgt Hayden B. Baldwin,  
Retired Illinois State Police

In the endeavor of completing a work task certain criteria to complete the work task is needed. Crime scene processing is no different in that respect than to other work related tasks such as exchanging a motor in a car, painting a landscape scene or preparing a meal. There are certain tasks related to each work objective. In the field of crime scene processing several books have been written on what these tasks are and how they should be incorporated into the field of crime scene processing. Yet each book varies only in the technique used, not in a change of the basic protocol used for the processing of crime scenes.

A few years ago I attended a lecture on "25 Ways to process a crime scene." It was probably the most boring lecture I've attended in years, but it did highlight one point that most of us have taken for granted. How do you explain to someone the mechanics of thoroughly processing a crime scene? It sounds simple, but in fact crime scene processing is a very intricate and interwoven multiple task function. It is difficult to explain to someone the exact protocol that will be used at every crime scene. Each crime scene is different and may require a different approach to processing the scene. However there is a basic crime scene protocol that should be adhered to in all crime scenes. These basic functions or tasks are as follows:

1. INTERVIEW
2. EXAMINE
3. PHOTOGRAPH
4. SKETCH
5. PROCESS

Interview is the first step in processing a crime scene. The crime scene technician must interview the first officer at the scene or the victim to ascertain the "theory" of the case. Basically what allegedly happened, what crime took place, and how was the crime committed. This information may not be factual information but it will give the crime scene technician a base from which to start.

Examine the crime scene as the second step in the protocol. Examine the scene for what? To ascertain if the "theory" of the case is substantiated by what the crime scene technician observes. Examining the scene to identify possible items of evidentiary nature, identify point of entry and point of exit, and getting the general layout of the crime scene.

Photograph the crime scene is the third step in the protocol. Photographing the crime scene to record a pictorial view of what the scene looks like and to record items of possible evidence. Crime scene photographs are generally taken in two categories, overall views and items of evidence.

Sketch the crime scene is the fourth step in the protocol. A rough sketch is completed by the crime scene technician to demonstrate the layout of the crime scene or to identify the exact position of the deceased victim or evidence within the crime scene. A crime scene sketch may not be completed on every case, however some form of sketching usually occurs in most

cases, i.e., on a fingerprint lift card to identify exactly where the latent was recovered.

The last step in the protocol is to process the crime scene. Process the scene for what? The crime scene technician will process the crime scene for evidence, both physical and testimonial evidence. It is the crime scene technicians responsibility to identify, evaluate and collect physical evidence from the crime scene for further analysis by a crime laboratory.

The above five steps in the protocol of crime scene processing is intermingled with each other step. If the "theory" of the case dictates that the intruder forcibly entered the residence through a window then the crime scene technician will need to examine the window area for footwear patterns, toolmarks, trace evidence and latent finger prints. Upon finding such items of evidence the technician will need to photograph their location and possibly complete a sketch showing the exact location of the evidence or perhaps a sketch of the footwear pattern. This intermingling of the steps in the protocol will continue throughout the processing of the crime scene. Of course interwoven throughout these five steps is the recording of the crime scene by photographs, sketches, and field notes.

This protocol should be used in all crime scenes. Whether the crime scene is a recovered stolen vehicle or a multiple homicide where several crime scenes are involved the basic protocol is the same:

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# You Can Help Us Collect Data For Important Study

In the past, I have been involved in investigating several cases involving serial arsonists. The information available about serial arsonists was all information gathered by interviewing incarcerated male arsonists. When dealing with cases involving female serial arsonists, there was a great void of information apparently because to few have ever been identified or studied.

Last May at the IAAI – ATC annual training conference in Victoria BC, Doug Allen gave a presentation on serial arson-analysis. Doug made mention that he was attempting to gather additional information on female serial-arsonists.

dealt with involving female serial arsonists. Doug’s study and any works that he publishes may help all of us understand a little more about female serial arsonists.

Thank you, Fraternaly,

Kevin Nee, CFI

As you read Doug’s letter below and look over his form, please consider past cases that you or your agency may have

Last year at the IAAI ATC in Victoria BC. Douglas H. Allen gave a great presentation about serial arsonist, Multiple Fire Setters-Analysis Pattern Recognition.

He mentioned that he is collecting case files on female serial arsonist. As you know, there are not many confirmed cases of female serial arsonists, so collecting data may be tough. Although I have been involved with a number of serial arson cases winding up with arrests and prosecutions, there are only two (2) cases of female serial arsonists that I remember. One of those was a just plain crazy, a mental case, when not taking proper medications or properly supervised.

The other was a case out of Renton, WA, in which Charlie Andrews and Becky Gibbs were involved. “Gina” (not her real name) set a number of fires on her way home after her favorite drinking hole was closed.

I originally got involved looking over the neighborhoods to place covert video cameras in order to identify possible suspects. I got involved later after an arrest was made, working with Renton and other fire investigators, making a simple video showing how misplaced cigarettes would not likely cause an “accidental fire” in situations similar to the Renton cases being prosecuted.

Most information that we have about serial arsonists are from those that have been caught and incarcerated.

If you have any cases involving a female serial arsonist please contact Doug Allen regarding your case.

December 10, 2007

I am attaching the project questionnaire that we spoke about in our email. I am conducting a research project of female serial arsonists. Little is understood about the female multiple fire setter. Their motives, characteristics and habits have not been studied to determine commonalities, if any. Other studies of convicted arsonists rely upon information provided by the Case Investigator,s view point. Often a motive expressed by the offender may not be accurate, but the case investigator will have a better understanding of „Why% the fires were set. Also, other information developed by the investigator will connect the offender to fires that they were not willing to admit to or that they were not charged with.

Please complete the attached questionnaire as accurately as possible. Include copies of any newspaper articles relating to the offender and her fire series. If any color photographs of the offender are available please include them. Also, if other investigators have investigated a female serial arsonist, would you ask them to complete a survey form and return it to me.

I will assign each offender a fictitious name to maintain confidentiality of the analysis. Thank you for your effort and time assisting me with this study.

Sincerely,

Doug Allen  
Project Mgr.

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See questionnaire on page 10



**If you have information or are working on a case involving a female serial arsonist,  
please fill out the form below and send to:  
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Dhallen2@verizon.net**

Investigator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. & Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Offender's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Race: \_\_\_\_\_

Year(s) of fire setting: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of fires attributed to Offender: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of FIRE TYPES-Structures: \_\_ (Commercial: \_\_ Residential: \_\_) Vehicles: \_\_ Vegetation: \_\_ Other: \_\_

Type of ignition source: \_\_\_\_\_ Time delay: (Explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Were flammable/combustible accelerants used: \_\_\_\_\_ Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Did offender remain at scene?: \_\_\_\_\_ Did offender leave and return to scene?: \_\_\_\_\_

How long away from scene?: \_\_\_\_\_ Offenders transportation to scene?: \_\_\_\_\_

Set more than one fire at a single location, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Offender's stated motive: \_\_\_\_\_

Investigator's belief of motive: \_\_\_\_\_

Alcohol or Drug use prior or during fire setting: \_\_\_\_\_ Age of Offender when started setting fires: \_\_\_\_\_

Any Physical/Mental disabilities:(Explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Educational Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Family History: \_\_\_\_\_

Prior Criminal Offenses: \_\_\_\_\_

Employment, type of work: \_\_\_\_\_ Location of Arrest: \_\_\_\_\_

Resistance to Arrest: \_\_\_\_\_

**ADJUDICATED:**

Conviction: \_\_ Sentence: \_\_ Plea Bargain: \_\_ Mental Facility: \_\_ Prison: \_\_ County Jail: \_\_

Lone fire setter: Yes \_\_ No \_\_, If No, how many co-offenders \_\_\_\_\_

Others involved, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Sexual situations, abuse or activities related to fire setting: \_\_\_\_\_

**SYNOPSIS:** Provide an overview of the investigation. Include history of the case, means of identifying the offender, surveillance used if any, motivation etc.

Use additional supplements if needed; Include photo and/or newspaper articles.



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 MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Active

Membership. Any representative of government or a government agency and any representative of a business or industrial concern who is actively engaged in some phase of the suppression of arson or administration of justice at the time he/she makes application shall be eligible to active membership on application, provided such person possesses the other qualifications for membership in the discretion of the Membership Committee and provided such person is not less than eighteen years of age at the time he/she makes application. All applicants for active or associate membership, if accepted, will be on temporary status until the next meeting of the Board of Directors. During this temporary status period, a person's membership may be revoked at the discretion of the Board of Directors. If the application is not rejected by the "Board" within the specified time limit, full membership is automatically granted.

Section 2. Associate Membership. Persons not qualified for active membership may become associate member, after determination of their qualifications by the Membership Committee. Associate members shall have the privileges of an active member, except voting and holding office. The Association may, by majority vote of active members present, exclude associate members from any particular business meeting.

Section 5. Personal Qualifications. Prior to voting upon each application, the Membership Committee shall give due consideration to the following, among other qualifications it deems applicable, to wit: (1) the personal character and reputation of the applicant, (2) the nature, character and reputation of the applicants business, (3) the character and reputation of the applicant's employer and associates, and (4) the general nature, character and reputation of the principal business of the applicants employer and associates. No person shall be eligible for any class of membership if he/she has been a member, or is presently a member, or becomes a member of a subversive organization or of any organization whose objectives and operations are inconsistent with the purposes of the Association.

Privacy Policy  
 The International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. (IAAI) treats confidential information received from its membership with respect and concern. We maintain physical, electronic, or procedural safeguards to protect the information.

During the course of business, it is necessary to disclose routine information relating, for example, to membership status, CFI status, committee participation, and address verification. However, the IAAI maintains the confidentiality of information such as social security numbers, government issued identification numbers, banking data and credit card numbers- the exception to which would be in response to a subpoena or court order.

Joint Membership Application  
 The organizational structure of the IAAI is similar to that of a union, in that the International is the parent organization with the Washington Chapter serving as a "local". However, membership in just the Chapter does not mean that the individual is also a member of the International. Active membership in both affords members the opportunity to vote and hold office at the chapter and international levels.

**Application for Membership - International / Washington Chapter**

**New Membership in International IAAI Washington Chapter Membership - \$115.00**

(\$5.00 membership fee, \$10.00 initiation fee, \$50.00 annual dues, \$50.00 application fee)

**New Membership in Washington Chapter Membership Only - \$50.00**

(\$5.00 membership fee, \$10.00 initiation fee, \$35.00 annual dues)

**Applicant Membership in Washington Chapter Membership and currently member of IAAI - \$40.00**

(\$5.00 membership fee, \$10.00 initiation fee, \$25.00 annual dues, \$20.00 application fee)

I hereby declare under oath that I am not a member of any other organization, national or international, which is engaged in the suppression of arson or administration of justice at the time I make application for membership in the International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. (IAAI) and that I am not less than eighteen years of age at the time I make application.

Name (Last, First, and MI) \_\_\_\_\_ Title/Position \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

Bus. Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

**Occupational Affiliation**

Public Safety  Fire/Police/Investigator  Insurance  Engineering  Scientist/Laboratory  Attorney

**Primary Duty**

Fire Investigation  Forensic Investigation  Crime Investigation  Manager  Instructor  Attorney

Business/Other \_\_\_\_\_  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of a crime?  Yes  No If yes, explain offense and date(s) of conviction:

Are you interested in serving on an IAAI Committee?  Yes  No

Are you interested in delivering IAAI training?  Yes  No

Are you a Certified Fire Investigator?  Yes  No If so, list with \_\_\_\_\_

It is recommended that you read the following information available on the IAAI International website:

Membership Information  Address  IAAI  Chapter

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Valid membership numbers:  Home  Business

**Unit Appointments**

Meeting Location Chapter #21  
 International Association of Arson Investigators  
 9116 E. Sprague Ave., # 186  
 Spokane, WA 99206-2101

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