



# The Fire Trailer News



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## Fire Trailer News

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## President's Message

My term as GFIA President is quickly approaching its final days. I will soon pass the torch on to incoming President Zane Newman. It has been an honor to serve as the President of the Georgia Fire Investigator's Association this last year. I would like to thank you, the GFIA membership, for the support that you have shown me as I have performed the duties of GFIA President.



I would also like to give special thanks to my superiors at Gwinnett County Fire and Emergency Services. Without the support of Fire Chief Steve Rolader, Assistant Chief Bob Post (retired), District Chief David Dusik, and Captain Bill Barrett, I would not have been able to effectively meet the commitments and obligations that I had with the GFIA.

The 2006/2007 year has been one of accomplishments for the GFIA. One major accomplishment is the GFIA been officially recognized by the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council as the lead training organization for Georgia Public Safety Fire Investigators. The GFIA Spring Seminar and the Southeastern Arson Seminar both provide Georgia Public Safety Fire Investigators with the proper training and required hours necessary to meet their recertification needs. Also these same seminars for many years have provided the training, testing, and hours needed for the recertification needs of IAAI-CFIs. The GFIA Spring Seminar and the Southeastern Arson Seminar generally provide the participant with a variety of subjects expanding their knowledge. This makes the seminars more appealing than a single-subject course or class.

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## NEWS from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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**Firm's Recall Hotline: (866) 284-9162**

CPSC Recall Hotline: (800) 638-2772

CPSC Media Contact: (301) 504-7908

### Halogen Table Lamps Sold at Lowe's Stores Recalled Due to Fire Hazard

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

**Name of product:** Halogen Table Lamps

**Units:** About 97,000

**Importer:** L G Sourcing, Inc., of North Wilkesboro, N.C.

**Manufacturer:** Winsource Industries, Ltd., of Hong Kong

**Hazard:** These lamps can short circuit, posing a fire hazard.

**Incidents/Injuries:** L G Sourcing has received one report of a minor fire with the halogen table lamp. No injuries have been reported.

**Description:** The recalled table lamps have a plastic base and two extendable arms connecting the base to a halogen lamp. The lamps were sold in white, red, blue, orange and purple. Item number 101988 is printed on the bottom of the lamp base.

**Sold exclusively at:** Lowe's retail outlets nationwide from April 2006 through March 2007 for about \$10.

**Manufactured in:** China

**Remedy:** Consumers should stop using the lamps immediately and return them to any Lowe's retail outlet to receive a full refund.

**Consumer Contact:** For additional information, contact L G Sourcing toll-free at (866) 284-9162 anytime, or visit [www.lowes.com](http://www.lowes.com)



### *How successful is the Georgia Arson Control Program in Fighting Arson?*

*Since its inception in 1979, GAC has approved 480 rewards totaling \$1,332,350. The average reward paid is \$2,776 (as of 04/30/07). Total property damage from arson fires that resulted in rewards since 2004 is approximately \$5,637,448.*

## Upcoming Events



August 6-10, 2007

The 43rd Annual Southeastern Arson Seminar

Hosted by the Georgia Fire Investigator's Association and the Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John W. Oxendine.

## President's Message, *continued*

Another accomplishment that I am especially pleased with personally has been the ability of the Training and Education Committee to secure leaders in fire investigation subjects as speakers and instructors. The 2007 Southeastern Arson Seminar is a perfect example.

I look forward to the presentations given by John D. DeHaan, PhD, PE, and David J. Icove, PhD, FABC, FSSDip.

I recently returned from the IAAI Annual Training Conference in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. *(If I could add a note here before going on, I really love to travel, but I am apprehensive sometimes about traveling outside the United States. I was fortunate on this trip to travel with two of the best globe trotters I know, Thom Burruss and Charlie Mangan. Thanks to Thom and Charlie I was able to stay out of trouble most of the time. I hope I have the opportunity to travel with them again in the future.)* The week passed very quickly as I juggled training meetings, and social gatherings. I was able to gather several ideas for future training at GFIA seminars. The Chapter President's meeting I attended gave me the opportunity to gain insight into the resources of other IAAI chapters and how the GFIA may benefit from them. I also attended the IAAI Membership meeting, future training meeting, and a couple of Regional Chapter meetings. As for the social gatherings, I found them all to be pleasantly social.

GFIA members don't be shy. Join in and participate. Nominate someone to run for an Office in the GFIA. Let your Officers know if you would like to serve on a committee. This is your organization, so voice your thoughts and opinions. Stay active in your Districts. If you do not have a District, work with your GFIA Officers and get one in your area re-started.

Stay safe, stay well and I look forward to seeing all of you in Savannah.

Wade Crider, IAAI-CFI

GFIA President



## 43<sup>rd</sup> SE Arson Seminar

August 6-10, 2007  
The Marriott Riverfront

Hosted by  
*Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner*  
*John W. Oxendine*  
And  
*Georgia Fire Investigator's Association*



The 43<sup>rd</sup> annual Southeastern Arson Seminar provides an excellent means to stay abreast of the latest techniques and theories in the field of fire investigation.

Featured speakers this year will include:

Dr. John D. DeHaan, is a criminalist involved with fire and explosion investigations for more than 33 years. He is best known as the author of the textbook Kirk's Fire Investigation (now in its Sixth Edition). He is the co-author (with David Icove) of a new text: Forensic Fire Scene Reconstruction.

Dr. David J. Icove, is an internationally recognized forensic fire engineering expert with over 35 years experience. He is the co-author of Combating Arson-for-Profit, the leading textbook on the crime of economic arson.

John W. Oxendine, GA Safety Fire Commissioner  
Judy Van Heest, Beers, Anderson, et al  
Max Factor, Butler, Pappas  
John Matthews, John Matthews & Associates  
Jeffrey J. Morrill, Applied Technical Services

The seminar provides attendees with training hours that exceed the minimum annual requirements of the Georgia Peace Officers Standards and Training Council, the Georgia Firefighters Standards and Training Council, and the Georgia Property and Casualty Insurance Agents Continuing Education Program.

### General Information and Registration

#### **Registration:**

*The registration fee of \$200 provides training, handouts, morning and afternoon refreshments, one jacket, and one ticket to the Awards luncheon on Thursday. **Certificates will be mailed after the seminar.***

#### **Lodging:**

*To make reservations at the Marriott Riverfront, please call 912-233-7722. The seminar room rate is \$119.00 per night (includes parking). Reservations at the Marriott Riverfront must be received no later than July 6, 2007. Reservations will be accepted after July 6, 2007 on a space-available basis and may be charged at the normal hotel rate*

# Schedule of Events

## Monday, August 6

3:00pm Early Registration

## Tuesday, August 7

7:00am Registration  
 8:00am Opening Ceremonies and Keynote Address  
 8:30am Forensic Fire Scene Reconstruction  
 12:00pm Lunch (on your own)  
 1:00pm Forensic Fire Scene Reconstruction cont'd

## Wednesday, August 8

8:00am Forensic Fire Scene Reconstruction cont'd  
 12:00pm Lunch (on your own)  
 1:00pm Forensic Fire Scene Reconstruction cont'd  
 4:45pm GFIA Annual Meeting and Election Results\*  
 \*GFIA Annual Elections 12:00-4:00pm

## Thursday, August 9

8:00am Case Management  
 12:00pm Awards Luncheon (Provided)  
 1:30pm Public/Private Cooperation  
 3:00 pm One Meridian Plaza

## Friday, August 10

8:00am Vehicle Fires  
 12:00pm Examinations

*~Cancellation Policy~*

To receive a refund, registration must be cancelled by August 2, 2007.

## 13<sup>th</sup> Annual SE Arson Seminar Golf Tournament

**When?** Shotgun start Monday, August 6, 2007 at 12:00 noon.  
**Where?** Southbridge Golf Club  
**Game?** Handicapped Lauderdale Format  
**Cost?** \$50.00 per person

All golfers must pre-pay and must call Charlie Mangan at 404-386-3786 to register and choose golf partner(s). Make check or money order payable to GA Chapter IAAI.

# Registration Form

Name:	
Phone:	
Fax:	
Email:	
Address:	
City/State:	
County/Zip:	
Employer:	
Credit Hours: <input type="checkbox"/> Firefighter <input type="checkbox"/> Peace Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance	
Georgia Certification/license number(s):	
Golf Tournament: # tickets needed:	
If playing golf, what is your handicap?	
<b>PRICE LIST</b>	
Registration	\$200.00 ea
Jacket (check size; no exchanges made)	(Included)
Size: [ ] M    [ ] L    [ ] XL    [ ] 2XL    [ ] 3XL    [ ] 4XL	
Extra jacket(s): order before 7/6/07	\$25.00 ea
Size: [ ] M    [ ] L    [ ] XL    [ ] 2XL    [ ] 3XL    [ ] 4XL	
Golf Tournament	\$50.00 ea
Kirk's Fire Investigation (6th Edition)	\$70.00 ea
Forensic Fire Scene Reconstruction	\$65.00 ea
Save and buy both books	\$130.00 set
~Make check or money order payable to~ <b>GA Chapter of IAAI</b>	
Please mail your registration to: Georgia Fire Investigators Association Post Office Box 382 Snellville, Georgia 30078	

### For Further Information Contact:

April Hayes                      404-656-0533  
 or  
 Susan Cunningham 770-978-1251



## 43rd SOUTHEASTERN ARSON SEMINAR BOB GORE & K.G. DAVIS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Georgia Arson Control Board is sponsoring the Bob Gore Scholarship to individuals who reside in Georgia and work in a public-safety-related field. The Georgia Fire Investigator's Association is sponsoring the K.G. Davis Scholarship to members of the Georgia Fire Investigators Association who live in Georgia and work in a public-safety-related field. Applicants must mail, fax, or email a one-page essay entitled "*Why I Want to Attend the 43<sup>rd</sup> Southeastern Arson Seminar*," along with a completed Southeastern Arson Seminar registration form by July 6, 2007 to GFIA, PO Box 382, Snellville, GA 30078, Fax: 770-978-8782,

Email: cis1234@comcast.net. The two winning essay applicants will each receive complimentary registration and four nights lodging at the Marriott Riverfront.

*~Former scholarship recipients are ineligible to win.~*

## 2007-2008 GFIA Officer Nominees



Georgia Fire Investigators Association Election Committee Chair Dennis Ellerbee has released the names of the 2007-2008 Nominees.

**Second Vice President Nominee:**

Doug Byron, Forensic and Scientific Testing, Inc.

**Secretary Nominee:**

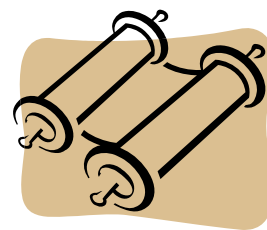
Ken LeCroy, Cobb County Fire and Emergency Services

**Treasurer Nominee:**

Ed Canipelli, Cunningham Investigative Services

**\*\*\*\*\*Due to the three nominees running unopposed, there will not be an election this year.\*\*\*\*\***

# Chaplains Corner



## Gossip

**One definition of Gossip is,** “conversation about personal or intimate rumors or facts, especially when malicious”.

**Gossip** is an intransitive verb that can hurt or destroy the reputation of another person. How many times have we heard or said ourselves, “**now I’m only telling you what I have heard**”, without ever attempting to verifying the facts of the rumor.

So what does **God** say about this? In **Gotquestions.org** we read:

*First and foremost, God considered gossip to be such a serious matter that He included the avoidance of it as one of the Ten Commandments. "Thou shall not bear false witness against your neighbor" (Exodus 20). When you repeat something you heard from someone else, or share a story where you're not 100% certain the facts are correct or even share information about another person that will only bring them harm and not good, you are bearing false witness against them.*

Since the second greatest commandment is "**Love your neighbor as yourself**," you would be breaking that one as well by gossiping.

**Proverbs 16:28** reads: "*A perverse man stirs up dissension, and a gossip separates close friends*".

We all would do well to remember what **God** has spoken to **James in Chapter 5: 5-8**;

*5 Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark.*

*6 The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.*

*7 All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man,*

*8 but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.*

I pray the next time I start to gossip, the **Holy Spirit** convicts me before I do it and I have the wisdom and courage not to follow through with the rumor.

**Would you gossip about yourself to others? If not, then why commit that act against your neighbor?**

Be blessed,

**Bill Barrett (Chaplain)**

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