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President's Message

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the membership for the honor of serving as President of the Georgia Fire Investigator's Association this past year. It has been a great experience. I have had the opportunity of meeting many of the GFIA members through our seminars and attending District Chapter meetings. I appreciate all the support the membership has shown me as I performed the duties of GFIA President.

Doug Byron, Donna Dingler, Corey Cunningham, and I have just returned from the IAAI Seminar in Arlington Texas. Two of the featured speakers were Senior Special Agent with the ATF Dan Hebert and Rick Jones who is the CEO of Forensic Investigations Group. They did a presentation on Fire Setting Firemen: Secrets of the Firehouse. After the presentation, the audience was able to interview a fireman that was convicted of arson. This was an excellent program. Mr. Hebert and Mr. Jones will present this same class at our GFIA Southeastern Annual Conference in Savannah. I would highly recommend attending this eye opening presentation.



The Georgia Fire Investigator's Association Southeastern Annual Training Conference will be held August 3 – 7, 2009 in Savannah. The Training and Education Committee has put together a great training curriculum for this seminar. Please make your hotel reservations at the Marriott as soon as possible because the discounted rate runs out on July 2, 2009.

The new GFIA Officers for 2009 – 2010 have been nominated and all offices are uncontested, so there will not be an election. Doug Byron of Forensic and Scientific Testing Inc. will be President, Ken LeCroy of the Cobb County Fire and Emergency Services will be 1st VP, Keith Bell of R.K. Bell Consulting Inc. will be 2nd VP, and Ed Canipelli of Forensic and Scientific Testing Inc. will be Treasurer. Unfortunately, we did not receive an eligible nominee for the position of Secretary and that office will be appointed by the in-coming President, Doug Bryon.

I encourage each member of the GFIA to contact me, one of the Officers, or a Board Member with ideas, concerns, and your needs, so that the organization can meet your desires.

Again, I want to thank all of you who have shared your thoughts and suggestions with me over the past year and I look forward to seeing you in Savannah.

Charlie Mangan
GFIA President

Membership Renewal Deadline

Membership Chairperson Jane Cox is advising there are several people who have not renewed their membership. **The deadline for membership renewal is June 30, 2009.**

Jane will be sending out another membership renewal form by email.

Any members who have not renewed their membership by the deadline will be removed from the membership list.

If you have any questions about your membership status, please call Jane Cox at 770-656-6879 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

GFIA Members attend the IAAI ATC in Texas



GFIA members attending the IAAI Annual Training Conference in Arlington, Texas were (L-R) Corey Cunningham, GFIA President Charlie Mangan, GFIA First Vice-President Doug Byron, and Donna Dingler.



The First Southeastern Annual Training Conference

August 3-7, 2009
The Marriott Riverfront
Savannah, Georgia

Hosted by

The Georgia Fire Investigator's
Association

The Georgia Fire Investigator's Association, the leader in quality fire investigation training in the southeast is pleased to announce the First Southeastern Annual Training Seminar. This educational experience will provide an exceptional training opportunity for fire investigators, both public and private, as well as claims adjusters, engineers and attorneys, to stay abreast of the latest techniques and theories in the investigation of the crime of arson.

This seminar will provide 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.

Featured Speakers

Daniel Hebert - Special Agent, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives • Tony Nix - State Farm Insurance Company • Wally Marchant - Georgia Public Safety Training Center • Dave Renaud – National Insurance Crime Bureau • Charles Williams - Cobb County Fire and Emergency Services • Mike Bresnock -Transportation Technology • Chris Shiver - Cerny & Ivey Engineers • Scott Fulkerson, Special Agent, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives • Randy Watson, Chair, NFPA 921 Committee - SEA, Ltd. • Mark Dietrichs, Esq. - Swift, Currie, McGhee & Hiers • Kelly Boaz, Detective - Orange County Sheriff's Department

Registration and Lodging

The registration fee of \$200.00 provides the training, all handout materials, morning and afternoon refreshments, note pad, and one ticket to the Georgia Fire Investigator's Awards Luncheon on Thursday. Please note that Certificates will be mailed after the seminar.

*To make reservations at the Marriott Riverfront, please call 912-233-7722. The seminar room rate is \$127.00 per night which includes parking. Reservations at the Marriott Riverfront **must be received no later than July 2, 2009**. Reservations will be accepted after July 2, 2009 on a space-available basis however the room rate may be charged at the normal hotel rate. Get your reservations in early!*

JIM SWINDELL & K.G. DAVIS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Georgia Arson Control Board is sponsoring the Jim Swindell Scholarship for 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 Investigator's 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 Southeastern Annual Training Conference,**" along with a completed Southeastern Annual Training Conference Registration Form by July 2, 2009 to GFIA, PO Box 382, Snellville, GA 30078 or send same via Fax: 770-978-8782 or via Email to susan@cunninghamfire.com. The two winning essay applicants will receive complimentary registration and four nights lodging at the Marriott Riverfront.

SANDRA VANLANDINGHAM MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

When: Shotgun start Monday, August 3, 2009
at 12:30 pm.

Where: Southbridge Golf Club

Game: Handicapped Lauderdale Format

Cost: \$50.00 per player

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.



Southeastern Annual Training Conference Agenda

2009 Conference August 3 – 7, 2009 Savannah, GA

Savannah Marriott Riverfront
100 General McIntosh Boulevard
Savannah, GA 31401
Phone: 912-233-7722

Track 1	General Session
Track 2	Public Service
Track 3	Insurance

MONDAY, August 3, 2009

3:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Seminar Registration
12:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Sandra Van Landingham Memorial Golf Tournament Southbridge Golf Club – Handicapped Lauderdale Format

TUESDAY, August 4, 2009

7:00 am – 4:00 pm	Seminar Registration
8:00 am – 8:30 am	Opening Ceremonies and Keynote Address – The Georgia Fire Investigator's Association Officers and Directors (Savannah Ballroom)
8:30 am - 12:00 pm	Fire-Setting Firemen: Secrets of the Firehouse -Daniel Hebert, Special Agent Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and Rick Jones, former Louisiana State Fire Marshal's Office. (Including an interview with a convicted arsonist) (Savannah Ballroom)
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch Break
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Fraud in the Aftermath of Katrina – Daniel Hebert, Special Agent Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (Savannah Ballroom)

WEDNESDAY, August 5, 2009

8:00 am – 2:00 pm	Seminar Registration	
8:00 am - 12:00 pm	Gangs and Arson - Wally Marchant Forsyth Public Safety Training Center (Savannah B)	Write Makes Might - Tony Nix State Farm Insurance Company (Savannah C)

WEDNESDAY, August 5, 2009 (con't)

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch Break	
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Advanced Digital Photography and Lighting - Charles Williams Cobb County Fire Department (Savannah B)	National Insurance Crime Bureau Dave Renaud (Savannah C)
3:00 am - 5:00 pm	Auto Anti-Theft & Locks – Mike Bresnock Transportation Technology (Savannah B)	Arson by Appliance – Chris Shiver Cerny & Ivey Engineers (Savannah C)
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Georgia Fire Investigator's Association Annual General Meeting	

THURSDAY, August 6, 2009

8:00 am - 12:00 pm	Maryland/DC Serial Arsonist Case Study– Scott Fulkerson, Special Agent Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (Savannah Ballroom)	
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Annual GFIA Luncheon and Installation of Officers (Location TBD)	
1:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Improvised Explosive Devices – Kelly Boaz, Detective Orange County Sheriff's Department (Savannah Ballroom)	

FRIDAY, August 7, 2009

8:00 am - 10:00 pm	Legal Updates and Title 25 – Mark Dietrichs, Esquire Swift, Currie, McGhee & Hiers (Savannah Ballroom)	
10:00 pm – 12:00 pm	NFPA 921 and NFPA 1033 – Randy Watson, Chair - NFPA 921 Committee SEA, Limited (Savannah Ballroom)	
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Testing (Savannah Ballroom)	



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Conference Registration Form

Seminar Registration Fee: \$200.00/person

Golf Registration Fee: \$50.00/ person

Instructions: To register for the Southeastern Annual Training Seminar, please complete the information requested below. You may pay by check, money order or credit card.

To pay by check or money order: Please complete the Registration Form and send this form, along with your check and money order, made payable to: GFIA, PO BOX 382, Snellville, GA 30078.

To pay by Credit Card: Please complete the Registration Form and the Credit Card Authorization Form on the following page. You may either email or fax both forms to: susan@cunninghamfire.com or 770-978-8782.

Name: _____

Employer: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ County: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Credit Hours: ___ Firefighter _____ Law Enforcement _____ Insurance _____

Georgia Certification and License Numbers: _____

Sandra Van Landingham Memorial Golf Tournament Tickets Required: _____

If Playing in the Tournament, what is your Handicap? _____

Total Amount Included: _____

For More Information Contact

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City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Description: _____

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Southeastern Annual Training Conference Additional Information

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**Savannah Marriott Riverfront
100 General McIntosh Boulevard
Savannah, GA 31401
Phone: 912-233-7722**

Nearby Restaurants

Jazz'd Tapas Bar & Restaurant (0.1 miles) – 52 Barnard Street - Tapas - Jazz Bar serving Tapas Food. Open for dinner. Dress code: Casual. Phone: 912-236-7777. Website: www.jazzedsavannah.com.

The Pirate's House (0.1 miles) – 20 East Broad Street - American - Historic restaurant serving a variety of southern and seafood cuisines. Open for lunch and dinner. Dress code: Casual. Phone: 912-233-5757. Website: www.thepirateshouse.com.

The Oyster Bar (0.2 miles) – 411 East River Street - Seafood - Seafood and Spirits. Open for dinner. Dress code: Casual. Phone: 912-232-1565. No Website.

The Olde Pink House (0.3 miles) – 23 Abercorn Street - Southern cuisine. Open for dinner. Dress code: Casual. Phone: 912-232-4286. No Website.

Vic's on the River (0.5 miles) – 26 East Bay Street – 15 East River Street - Seafood - Contemporary Southern Cuisine with a Creative Twist. Open for lunch and dinner. Dress code: Dress Jeans. Phone: 912-721-1000. Website: www.vicsontheriver.com.

Firefly Cafe (0.5 miles) – 321 Habersham Street - Eclectic - Eclectic dining with indoor and outdoor seating. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Dress code: Casual. Phone: 912-234-1971. Web site: www.fireflycafega.com.

Churchill's Pub & Restaurant (0.6 miles) – 13-17 West Bay Street - Pub - Unique blend of traditional British favorites with contemporary American cuisine. Open for dinner. Dress code: Casual. Phone: 912-232-8501. Website: www.thebritishpub.com

The Lady & Sons (0.7 miles) – 102 West Congress Street - Local Cuisine - Local celebrity, Paula Dean's Southern Cooking. Open for lunch and dinner. Dress code: Casual. Phone: 912-233-2600. Website: www.ladyandsons.com.

Uncle Bubba's Oyster House – 104 Bryan Woods Road – Seafood – Paula Dean's Brother, Bubba with his down South seafood. Open for lunch and dinner. Dress code: Casual. Phone 912-897-6101. Website: www.unclebubbas.com

Elizabeth's on 37th (4 miles) – 105 East 37th Street - Eclectic - Gourmet upscale restaurant. Open for dinner. Dress code: Coat/Ties Required. Phone: 912-236-5547. Website: www.elizabethon37th.net

The Crab Shack (15 miles) – Seafood – 40 Estill Hammock Road, Tybee Island - Voted Best Seafood. Open for lunch and dinner. Dress code: Casual Phone: 866-789-2722. Website: www.thecrabshack.com.

News from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Revised: February 9, 2009
Release #08-212

Firm's Contact Number: (800) 672-5872
CPSC Recall Hotline: (800) 638-2772
CPSC Media Contact: (301) 504-7908

Hamilton Beach Recalls Toasters 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: Hamilton Beach® and Proctor-Silex® Toasters

Units: About 482,000

Importer: Hamilton Beach Brands Inc., of Glen Allen, Va.

Hazard: The toasters can remain “on” (energized) after popping up, and can ignite flammable items covering or in contact with the toaster, posing a fire hazard.

Incidents/Injuries: Hamilton Beach has received at least 63 reports of toasters that remained “on” despite being in the “up” position. There are no reports of injuries or fires.

Description: The recalled Hamilton Beach® and Proctor-Silex® toasters are black, red, white, chrome or brushed chrome with 2-slice or 4-slice openings. Hamilton Beach or Proctor-Silex is printed on the side of the toasters. Only specific series codes of each model are included in this recall. The model number and series code are printed on the bottom of the toasters.

Sold at: Department stores, mass merchandisers, grocery stores, home center stores, and other stores retail stores nationwide, and various online retailers from August 2007 through February 2008 for between \$13 and \$40.



Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled toasters and contact Hamilton Beach for instructions to receive a free replacement toaster.

Consumer Contact: For information, contact Hamilton Beach at (800) 672-5872 anytime, or visit the firm's Web site at www.hamiltonbeach.com for Hamilton Beach® toasters, and www.proctorsilex.com for Proctor-Silex® toasters.

Toaster Model Numbers	
22145B	22779
22145BC	22900
22450	22903
22559	22903H
22625	24450
22627C	24559
22635	24657
22657	24779
22658	

2009-2010 GFIA Officer Nominees



Georgia Fire Investigators Association Election Committee Chair Dennis Ellerbee has released the names of the 2009-2010 Officer Nominees.

Second Vice President Nominee:

Keith Bell, R.K. Bell Consulting

Secretary Nominee:

Appointment to be announced by in-coming President Doug Bryon

Treasurer Nominee:

Ed Canipelli, Forensic and Scientific Testing, Inc.

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

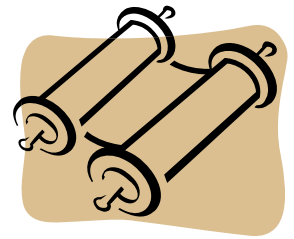
The logo for CFI TRAINER.NET. "CFI" is in a large, bold, italicized sans-serif font. "TRAINER.NET" is in a smaller, bold, sans-serif font, underlined, and positioned to the right of "CFI".

Featured Module

Fire and Explosion Investigations: Utilizing NFPA 1033 and 921

This module focuses on two critical documents in fire investigation: *NFPA 1033: Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigator* and *NFPA 921: Guide for Fire & Explosion Investigations*. The module first explains the importance of the two documents, their basic content, and how they are developed and revised. Then, the discussion turns to how the two documents are related and how they can be used in a fire or explosion investigation. Using the framework of the scientific method, the module then shows how *NFPA 921* can be used as a "road map" for conducting a fire or explosion investigation. The module and its required reading also touch on the legal aspects of 1033 and 921 and how these documents are being used in court.

Chaplain's Corner



God Is Your Source

PHILIPPIANS 4:19 NIV *And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.*

God can use any avenue or any means to provide for you, but He is the ultimate source behind every blessing. Your job or occupation is one avenue God can use to bless you. But, your job is not your source. God is not limited to providing for you through a job. Even if you lose the job -- God is still your source, and He will still provide for you. Even if you lose your health, God can and will still provide for you. (And He will also heal you, if you let Him.) God can bless you through friends and relatives, but they are not your source.

God deserves credit and thanks for everything good that has ever happened to you. He was behind it. God was the source of it. Every good thing in life owes its existence to God. We should thank God for every good thing, no matter how it seems to come to us. So keep your eyes on God. Thank Him for every blessing, no matter how it comes to you, because it is from Him.

God bless, Bill Barrett (Chaplain)

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

Since its inception in 1979, GAC has approved 510 rewards totaling \$1,459,350. The average reward paid is \$2,181 (as of 01/23/09). Total property damage from arson fires that resulted in rewards since 2004 is approximately \$7,760,448.

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Ken LeCroy

Cobb County Fire Investigation's Unit

1595 County Services Parkway

Marietta, GA. 30008

If you would like more information about advertising, you can call Ken LeCroy at 770-499-3867 or email to kenneth.lecroy@cobbcounty.org.

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