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Training Extravaganza



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President's Message

This year is shaping up to be a magnificent year for the Georgia Fire Investigator's Association. As in years past, 2007 promises to deliver the highest quality of training which our members have to come to expect. This year is no exception. Thank you Training & Education Committee members.

The 2007 Spring Seminar is being held in Athens, Georgia and will be hosted by the Athens-Clarke County Fire Department. As in years past, the training will be tailored to meet the needs of the attendees. Topics include: Fundamentals of Fire Investigations, Financial Perspectives, Crime Scene Investigations, Evidence Collection, Ethics, Digital Photographs, Report Writing, and Courtroom Demeanor. As you can see, the subject areas meet the training needs of both public and private interests.

In addition, I would like to thank the Athens-Clarke County Fire Department for their assistance in organizing and planning the logistics of this year's Spring Seminar. This would not be possible without your continued support.

The Georgia Fire Investigator's Association will offer a K. G. Davis scholarship to the Spring Seminar. Information on how to apply for the scholarship is included in this edition of The Fire Trailer News on page 6. Also, the Georgia Fire Investigator's Association will be holding a semi-annual membership meeting in Athens and all GFIA members are encouraged to attend on March 15th after class.

The 43rd Southeastern Arson Seminar will be held in Savannah, Georgia at the Marriott Riverfront Hotel on August 6-10, 2007. We are pleased to announce that we have on the schedule, fire scientists; John D. DeHaan, PhD, PE and David J. Icove, PhD, FABC, FSSDip, co-authors of Forensic Fire Scene Reconstruction. Make plans now to attend. This is an excellent opportunity for you to hear from two of the most experienced fire scientists in America. Other topics at this year's seminar include: Case Management, Public/Private Cooperation and Vehicle Fires.

As in years past, the Georgia Arson Control Board is sponsoring the Bob Gore Scholarship and the Georgia Fire Investigator's Association is sponsoring the K.G. Davis Scholarship for the 2007 Southeastern Arson Seminar. Information on how to apply for these scholarships is included in this edition of The Fire Trailer News on page 6. Hope to see you in Athens.

Wade Crider

THE GEORGIA FIRE INVESTIGATOR'S ASSOCIATION



Will host the Spring 2007 Seminar in cooperation with the
Athens/Clarke County Fire Department



**Athens, Georgia
March 13-16, 2007**

This seminar will offer the latest technologies in the investigation of Fundamentals of Fire Investigation, Financial Perspectives, Crime Scene Investigations, Evidence Collection, Ethics, Report Writing and Demeanor for the Courtroom.

General Information and Registration:

The registration fee provides training, handouts and morning and afternoon refreshments. The registration fee for non-members includes one year's membership in the GFIA upon meeting the membership requirements. Certificates will be mailed after the seminar.

Classes Will Be Held At:

Holiday Inn Express, 513 West Broad Street, Athens, Georgia 30603.

Lodging

For reservations, call the Holiday Inn Express at 706-546-8122. The seminar room rate is \$78.00 per night, plus 14% tax. Daily continental breakfast included. Mention that you are with the Georgia Fire Investigator's Association. Please be aware that the cut off date for making reservations is February 20, 2007. All reservation requests received after that date will be subject to availability at regular hotel rates.

For further information contact:

Kevin or Susan Cunningham 770-978-1251

Laurel Mason 770-982-0210

- **25 HOURS POST CREDIT HAS BEEN APPLIED FOR**
- **CLASSES CAN ALSO BE USED FOR FIREFIGHTER STANDARDS AND TRAINING CREDITS.**

Web site: www.gfia-iaai.org

GFLA Spring Seminar 2007

Schedule of Events

Tuesday, March 13

11:00 pm - 1:00 pm - Registration at the Holiday Inn Express

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm – Fundamentals of Fire Investigation- *Bob Holland, Holland Investigations*

Luis Velazco, Luis Velazco Investigation, LTD

Wednesday, March 14

8:00 am – 12:00 pm – Financial Perspectives – *Tony Nix, State Farm Insurance Company*

Tom Martin, Swift, Currie, McGhee & Hiers

Howard Zandman

12:00 pm - Lunch on your own

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm – Crime Scene Investigations – *Gwinnett County Crime Scene Unit*

Thursday, March 15

8:00 am – 10:00 am – Evidence Collection – *Laurel Mason, Analytical Forensic Associates*

Jerry Wainwright, DeKalb County Fire Department

10:00 am -12:00 pm – Ethics

12:00 pm - Lunch on your own

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm – Digital Photographs – *Charles Williams, Cobb County Fire Department*

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm – Report Writing – *Mark Dietrichs, Swift, Currie, McGhee & Hiers*

Friday, March 16

8:00 am – 12:00 pm – Courtroom Demeanor – *Tim Baggett*

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm – Examination

Registration fee:

\$85.00 Members

\$100.00 Non-Members

Make check or money order payable to:

Georgia Fire Investigator's Association

Mail form and payment to:

GFLA

P.O. Box 382

Snellville, GA 30078

Or fax form to:

770-978-8782

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State _____ **Zip:** _____

Email: _____

Employer: _____

Phone: _____ **FAX:** _____



43rd 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 43rd 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, 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, 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.

13th 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?	
PRICE LIST	
Registration	\$200.00 ea
Jacket (check size; no exchanges made)	(Included)
Size: <input type="checkbox"/> JM <input type="checkbox"/> JL <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> 2XL <input type="checkbox"/> 3XL <input type="checkbox"/> 4XL	
Extra jacket(s): order before 7/6/07	\$25.00 ea
Size: <input type="checkbox"/> JM <input type="checkbox"/> JL <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> 2XL <input type="checkbox"/> 3XL <input type="checkbox"/> 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~ GA Chapter of IAAI	
Please mail your registration to: Georgia Fire Investigators Association Post Office Box 382 Snellville, Georgia 30078	

For Further Information Contact:

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 Susan Cunningham 770-978-1251



GFIA 2007 SPRING ARSON SEMINAR K.G. DAVIS SCHOLARSHIP

The Georgia Fire Investigator's Association is sponsoring one K.G. Davis Scholarship for the 2007 Spring Seminar in Athens, Georgia. This scholarship is limited 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 GFIA Spring 2007 Arson Seminar*," along with a completed Spring Arson Seminar registration form by February 28, 2007 to GFIA, PO Box 382, Snellville, GA 30078, Fax: 770-978-8782, Email: cis1234@comcast.net. The winning essay applicant will receive complimentary registration fee and three nights lodging at the Holiday Inn Express.

~Former scholarship recipients are ineligible to win.~

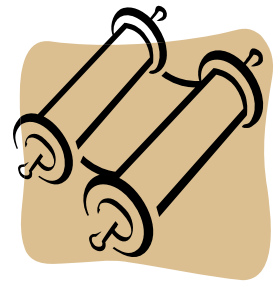
43rd SOUTHEASTERN ARSON SEMINAR BOB GORE & K.G. DAVIS SCHOLARSHIPS

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 43rd 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.~

Chaplains Corner



Ephesians 4:31 *Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor (shout), and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice (hatred). 32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.*

I don't know how many times I have read this verse, yet it still seems to not have taken hold.

When I have the right to be angry because someone has lied to me or said something that is not true, instead of living by this verse I try to justify my actions. If I would only stop and remember all the things God has forgiven me for then maybe I could live by this verse.

It is the hardest thing in the world for me to let go of something when I know that I am right. But this brings to mind another verse I surely should live by,

Romans 12:18 *"If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men".*

To live by these bible verses would only call for us to do one thing and that is to submit to God and allow Him to guide us in this life by means of the Holy Spirit that lives in us when we accept Christ.

But we all know that submission to anything is hard, if it be your wife, your boss, or even a friend. Much less submitting to God as the author of our life.

I can only tell you from experience that I personally fought the fight of submission to God for years and I still struggle daily, but each day I do submit is a victory. I find myself living a more satisfying life and with much less stress.

So, it appears God inspired the first and best book on stress relief thousands of years ago.

Do you believe that the Creator knows best for His Creation?

Chaplain Bill Barrett

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

Since its inception in 1979, GAC has approved 462 rewards totaling \$1,269,350. The average reward paid is \$2,748 (as of 09/30/06). Total property damage from arson fires that resulted in rewards since 2004 is approximately \$4,146,448.

Upcoming Events



April 29-May 4, 2007

International Association of Arson Investigators 58th Annual Training Conference and General Meeting. Located in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.

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The Georgia Fire Investigator's Association Spring Seminar



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