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President's Message

Greetings from Southwest Georgia.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It's time for another short but sweet President's Message.

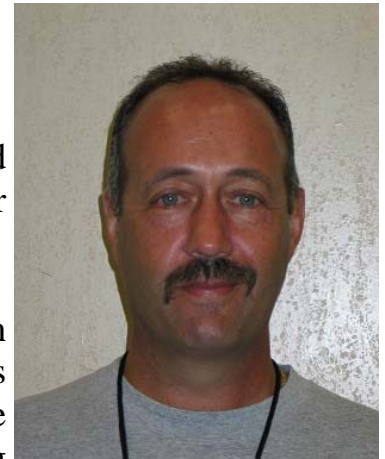
Details for the Spring Seminar in Helen have just been finalized and everything is set. The Training and Education Committee has done another fantastic job providing top-notch speakers for the seminar. We will be covering some very important and interesting topics.

I would like to say a quick thanks to Doug Bryon for providing the meeting facilities for planning the upcoming seminars. This should be a seminar to remember.

Plans are also well underway for the Southeastern Seminar in Savannah. As always, it promises to be another great one. The State Fire Marshal's Office and the Training and Education Committee have really been working hard on this seminar to ensure we have only the best speakers.

If anyone has any ideas for topics they would like to see covered at future seminars, please contact any member of the Training and Education Committee.

Thanks,
Zane





THE GEORGIA FIRE INVESTIGATOR'S ASSOCIATION

Will host the
2008 Spring Seminar
Helen, Georgia
March 11 - 14, 2008

GFIA SPRING SEMINAR

This seminar will cover topics such as: The Fundamentals of Fire Investigations, Interview and Interrogation Techniques, Natural Gas Fires, Vehicle Fires, IEDs, Legal Updates, Report Writing, and The Effects of Fire on the Human Body.

25 HOURS POST CREDIT HAS BEEN APPLIED FOR.

CLASSES CAN ALSO BE USED FOR FIREFIGHTER STANDARDS AND TRAINING CREDITS UPON COMPLETION OF THE WRITTEN EXAM.

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:

Country Inn and Suites, 877 Edelweiss Strasse, Helen, Georgia 30545

Lodging:

For reservations, call the Country Inn & Suites 706-878-9000. The seminar room rate is \$69.00 per night, plus 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 11, 2008. All reservation requests received after that date will be subject to availability at regular hotel rates.

Schedule of Events

Tuesday, March 11

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm – Registration at the Country Inn and Suites

1:00 pm to 5:00 pm – Interview and Interrogation. Don Carlisle, Zurich Insurance Company (Retired ATF)

Wednesday, March 12

8:00 am to 10:00 am – Working Together: What Does the Public Investigator Do After Determining that the Fire is Accidental? Cobb County Fire Investigation Division

10:00 am to 12:00 pm – IEDs. Lloyd Erwin, ATF Lab with Bob Holland, Holland Investigation (Retired ATF)

12:00 pm – Lunch on your own

1:00 pm to 5:00 pm – Natural Gas Fires. Thom Burruss and Joe Jones, Atlanta Gas Light

Thursday, March 13

8:00 am to 12:00 pm, Vehicle Fires. Jeff Morrill, Applied Technical Service

12:00 pm – Lunch on your own

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm – Report Writing. Mike Schroeder, Swift, Currie, McGhee & Hiers, LLP

3:00 pm to 4:00 pm – Legal Updates. Jim Fisher, Hall, Booth, Smith & Slover, PC

4:00 pm to 5:00 pm Lab Updates. Doug Byron, FAST & Laurel Mason, AFA

Friday, March 14

8:00 am to 12:00 pm – Exploding Skulls and Other Myths About How the Body Burns. Dr. Elayne Pope, Department of Anthropology, University of Arkansas

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm – Examination

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Email: _____

Employer: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

SSN: _____

Registration fee:

\$100.00 Members

\$125.00 Non-Members

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Georgia Fire Investigator's Association

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P.O. Box 382

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World Renowned Experts to Present at 2008 IAAI Denver ATC Conference

The International Association of Arson Investigator's (IAAI) strong commitment to the advanced training and education of fire investigators will again be exhibited at the 2008 Annual Training Conference (ATC) in Denver, Colo., from April 27-May 2, 2008, at Denver's Marriott Tech Center. This year's ATC agenda will include world-renowned expert speakers, a brand new roundtable discussion, the latest selection in seminar topics and a chance for attendees to discover Denver's downtown area and take part in the exceptional activities planned by the Colorado Chapter of the IAAI. Furthermore, three training tracks will run simultaneously providing quality training for everyone, no matter what your specialty or assignment is.

A few of this year's expert speakers are:

- Analysis of Fire Scenes Utilizing Fire Dynamics Equation, presented by **Dr. James Quintiere**
- Cigarette/Gasoline Ignition Study, presented by **Jack Malooly**
- Bethel Green Road Firefighter Fatality, presented by **Peter Mansi**
- British Antarctic Survey Fire Investigation, presented by **Jim Munday**
- Basic Fire Investigation, presented by **Jim Allen and Joe Konefal**

Other classes include: *Electrical Investigations and Arc Mapping · Washington, D.C. Serial Arsonist Investigation · Wildland Fire Investigation · Basic Fire Investigation · Transitioning from the Public Sector to the Private Sector · Innocence Project and the State of Fire Investigation · Preparing for Courtroom Testimony · Investigating Fires in Alternative Fuel Vehicles · Minnesota Fire Research Project · Mizpah Hotel Multiple Fatality Fire Investigation · Mythology of Arson Investigation · Ethics for the Fire Professional · Expert Witness Selection · Development of Joint Examination Protocols and Safety Plan Guidelines · LP Gas Concerns, Before and After the Explosion · Spontaneous Ignition · Preparation of Test Questions for the Fire Trainer · Thermal Injuries to Victims · Practical Application of Engineering Principles*



Chaplain's Corner

Walk In Love

So often we allow anger to steal our joy. I am so thankful Christ does not hold me to the same standard I often hold others. We all need to remember the following when contemplating to forgive others.

EPHESIANS 4:31-32 ICB

31 Do not be bitter or angry or mad. Never shout angrily or say things to hurt others. Never do anything evil.

32 Be kind and loving to each other. Forgive each other just as God forgave you in Christ.

As a human who has been hurt, you may find it impossible to forgive and walk in love. But as a child of God, with God helping you, you can forgive others. God freely forgave you. Now, with His love placed in your heart, you are to act like Him and forgive others.

News from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 5, 2007
Release #08-110

GE's Recall Hotline: (888) 240-2745
Sear's Recall Hotline: (888) 679-0282
CPSC Recall Hotline: (800) 638-2772
CPSC Media Contact: (301) 504-7908

General Electric Recalls Microwave Combo Wall Ovens 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: Built-in Combination Wall and Microwave Ovens

Units: About 92,000

Manufacturer: GE Consumer & Industrial, of Louisville, Ky.

Hazard: The door switch in the microwave oven can overheat and ignite plastic components in the control area, posing a fire hazard to consumers. The lower thermal oven does not pose a hazard.

Incidents/Injuries: GE is aware of 35 incidents of minor property damage and one incident in which a fire damaged adjacent kitchen cabinets. No injuries have been reported.

Description: The recall includes GE combination microwave and conventional built-in wall ovens sold under the following brand names: GE, GE Profile® and Kenmore. The ovens were sold in white, black, bisque and stainless steel. The brand name is printed on the lower left corner on the front of the microwave door.

Sold at: Department and appliance stores from January 2000 to December 2003 for between \$1,500 and \$2,000.



	Recalled Models	Serial number begins with:
GE / GE Profile	JKP85B0A3BB, JKP85B0D1BB, JKP85W0A3WW, JKP85W0D1WW, JKP86B0F1BB, JKP86C0F1CC, JKP86S0F1SS, JKP86W0F1WW, JT965B0F1BB, JT965C0F1CC, JT965S0F1SS, JT965W0F1WW, JTP85B0A2BB, JTP85B0A3BB, JTP85B0A4BB, JTP85B0A5BB, JTP85B0D1BB, JTP85W0A2WW, JTP85W0A3WW, JTP85W0A4WW, JTP85W0A5WW, JTP85W0D1WW, JTP86B0F1BB, JTP86C0F1CC, JTP86S0F1SS, JTP86W0F1WW, JTP95B0A2BB, JTP95B0A3BB, JTP95B0A4BB, JTP95B0A5BB, JTP95B0D1BB, JTP95W0A2WW, JTP95W0A3WW, JTP95W0A4WW, JTP95W0A5WW, JTP95W0D1WW	AZ, DZ, FZ, GZ, HZ, LZ, MZ, RZ, SZ, TZ, VZ, ZZ, AA, DA, FA, GA, HA, LA, MA, RA, SA, TA, VA, ZA, AD, DD, FD, GD, HD, LD, MD, RD, SD, TD, VD, ZD, AF, DF, FF, GF, HF, LF, MF, RF, SF, TF, VF, ZF
Kenmore (All model numbers start with 911)	41485991, 41485992, 41485993, 41485994, 41489991, 41489992, 41489993, 41489994, 49485992, 49489992, 47692100, 47699100, 47862100, 47869100, 47812200, 47813200, 47814200, 47819200, 47792200, 47793200, 47794200, 47799200	0, 1, 2, 3

News from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Originally issued November 8, 2007
Release #08-076

Firm's Contact Number: (877) 231-9240
CPSC Recall Hotline: (800) 638-2772
CPSC Media Contact: (301) 504-7908

Coby Electronics Recalls DVD/CD/MP3 Players 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: Portable DVD/CD/MP3 Players

Units: About 12,000

Importer: Coby Electronics Corp., of Maspeth, N.Y.

Hazard: The portable DVD/CD/MP3 players can overheat, posing a fire hazard.

Incidents/Injuries: Coby Electronics Corp. has received three reports of the units overheating, one of which involved minor property damage from a fire. No injuries have been reported.

Description: This recall involves two different portable DVD/CD/MP3 players:



Product	Model Number	Description
5" TFT Portable DVD/CD/MP3 Player with TV Tuner and Digital AM/FM Tuner	TF-DVD170	Product is spherical in shape with a 5" TV screen in front. The name "COBY" is written above the screen. The model number can be found on the bottom of the unit.
5.6" TFT Portable DVD/CD/MP3 Player and NTSC TV Tuner	TF-DVD176	Product is spherical in shape with a 5.6" TV screen in front. The name "COBY" is written above the screen. The model number can be found on the bottom of the unit.

Sold at: Discount, electronics, music, toy, and office supply stores, as well as distributors of electronics products, nationwide from May 2006 through October 2007 for between \$140 and \$170.

Manufactured in: China

Georgia Fire Investigator's Association Constitution and By-Laws

Article III/Election, Terms & Officers

Section 5. Nominating Committee. The nominating committee shall be appointed by the incoming president and their names published in the first quarterly issue of the "Fire Trailer News," or announced by special letter, electronic mail, or web page posting at least thirty (30) days prior to publication of the second quarterly issue of the "Fire Trailer News."

The committee shall consist of five (5) members who are representatives of the insurance industry, civil authorities, the legal community and the private investigator profession.

The Members of the 2008 GFIA Nominating Committee are:

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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



March 11-14, 2008

The Georgia Fire Investigator's Association will host the 2008 Spring Seminar. The location will be Helen, Georgia.



April 25-May 2, 2008

International Association of Arson Investigators 59th Annual Training Conference and General Meeting. Located in Denver, Colorado.



August 11-15, 2008

The 44th Annual Southeastern Arson Seminar

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

The Georgia Fire Investigator's Association
PO Box 382
Snellville, GA. 30078



The Georgia Fire Investigator's Association Spring Seminar

Date: March 11-14, 2008

Location: Helen, Georgia

Hosted by: The Georgia Fire Investigator's Association