



2020 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

DATE: March 4, 5, 6, 2020

Registration 7:30am March 4th

Class at 8:30am each day

COST: Member- \$525.00

Non-Member- \$650.00

2019 DCJ or BFI Graduate \$425.00

Single Day– \$300

LOCATION: Caesar's Atlantic City

2100 Pacific Ave, Atlantic City, NJ 08401

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ROOM INFO: Caesar's Atlantic City

\$75.00/Night with code SC03AR0 (Zero's)

REGISTRATION:

<http://njiaai.org/agm-application/>

Questions

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March 4th

AM-Interview Techniques and Intro to Creating Psychological Profiles for the Fire Investigator

PM-Using the Scientific Method as it applies to Origin and Cause investigations

Melissa Merola

Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) Melissa Merola has been with the ATF since 2001, and is currently assigned to the FBI's Behavioral Analysis Unit (BAU) IV, which deals specifically with crimes against adults. Additionally, SSA Merola and another ATF SSA comprise the Arson and Bombing Investigative Subunit within BAU. SSA Merola provides federal, state, local and international law enforcement agencies with behavioral analysis services, including, but not limited to: interview and interrogation strategies, unknown offender profiles, cold case homicide case management, crime scene analysis, and assessments of unusual, bizarre and/or repetitive crimes.

SSA Melissa Merola has a MEd in Forensic Psychology and a MA in Counseling Psychology. Prior to her work with ATF she was a home-based therapist for minors who were judicially referred for mental health and/or substance abuse issues who were at risk of residential placement.

SSA Merola is a member of the International Homicide Investigators Association (IHIA), the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI), and also the International Association of Bomb Technicians and Investigators (IABTI).

Chad Campanell

ATF Senior Special Agent – Certified Fire Investigator Chad D. Campanell will show how he has used the scientific method by opening his closed-case file and walking students through a series of real-world case studies that he has either led or has been involved in.

ALL TOPICS AND PRESENTERS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



March 5th

Case Studies and Review of Fire Investigation Case Management

Phil Fouts

As a Special Agent for over (fifteen) 15 years with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (ATF), Phil Fouts worked as a Certified Fire Investigator. He served as a full-time member of ATF's National Response Team (NRT), where he was also assigned to the International Response Team. With expertise in Origin and Cause and having investigated over 500 fire scenes, Phil formed The Fouts Group, based in Austin, TX in 2014. Phil became a federal agent after graduating from law school and becoming a member of the California Bar Association.

David Bridges Esq, Director-IAAI

David Bridges is a practicing attorney, focusing on complex civil litigation, including fires, explosions, structural failures, fire protection system failures, product failures and other catastrophic losses and construction-related incidents across the United States. His assignments include forensic investigations of first property and other catastrophic losses, including fires/explosions involving industrial, commercial and residential facilities.

David had extensive experience as a fire/arson agent /K-9 handler throughout the southeastern United States. He was also employed by the North Carolina Department of Justice (NCDOJ) within the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation (NCSBI). Further, in addition to the investigation of structure fire/explosions, David has also participated in wildfire “origin and cause” workshops provided by the United States Department of Homeland Security/Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) and North Carolina Division of Forest Resources (Kinston, NC). David has investigated over 1,000 fires and has been an instructor for more than 36 live training fires. In addition, he has served as an investigator in eight (8) bombing/explosion incidents.

David also serves as an Adjunct Instructor for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) and National Fire Academy (NFA). The courses focus on origin and cause investigation, interview and interrogation, and expert witness-courtroom testimony techniques.



March 6th

Review of The Boland Hall fire on the Seton Hall University campus

Jeffrey Cartwright Esq

As Director of the Essex County Prosecutor's Office Arson Task Force for almost 15 years, Jeffrey worked hundreds of fire and explosion cases from the incident scene investigation to the courtroom. Jeffrey was responsible for the prosecutorial supervision of all fire and explosion related investigations in one of New Jersey's oldest and most urban counties. He completed His training as an arson investigator at the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice Academy in 1999, and has returned there annually to teach Legal Aspects of Fire Investigation and Expert Testimony in Fire Cases. Over the years He personally responded to and participated in investigations at hundreds of fire scenes, including many fatal fires and arson incidents that gave rise to successful criminal prosecutions. These experiences - particularly the tragic fire at Seton Hall University in January of 2000 - kindled a continuing interest in fire safety issues. Now retired from prosecution and the practice of law, Jeffrey has supplemented his investigative expertise with extensive training in fire prevention and protection. His present activities as owner of Fire Triangle Consulting are directed to research and teaching in the field.