



July 2010

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE By Steve Thomas

I would like to start out by thanking our now Past President Gary Leirstein for a great job during his term as President. It was a pleasure serving under him. I speak for all the Board Members and Members of the Association who worked with him and saw his determination and dedication to the Chapter.

I would also like to thank Past Board Members Richard Ripke and James Bush for their dedicated service to the Chapter. I hope to see them again involved in the Chapter when their time permits. Thank you both!

The 2010 Chapter School was a success, it proved both challenging and educational opportunities. We were fortunate to have an excellent group of instructors who shared their knowledge and experience with us. We were able to successfully get over a bump in the road when one of the instructors had to cancel with a death in the family. It was great to see Steve Carmen (International Board Member) who gave a great program on Flash Over and Fire Patterns. I want to thank all the attendees of the 2010 school, I know it's difficult in these economic times. The effort you made to be there shows the dedicated public servants you are.

Now it's time to prepare for the upcoming years Regional's and Annual School. Jim Tuller, Dan Terski and Nichole Hamilton are preparing another great year of Regional programs. Their programs last year were outstanding and well received throughout the Fire Service. Please contact any of these Regional Committee Members if you have an interest in a program for your department's. We are very pleased to announce that we have commitments from Joe Toscono (who presented at the 2009 Annual School) and Attorney Sandy Burnett who works closely with fire investigators throughout the country and the Insurance Commission on Arson Control. We look forward to providing all the attendees for the 2011 Annual School the education and tools to keep up with all changes you will need to be the best you can be.

In closing, I hope that your summer is a safe and happy one. We look forward to seeing all of you soon!

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CONTESTS

Every year the Michigan Chapter sponsors two contests and offers two scholarships. Please read below for more information on each of these.

MI-IAAI Photo Contest:

Prizes are award each year in three different categories. The categories are: Arson, Accidental and Training.

Photos must be submitted no later than March 15th each year. This year you can submit photos via email also. You can download the Contest Rules on the Chapter's Web Page.

MI-IAAI & MAPC Poster:

Each year the Chapter co-sponsors the Arson Awareness Poster Contest. Awards are given in several categories and the winner receives \$250.00. The art program also receives \$250.00. You can download the rules and entry from here or visit the Chapter's Web Page.

James LaBuhn Scholarship:

Each year the Chapter awards two scholarships to high school seniors planning on studying Law Enforcement or Fire Science. You can download the application [here](#) or from the [web site](#).

2010 POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

By Craig Robertson
IAAI Michigan Chapter Secretary
Poster Contest Committee member

Well another Poster Contest has passed us by and by the time we realize it, another contest deadline will be upon us. Judging for the 2010 contest took place in April of 2010 in Livonia, Michigan. Additionally, the winning posters can be seen in full color on our website, www.michiganiaai.org. At this time, I would like to commend all of the entrants for their diligent works and congratulate the 2010 Poster Contest winners and their respective schools. Again, to all contestant, A JOB WELL DONE!

High School:

1st Place: Elizabeth Reeck
Imlay City High School

2nd Place: Kaitlyn Pope
Imlay City High School

3rd Place: Nickole Cameron
Hillsdale High School

Middle School:

1st Place: Teda Hoeung
Jeannette Jr. High
School

2nd Place: Felina Koring
Jeannette Jr. High
School

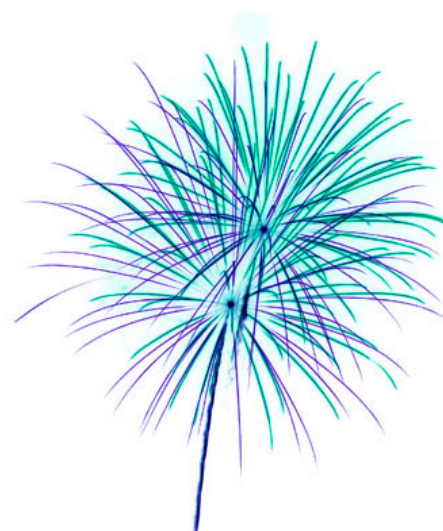
3rd Place: Leonardo Dokic
Jeannette Jr. High School

Computer Generated Art Work:

1st Place: Blaine Cochran
Hillsdale High School

2nd Place: Matthew Leaders
Hillsdale High School

The deadline for next year's Poster Contest is March 15, 2011. More Information will be available on the web page. If you have any contacts with your local school district, please download the information and forward it to your school. If you have any questions, please email me. crobertson@roseville-mi.com.



REGIONAL EDUCATION NEWS

Jim Tuller, Director Regional Seminars/Training Committee.

At the direction of the Board, and from input received from the membership, the effort to provide continuing education in the form of Regional Classes has been very active and well received around the state. Classes over the past several months have been held in:

St. Ignace (2 classes), Adrian, Port Huron, Canton, Irons, Fabio Twp/3 Rivers, Brighton, and Alpena.

The intent of the Regional program is to re-emphasize the basic awareness fundamentals of origin and cause for fire fighters with point of origin, with an overview of intentional and accidental causes. It is presented in an informal and conversational type atmosphere by instructors with years of academic and practical training, along with many years of fire investigation experience.

At the recent Annual School in Mt. Pleasant, it was decided that the Regional Education effort would also cover the subjects of:

- Arson Awareness
- Subrogation
- Chain of Evidence
- Scene Preservation
- Fire Investigation & the Insurance Company Investigator

Classes are 4 hours in length, and can be presented during week days, evenings during the week, or on weekends. There will be a \$10.00 fee to cover the cost of printing and possible lodging for the instructor. There will be a short quiz at the end of the program in order to provide documentation that you attended a program of tested training for your file. For fire inspectors, there will be inspector points available.

I would like to close this article that with a reminder that the Regional Training effort is a reflection of what we have heard you request of us to provide to you. We will work with you and your department/agency to provide the education that you want, at a place and time that is convenient for you. We don't want to make money, we want to train fire investigators.

For further information, or to request a class, please contact the following Michigan IAAI Board Members who comprise the Regional Seminars/Training Committee:

Jim Tuller	jtuller@tcfire.org
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- Current Events

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2010 International Association of Arson Investigator's Michigan Chapter Regional Training Seminar

Hosted by:

The Village of Graafschap
Fire Department

DATE: Thursday, September 23, 2010

TIME: Registration will start at 5:30 pm with the training to start promptly at 6pm.

TOPIC: Arson Awareness

LOCATION: Graafschap Fire Department
4534 60th St.
Holland, MI 49423

COST: The cost for this regional training is \$10.00.

WHO'S INVITED: All First Responders, Paid-On-Call Firefighters and Firefighters interested in achieving awareness level involving Arson Investigations. All association members of their perspective County Fire Association and Fire Investigator's needing/wanting additional training? Fire Inspector continuing education points are being applied for with the State of Michigan.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

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Make Registration with: Fire Chief Cal Haverdink
616-396-4060