

**IOWA IAAI  
FIRE INVESTIGATION  
SEMINAR &  
ANNUAL MEETING**

**September 8th – 10th, 2020**

**Cedar Rapids Marriott**  
*1200 Collins Road  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402*

*Iowa Chapter International Association of  
Arson Investigators, Incorporated*

# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

**Cedar Rapids Marriott** 1200 Collins Road, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

**RESERVATIONS:** Deadline August 18, 2020, to guarantee the room rate of \$134.00.

Reservations can be completed by utilizing the hyperlink below:

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1591377664305&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Your attendees will be directly connected to the block by just clicking on this link. When making the reservation guest will need to:

1. Select "Complete Reservation".
2. Select date of arrival and departure.
3. At the bottom of the page hit "Confirm Dates of Stay".
4. The system will walk you through a few more questions after this point.

**REGISTRATION:** \$250 for Iowa Chapter members; \$350 for non-members prior to August 21, 2020.

After August 21, 2020, the price is \$275 for members and \$375 for non-members. Single day registration for Wednesday or Thursday is \$100.

Registration includes lunch on Wednesday and/or Thursday.

**The seminar registration does not include membership. Iowa Chapter membership is \$30.**

You can register for the seminar online at: <https://iowaiaachapter.org/>

Or you can mail your registration form to:

Iowa Chapter IAAI INC.

PO Box 65101

West Des Moines, IA 50265

**ALL SEMINAR ATTENDEES ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR  
THEIR NAME TAGS AT ALL SEMINAR ACTIVITIES.**

The Chapter has the following positions open for elections: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Director of Prosecution, Director of Insurance

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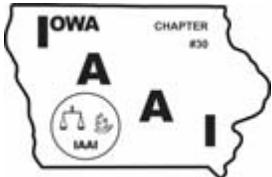
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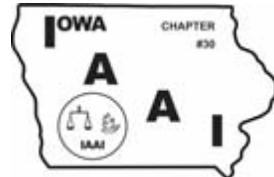
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## 2020 Iowa IAAI Conference

September 8th—10th, 2020



### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2020

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| 1:00 p.m.        | Board Meeting   |
| 3:00 p.m.        | Registration/Display Room Set Up  |
| 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. | Early Registration  |
| 4:00 – 5:45 p.m. | Testing your Fire Debris Samples at the Crime Laboratory -<br>Jess Dunn and Stephanie Yocca |
| 5:45 - 7:30 p.m. | Dinner on your own  |
| 7:45 - 9:30 p.m. | A Picture to Prove Your Point - Margueritte Hickman   |

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2020

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| 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.       | Registration   |
| 8:30 - 9:00 a.m.       | Opening Ceremonies and Nominating Committee Report             |
| 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Interviewing Arson Suspects - Mike Krapfl & John Turbett       |
| 12:00 - 1:00 pm        | Lunch (Provided)   |
| 1:00 - 5:00 pm         | Defense Attorney Strategies : Part Deux - Ed Bull & Jeff Noble |
| 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.       | Sectional Meetings   |
| 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.       | President's Reception / Social Gathering                       |

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2020

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| 7:00 - 7:45 a.m.   | Prayer Breakfast with Chapter Chaplain Todd Hartzler       |
| 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.  | Demystifying Fire Protection Systems - Margueritte Hickman |
| 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. | Reconvene of Annual Iowa Chapter Meeting                   |
| 11:45 - 1:00 p.m.  | Plated Lunch Banquet and Awards                            |
| 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.   | Demystifying Fire Protection Systems - Margueritte Hickman |
| 3:30 p.m.          | Seminar Exam   |

## SEMINAR TOPICS AND SPEAKERS

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2020

Tuesday Evening - September 8th, 2020 from 4:00 - 5:45 p.m.

#### **Testing your Fire Debris Samples at the Crime Laboratory** - Jess Dunn and Stephanie Yoca

**Jess Dunn** has been employed by the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation, State Crime Laboratory for 22 years. A graduate of Simpson College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry, Jess worked in private industry before beginning his career at the DCI in the Drug Identification Unit. He was also assigned to the state clandestine laboratory response team in the late 1990s and early 2000s during the height of the methamphetamine problem in Iowa. In 2004, Jess started working in the arson and explosives section of the state crime lab and also served on the DCI Laboratory's crime scene response team responding to homicide investigations within Iowa. Because of this work, Jess has performed over 3,000 ignitable liquid determinations on fire debris and testified in court over 40 times. In 2015, he was promoted to his current position of Criminalist Supervisor at the DCI in charge of the arson, trace, and drug identification units. In addition to his current position, Jess worked as a part-time and paid on-call firefighter/EMT for the City of Grimes for 15 years. He retired from there in 2012, at the rank of Assistant Fire Chief.

Jess is a contract instructor at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland, where he teaches the Forensic Evidence Collection class. In addition, Jess teaches at the State Fire Marshal's annual Fire Investigator School and has instructed numerous FF1, FF2, Fire Instructor and Fire Officer classes. In 1997, Jess graduated from the West Des Moines Fire Department's Drill Academy and currently holds every fire certification offered by the Iowa Fire Service Training Bureau. Jess served on the Iowa Chapter's board from 2006 to 2011 as a director, 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president and 1<sup>st</sup> vice president.

**Stephanie Yoca** has been employed with the DCI State Criminalistics Laboratory for five years. Steph graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia with a Master of Science degree in Forensic Science with an emphasis in Chemistry and Trace Evidence. She also graduated from Waynesburg University in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Forensic Science and minors in Chemistry and Biology. Steph is currently a Criminalist in the Arson/Explosives section and assists in the Drug Identification section. She is also on the DCI Laboratory's Crime Scene Response Team responding to homicide investigations within Iowa.

Steph assists with the State Fire Marshal's annual Fire Investigator School and has presented on fire debris evidence collection and processing to the Metro Area Fire Investigators Task Force (MAFIT), as well as the Iowa Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI) in Council Bluffs.

Steph was originally from around the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, area where steak salads come standard topped with French fries, and over-easy eggs are called "dippy eggs". Steph is an avid crafter crocheting, drawing, or trying out a new DIY project in her spare time. She also enjoys yoga, biking and taking long walks with her toy Australian Shepherd, Maple.

# SEMINAR TOPICS AND SPEAKERS

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2020 - CONTINUED

Tuesday Evening - September 8th, 2020 7:45 - 9:30 p.m.

### **A Picture to Prove Your Point** - Margueritte Hickman

You've heard it said many times, "if it's not in the report, it didn't happen." While fire scene documentation consists of many pieces, the photographs that are taken (or not taken) may make or break the case. During this session, we will discuss the best tools for the trade, how to get the most out of your equipment, preserving the originals, enhancing photos, and how to present your photos to prove your point.

*Bring your camera and accessories to show and use during class.*

Since 1987, Margueritte Hickman has spent time in wildland and structural departments. During the last 13 years of her public service career as the Division Chief of Fire & Life Safety/Fire Marshal in a small city in Oregon, she provided inspections in both new construction and existing buildings, plan reviews, fire investigations, and public relations. She is an IAAI-CFI and an ICC Fire Inspector II. She continues her passion for teaching and mentoring through Sage Fire Solutions, LLC, and the local community college. In her non-working life, she is a pilot, camper, hiker and traveler with her husband, Don.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2020

Wednesday Morning - September 9th, 2020 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

### **Interviewing Arson Suspects** - Mike Krapfl and John Turbett

Special Agents Krapfl and Turbett will share with you their experiences and successful tips when interviewing an arson suspect.

#### **Jon Turbett**

DCI Special Agent

After graduating from the University of Iowa College of Law, Jon Turbett began his law enforcement career as a Special Agent with the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation assigned to the Gaming Unit. After five years, he was reassigned to the Major Crimes Unit, where he has worked since 2005. Jon currently investigates a significant number of felony level offenses, including homicides, human trafficking, fraud, and sex crimes. He has presented at the International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association Conference, the Midwest Gang Investigators Conference, and the Conference on Crimes against Women. Jon oversees the legal component of The CTK Group's Interview and Interrogation courses.

#### **Mike Krapfl**

DCI Special Agent in Charge

Mike Krapfl is a Special Agent in Charge in the Major Crimes Unit with the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation, where he oversees agents working homicides, robberies, officer-involved shootings, and other felony offenses. Mike served as an agent in the Major Crimes Unit for 14 years and previously worked as a patrol officer and investigator for eight years with a municipal police department. Mike holds a Master's Degree in public policy and a BA in criminology from the University of Northern Iowa and instructed for 12 years as a member of the criminal justice faculty at the University of Dubuque. Mike is a member of the International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association and presents at state and national law enforcement conferences.

# SEMINAR TOPICS AND SPEAKERS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2020

Wednesday Afternoon 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

## **Defense Attorney Strategies: Part Deux - Ed Bull & Jeff Noble**

This is a continuation of the presentation in 2019 that was well received by the attendees.

After attending this presentation you will be more at ease when you receive a subpoena directing you to appear to offer testimony. You will learn tricks and techniques to not only survive but thrive in depositions and cross examination.

**Ed Bull** was born in Edison, New Jersey, and moved to Kansas City when he was 10 years old. He attended Drake University where he received his degree in Political Science. Realizing he didn't want to enter the real world, he stayed at Drake where he obtained his Law Degree. Upon passing the bar, he went to work for a small firm in Des Moines, where he was fired after 6 months. Ed then went on to open his own firm in Des Moines, growing it into a five attorney firm in less than 10 years. In August of 2009, Ed moved his family from Des Moines to rural Marion County so that he could run for elected office, as the Marion County Attorney. He won the election with nearly 65% of the vote, and took over the office in January of 2011. Ed was re-elected in November 2014 and 2018. Ed handles the juvenile court, sexual assaults, child abuse, and homicide docket in the office, as well as supervising four assistant county attorneys, and five support staff. In his spare time, he is the Deputy Athletic Commissioner for the State of Iowa, regulating MMA and boxing events in the state. He is also a part-time professor in the Business Department at Grand View University. Ed is the Knoxville High School mock trial coach. He is married to his incredibly patient and supportive wife, Pam, and has two sons, AJ age 15 and Tyler age 10. They call Pleasantville, Iowa, home.

**JEFF NOBLE** is a 29-year veteran of the Polk County Attorney's Office and is currently Bureau Chief in the Intake Division. In this capacity he addresses policy matters for the office, acts as a liaison with police, the Department of Corrections, and the Polk County District and Associate District Courts. In addition, he oversees and screens incoming cases and supervises a staff of eleven attorneys and six legal assistants handling domestic abuse, drunk driving, jail court, indictable misdemeanor, simple misdemeanor, and collections dockets.

Having worked his way through the ranks of the Polk County Attorney's Office, he has tried around 85 jury trials, including over two dozen first degree murder cases. Before taking a supervisory role in the office in January of 2012, he specialized in sexual abuse cases and crimes against children.

# SEMINAR TOPICS AND SPEAKERS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2020

Thursday 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

## **Demystifying Fire Protection Systems** - Margueritte Hickman

All fire protection systems are not alike! When the right fire protection system is installed and maintained, they are very successful in protecting the building, contents and people. If a fire protection system doesn't seem to have done its job, then questions need to be asked. A fire investigation should include an evaluation of the system and whether it responded as intended. This session will help the investigator identify a few things to check to determine if the system installed is the right one for the building contents, to identify documents you can check or how to find an expert if you need one.

This class will add tools to the toolbox, so that the investigator will know some key minimum installation and maintenance requirements for sprinklers, hood suppression, fire alarm and passive fire protection systems and how to verify that the maintenance has been completed. Real fire outcomes of successful and unsuccessful fire protection system case studies will bring to life the material learned. International Code Council (ICC) and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) references will be included.

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