



**The West Virginia Chapter  
of the  
International Association of Arson Investigators  
Presents  
**2021 Fire Investigation Conference****

**Monday and Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 2021  
Morgantown, West Virginia**

**Topics include:**

***Maternal Filicide – Molly Delgado Double Homicide (4 hours)***

***George Harms (WV State Fire Marshal's Office)***

***Fire dynamics, fire patterns, arc mapping and witness statements were all used in this case where a mother was convicted of setting two fires that killed her two sons while they slept.***

***Wildland Fires (4 hours)***

***John Bird & Don Kelley (WV Division of Forestry)***

***Brief overview of the systematic methodology standards established by the NWCG (National Wildfire Coordinating Group) while conducting a wildfire investigation found in the wildfire investigation chapter in NFPA 921. Discussion points of the "certification standards" for a wildfire investigator and case reviews on the impact of an accurate origin and cause investigation.***

***Don't Get Burned! Key Strategies for the Testifying Investigator (8 hours)***

***Brian Henry (Rolfes Henry Company)***

***This seminar is designed to assist fire origin and cause investigators in moving from subject-matter proficiency to being able to serve as testifying experts. Key elements will include the mechanics underlying a strong testimonial skill-set, common pitfalls plaguing testifying experts, and the protections for experts which are necessary in today's litigious world. The seminar will also inform potentially-testifying expert witnesses of the hazards associated with serving as testifying experts, including providing a primer on expert preclusion, deposition strategies, techniques designed to minimize the risk of expert preclusion, and how to deal with uninformed or difficult case counsel.***

# *Host Hotel and Conference Center*



## *Holiday Inn Morgantown - University Area*

*1188 Pineview Drive  
Morgantown, WV 26505*

*304-241-6649*

*[www.holidayinn.com/morgantownunv](http://www.holidayinn.com/morgantownunv)*

### **ROOM AVAILABILITY**

A block of rooms is reserved for arrival on Sunday, October 17th with check out on Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.  
The cost per room is \$99.00 per night.

**The Group Name/Link is**

[Fire Investigators Conference](#)

September 20th, 2021 is the last day to book at this rate. The room block is limited and you are encouraged to make your room reservation immediately.



## SEMINAR REGISTRATION

<b>IAAI Members</b>	<b>\$175.00</b>
<b>Non-Members</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
<b>Students*</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>

\*Student rate applies to those currently enrolled in a Fire Science, Forensics or Criminal Justice program.

**Registrations received after the class size limit is reached will be returned.**

### PLEASE REGISTER EARLY

This is a tested course for points toward IAAI-CFI Continuing Education and Law Enforcement in-service training credit. Training Certificates are issued by the West Virginia Chapter of the IAAI. The WVIAAI reserves the right to refuse admission to any party.

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Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Seminar Schedule:

Classes: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm both days  
Lunch on your own from 12:00 am – 1:00 pm

#### Seminar Contacts:

Jon Jorgensen	304-541-2910
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**Return registration form with payment to:  
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Scott Depot, WV 25560**

You may email registrations to [korrih@yahoo.com](mailto:korrih@yahoo.com) or [jonathan.jorgensen@thehartford.com](mailto:jonathan.jorgensen@thehartford.com)