

Minutes of March 12, 2014

Next Meeting: April 9, 2014

Program: Evidence Collection

Location: **Salvation Army 8354 W. Foster Av. Norridge, IL 60706 (NE corner of Cumberland and Foster)**

Time: 0900

President Kushner opened the meeting at 0900 hrs.

- Welcome to all members, new and old.
- A moment of silence was held for all family members and Armed Forces personnel that have passed away.
- A motion was made, and 2nd, to accept the February Minutes. The motion passed.
- A motion was made, and 2nd, to accept the Treasurers Report. The motion passed. A full copy of the report is available on our website.
- Training hours will be recorded exactly as they are done. At the end of each meeting, and on the Minutes, we will announce how much time will be credited towards training.
- Over 70 members were in attendance.
- Nominations for the Harry P. Schaefer Award need to be turned in to a board member by the April Executive Board meeting, Tuesday April 1, so that we have time to select a worthy recipient. All board members e-mail addresses are on the web site.
- We will present the Schaefer Award at the May seminar.
- Mitch requested that if you believe accelerants are present and you are going to call for the dog, please call before doing your systematic layering.
- **Fires: Bellwood:** A fatal fire for a person confined to a wheelchair; smoking materials were the cause. **Park City:** An arson fire that was caught on tape. The suspect was subsequently arrested at a hospital while seeking treatment for burns.

Our speaker, for the second month in a row, was our own Tom Hoskinson of the Mount Prospect Police Department.

Tom gave a presentation on sketching and diagramming the scene. Some points to remember: a sketch is a rough drawing and is part of your notes; a diagram is a detailed drawing and is part of the report. All names of personnel contributing to the sketch/diagram should be on it. The words "Not to scale" should always be included as part your drawing; it allows for a margin of error. You should always reference North and try to do it at the top of the page. Measure from one reference point and be as precise as possible. (Remember: walls and floors are not always plumb and/or square.)

Use all the resources available such as the Internet for satellite photos. Perhaps your village has a geographic information system (GIS) that marks trees, hydrants, manholes, and other fixtures.

Our sincerest thanks to Tom for again giving a great presentation and our thanks to the Mt. Prospect Police Department for allowing Tom to take the time to educate the members of our organization.

Meeting/training adjourned at 11:00 (2 hours).

Respectfully Submitted,
John T. Gilleran
Secretary F.I.S.F.

