

Minutes of April 9, 2014

Next Meeting: May 14, 2014

Program: Seminar

Location: **6133 River Rd. Rosemont, IL. (South of Higgins in the Riverway Office Complex.)**

Time: Registration 0800-0830

President Kushner opened the meeting at 0900 hrs.

- Welcome to all members, new and old.
- A motion was made, and 2<sup>nd</sup>, to accept the March Minutes. The motion passed.
- A motion was made, and 2<sup>nd</sup>, to accept the Treasurers Report. The motion passed. A full copy of the report is available on our website.
- Over 70 members were in attendance.
- A moment of silence was held for all who have passed away since our last meeting.
- The training committee is reviewing the nominations submitted for the Harry P. Schaefer Award. Thank you to everyone who turned in nominations.
- Remember to register for the May Seminar. We need numbers for our caterer. **No walk-ins will be allowed.**
- **Fires:** Rockford: Double fatal where 2 homeless people were in an unoccupied building. Libertyville: Responded to a horse stable fire in Metawa. The stable was being remodeled and rags used for staining are believed to have started the fire. Buffalo Grove: Had an intentional fire started in a church storage room; a juvenile has been arrested for starting the fire.

Our speaker was Officer Lisa Koenen, an Evidence Technician with the Hoffman Estates Police Department.

Lisa talked about Locard's Principle, which states: "Wherever he steps, whatever he touches, whatever he leaves, even unconsciously, will serve as a silent witness against him. Not only his fingerprints or his footprints, but his hair, the fibers from his clothes, the glass he breaks, the tool mark he leaves, the paint he scratches, the blood or semen he deposits or collects. All of these and more, bear mute witness against him. This is evidence that does not forget. It is not confused by the excitement of the moment. It is not absent because human witnesses are. It is factual evidence. Physical evidence cannot be wrong, it cannot perjure itself, it cannot be wholly absent. Only human failure to find it, study and understand it, can diminish its value." Which in essence means that the perpetrator of a crime will leave evidence behind and take evidence with them. As investigators it is our job to find that evidence and that's what Lisa discussed during her presentation.

Our sincere thanks to Lisa for filling in at the last moment.

The meeting/training was adjourned at 1045 hours and training was untested at 1.5 hours.

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

