

Fire Investigators Strike Force

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Minutes of September 13, 2017

Meeting opened by President Kushner.

- A moment of silence was held in remembrance of our fallen friends and colleagues
- Previous Minutes were approved.
- Treasurer's report accepted.
- Local fires were discussed.
- Mitch notified the group that details need to be recorded as to the type of training received when you are preparing your logs for OSFM recertification. Supplying the Office with training topics will avoid delays and having your packets denied.
- Mitch encouraged everyone to conduct their own investigations as they see it, and not wait for insurance companies opinions or other outside influences.
- Mitch spoke about having private photos taken on cell phones and allowing media or other non-fire/law enforcement personnel on the scene with cameras. All of this has to be avoided at all costs.
- Mitch discussed the 2018 Training ideas and having departments doing their own case studies, presentations and deposition/mock trial.
- Jeff Eaton reminded everyone that 1033 states that we SHALL remain current in our training. Jeff encouraged us to avoid terms like arc mapping because those can be challenged and are reserved for the experts. Describe the progression of the fire vs. how hot or how fast you think it was. He reminded us to keep and review current copies of 921 and 1033 because we can be challenged on them. Jeff was able to show how poor science has adverse affects in the cases of Cameron Todd Wilmington and Adam Gray.

Next Meeting – October 11, 2017 @ 0830

Location: NIU building, 5555 Trillium Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL

Respectfully Submitted by Jeff Wynn, Secretary