

Fire Investigators Strike Force

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Minutes of September 14, 2016

Meeting opened by President Kushner.

- A moment of silence was held in remembrance of our fallen friends and colleagues
- Mitch reminded us that it is always “Safety First” at the fire scene and to never work alone.
- It was also noted that for the first time, members of a fire investigation team are being issued subpoenas to testify against their own team members. The best answer still remains that “the fire is under investigation”
- October’s seminar will be geared towards gas/dust explosions
- The financials as discussed were approved
- Speaker Brett Henne was introduced

Mr. Henne covered the rights of entry as covered by the 4th Amendment and discussed the differences between reasonable and unreasonable search and seizure. The 14th Amendment was also discussed regarding search warrants and needing probable cause that a crime was committed.

Consent to Enter under the 5th Amendment was also covered as well as public fire investigation under NFPA 921, 12:1. Brett also touched on 1033, 4.6.5 which tells us that we need to have all the information in order to make a determination of cause. This simply means that you may not be able to make a determination the night of the fire. This reinforced earlier comments by President Kushner that “the fire is under investigation”.

Training lasted 2.0 hours, untested. Next Meeting – October 12, 2016

Location: NIU in Hoffman Estates

Respectfully Submitted by Jeff Wynn, Training Committee