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Utah Division of I.A.I.

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NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By

Vice-President Kent W. Timothy

Many of you are aware our divisions president, Don Thurgood is ill. Because he will be using a great deal of his strength fighting this serious condition, he has asked me to take the helm while he is down. We all hope and pray for his recovery. I hope to have your help and support as I try to realize his expectations for the division.

One of the keys to our successfully serving the citizens who rely on us is our level of training. We in the board are going to do what we can to help you fulfill this duty by offering or sponsoring training opportunities in the months and years ahead. We know it's not easy for some one in Kanab to come to Salt Lake for a one day class. If your agency would like training brought to you we first want to hear from you about your willingness to attend and your willingness to help sponsor training to Logan, The Uintah Basin, Cedar City or other areas where training is needed. Let me tell you, good forensic training is hard enough to come by in West Valley not to mention East Carbon.

Training makes a difference. The more officers that have quality training in even basic forensic skills the more bad guys there are that WILL go to jail. And the more bad guys there are in jail, the fewer there will be on the street to keep breaking the law. Some people don't think about it, but I've been there; the cop who knows what to do with that fingerprint brush is a cop who serves well his neighbors.

Training also influences the attitude and confidence an officer has at a scene. I've been a training officer and seen new officers with no training in forensics beyond what they are given in the academy. They spend more time apologizing their way out of dusting a car than it would take to do the job in the first place. Unfortunately, too many street officers never get what they need to serve their citizens. Maybe its just that forensics isn't flashy enough.

Or maybe its just that some need to change their attitudes about the true value of forensics. By way of example, I've been working for the last 17 years as a beat cop and collected literally thousands of fingerprints as evidence, but the number of times I've actually had to testify in court about them could be counted on one hand. And this doesn't just apply to fingerprints. The power of physical evidence that is properly collected, documented, preserved and presented is incredible and undeniable. When Officers catch the vision of what evidence can do rather than just what it demands they discover one of the most powerful weapons they can ever wield in their pursuit to serve and protect.

In that vein, the first item I need bring to your attention is the Spring Utah Division Training meeting. We're

not giving you much notice but we feel the seminar will be well worth attending. The scheduled training day is April 30, 1998 from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM at the West Valley City Hall Multi-Purpose Room. This training session will be free of charge, but please call or write to let me know if you will be attending so I may reserve a spot for you. I may be reached at (801) 963-3229. The theme is going to revolve around the recovery of human remains and the case of Roberto Argueyez, the confessed killer of Margo Bond found in Tooele County, Utah. The day will include presentations from Rudy Reit of the State Medical Examiners Office and Doctor John McCullough, Professor of Forensic Anthropology from the University of Utah.

Please bring with you any and all proposed designs for the Utah Division of I.A.I. Banner to be displayed at all Division meetings and the Annual International meeting. The designer of the selected banner will have their 1999 Division dues paid in full. The designs need to be a minimum of 3' and include both the Utah Division and International insignia.

We need to remember the International Conference in July and try and attend. In addition, keep the 18th of August open for another great training opportunity. The Utah Division and The Sexual Assault Forensic Nurse Examiners of Utah will be co-sponsoring a seminar on the recovery of fingerprints from skin. This course is taught nationwide and will be a great benefit to any forensic specialist or investigator dealing with violent crime. A mailer will be coming out soon.

Fall will bring another great opportunity October 14-16, 1998. Our Utah Division Fall Training Meeting, in alliance with the State of Utah Attorney General's Office will be focusing on legal aspects of forensics. We all, from the forensic specialist to the street cop, need to be aware of the increasing challenges we face in getting quality evidence, convincingly presented to a jury. This fall meeting will be a great benefit to all.

We need to remind you that as a member of the division one of your duties is to attend not just the training but also the business meeting which follows. These meetings are not just for a few, they are for all member; you need to be there to influence what goes on in your division. We want as many as possible to attend and participate.

So, who will benefit by being a member of the division and attending our regular and special training events? Everyone in the business, everyone who has ever even thought of using a fingerprint brush, taking a picture at a scene, or collecting an item of evidence. If you are a patrolman, if you are a detective, if you are the Chief of a large department or the Sheriff in a small county or town YOU DEAL WITH EVIDENCE. There is an old saying that goes something like this: If you don't have the time to do it right, when will you have the time to do it again. Let me just remind you that in our job, when it comes to evidence we generally don't get the chance to do it again.

Kent W. Timothy
1998 Vice President
Utah Division
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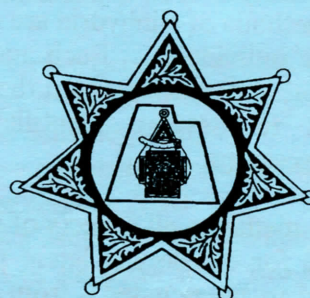
The Utah Division of I.A.I. Newsletter will accept any article or information of those wishing to submit to the editor. It is requested the submitted articles or information be in typewritten form or on 3.5" disks using WordPerfect 8.0 or lower format.

Please send items to be published to the editor:

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The annual membership dues to the Utah Division of I.A.I. are currently \$15.00 per membership, or \$200.00 for a lifetime membership. Dues can be mailed to:

Utah Division of I.A.I.
Ms. Deborah Herrera-Parkin
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Office Identification Section
437 South 200 East
Salt Lake City, UT 84111



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Utah Division of I.A.I.
Insignia Items

The Utah Division of I.A.I. has baseball hats, t-shirts and lapel pins with the Division Insignia embossed on them. These items are available for a minimal charge and look great! The prices for these items are as follow:

- Hats \$5.00**
- T-Shirts \$8.00 (any size)**
- Lapel Pins \$3.00 Members**
- \$5.00 Non-members**

Contact 1998 Vice-President, Kent W. Timothy at (801) 963-3229 or Editor, Scott R. Spjut at (801) 963-3395 for further information or to purchase these items. Likewise, we have these items available at the Division Semi-Annual Meetings.



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Crime Scene Certification Information

**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR
IDENTIFICATION
CRIME SCENE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

Code of Ethics for Certified Crime Scene Personnel
Being certified by the International Association for Identification, and being actively engaged in the profession of crime scene investigation, I dedicate myself to serve mankind and to respect the constitutional rights of all people to liberty, equality, and justice.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, and animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime, I will devote myself to unite, promote, and disseminate within the profession any advancement in my effort to make more effective analysis of the crime scene.

I will apply my technical knowledge factually, with perseverance and conviction to preserve the ethical standards of the profession of scientific identification and investigation.

I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession of law enforcement.

Requirements for the Certification of Crime Scene Technician/Analyst

1. General Qualifications: An applicant for certification must be of good moral character, high integrity, good repute and must possess high ethical professional standing.

Level I - Crime Scene Technician (CST)

1. Must have a minimum of one (1) year in crime scene related activities, AND;
2. Must have completed a minimum of two (2) crime scene related courses, AND;
3. Must pass a written test with a minimum score of 70. The test will be taken from two (2) publications selected by the Crime Scene Certification Board. The titles will be published and the Board may not change them for a minimum of three (3) years.

Level 2 - Crime Scene Analyst (CSA)

1. Must have a minimum of three (3) years in crime scene related activities, AND
2. Must have completed a minimum of four (4) crime scene related courses, AND
3. Must pass a written test with a minimum score of 70. The test will be taken from two (2) publications selected by the Crime Scene Certification Board. The titles will be published and the Board may not change them for a minimum of three (3) years.

Level 3 - Senior Crime Scene Analyst (SCSA),

1. Must have a minimum of six (6) years in crime scene related activities, AND;
2. Must have completed a minimum of six (6) crime scene related courses, AND;
3. Must pass a written test with a minimum score of 70. The test will be taken from two (2) publications selected by the Crime Scene Certification Board. The titles will be published and the board may not change them for a minimum of three (3) years, AND, one of the following;
4a. Must have authored or co-authored an article on some phase of crime scene investigation published in a professional journal OR;
4b. Made a presentation on some phase of crime scene investigation to a professional organization, OR;
4c. Be an active instructor in some phase of crime scene investigation currently teaching at least once a year, OR;

4d. Submit a court transcript from an actual case in which testimony was given on some phase of crime scene investigation by the applicant.

III. In-house Training Requirements

For those applicants who are employed by departments, a structured training program approved by the Certification Board may be substituted for the educational requirement.

IV Endorsements

All applicants for certification must submit two letters of endorsement. If the applicant is employed by a public law enforcement agency, one letter shall be from a superior within the applicant's department or agency and one shall be from an associate in the field of crime scene investigations and who is a member of either a state or regional division and/or the parent body.

V. Temporary Waivers (Section deleted, expired 6-23-90)

VI. Renewal

Crime Scene Certification shall be issued for a period of three (3) years, subject to renewal upon application with a letter by the regional representative to verify continued involvement in the field of crime scene investigation and payment of the established fee. At the time of renewal, proof will be required of a minimum of 24 hours in continued training accumulated over the three year period.

VII. General Provisions Concerning Certification

1. The right to deny certification is reserved.
2. Applicants who are denied certification by the Certification Board may appeal such action in writing within sixty (60) days after the issue date of such notification.
3. Certificates granted and issued may be suspended or revoked by the Certification Board for any of the following reasons.
 - a. Conviction of an applicant for certification or holder of certificate by a court of competent jurisdiction of a felony or any crime involving moral turpitude.
 - b. A misstatement, misrepresentation, concealment, or omission of a material fact or facts in an application or any other communication related to Certification.

c. Issuance of a certificate contrary to or in violation of any of the laws, standards, rules or regulations of the IAI or determination that the person certified was not in fact eligible to receive such certificate at the time of its issuance,

d. Any violation of the IAI Code of Ethics.

4. Action to suspend or revoke may only be taken after at least thirty (30) days advance notice of the charges or reasons for such action has been given to the individual concerned and an opportunity for such person to be heard has been provided by the Certification Board.

5. Persons holding a valid unrevoked certificate of qualifications issued by the Certification Board are entitled to use the appropriate designations in conformance with the standards of the International Association for Identification.

6. Certificates issued by the International Association for Identification are non-transferable. They remain the property of the IAI, but every person to whom a certificate has been issued shall be entitled to its continued possession, unless and until such certificate is revoked.

7. Membership in the IAI or any of its state or regional divisions is not mandatory for certification, however, the candidate for certification must agree to abide by the provisions of the certification program as written and passed by the IAI.

VII. Application Procedures.

1. Application forms may be obtained from:
CRIME SCENE CERTIFICATION BOARD
MICHAEL P. FLANNERY, SECRETARY
P.O. BOX 421305
Indianapolis, Indiana 46242-1305

2. The completed and notarized application and one copy should be returned to the Secretary, together with the application fee which is not refundable. The application fee is \$ 100.00. Hence, only those person who believe they clearly meet the stated qualifications and requirements for certification should submit applications. Attach one recent photograph to each application. The applicant must also attach two (2) letters of endorsement.