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Minutes of September 10, 2014

Next Meeting: October 8, 2014

Program: Seminar; Qualifying as an Expert Witness in State and Federal Court

Location: **Riverway Office Complex, 6133 River Rd. Rosemont, IL**

Time: 0800-0830 (Registration)

Meeting opened at 0900

- A moment of silence was held for Wesley Peak of the Orland Fire Protection District and Elmer “Fuzzy” Mueller of the Pleasantview Fire Protection District, and also all those we lost since our last meeting and for all of the victims of 9-11.
- A motion was made and 2nd to accept the Treasurers Report; the motion passed.
- Minutes were not published for June. (My apologies.)
- Over 90 members were in attendance. It was good to see all of you after the summer on such a rainy day.
- Next years training will cover the 16 mandatory subject requirements of NFPA 1033.
- Please remember to register for the fall seminar at our website and PLEASE ONLY SEND IN ONE REGISTRATION PER DEPARTMENT WITH ALL ATTENDEES NAMES ON THAT ONE REGISTRATION.
- **Important note:** The October seminar is limited to 193 people; don’t delay and possibly not get a seat.
- **Fires: Chicago** had a fatal fire in which 4 children perished; the fire is still under investigation. **Chicago Heights** had an arson fire that was set in a plumbing business to cover up the theft of copper pipe. **Lake Zurich** had a fire in an abandoned job-site trailer; the cause is undertermined.
- Mitch gave everyone homework that will be the topic of discussion at our December Holiday meeting. Inevitably if you go to court you will be asked the question: “How do you investigate a fire?”. Mitch would like everyone to write their response to that question; it can be long, short whatever, but it should be how you would respond to that question from an attorney in court or at a deposition.

Our speaker was Russ Mandel of the Arlington Heights Police Department. Russ spoke to us about Computer Voice Stress Analysis (CVSA). The CVSA does not have the person hooked up to wires like a polygraph and is not influenced by the person being on drugs or alcohol. The actual exam only lasts about 5 minutes but the pre-test interview can last 30 minutes to a few hours depending on different factors. The CVSA is used to verify the truthfulness of victims and/or offenders. However, it is not used to verify the truthfulness of victims of sexual assault.

After Russ completed his presentation Mitch gave some further real case examples of situations where CVSA and polygraphs have been used. One note from Mitch was that you

need to have the CVSA or polygraph in place if you are going to ask a suspect or victim to submit to such a test; if you offer the test and the person says “yes”, you need to be ready.

Our sincere thanks to Russ and the Arlington Heights Police Department and to Mitch for an interesting and educational meeting.

**Never Forget Means Never Forget!**

**9-11-2001**

**13 Years!**

Respectfully submitted,  
John Gilleran  
Secretary FISF