

Fire Investigators Strike Force

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Minutes of March 14, 2018

Meeting opened by President Kushner:

- Moment of Silence held for our friends and colleagues
- Treasurer's report was given and approved (\$14,494.00)
- Minutes of last month were approved
- Franklin Park - Investigation training is every Thursday at 0900 at station 2
- Harry P. Schafer Award nominations are due in April. Please submit
- Juvenile Fire Setters classes are coming. Call if you would like to host a class at your department.
- Discussion of local fires
- 79 members in attendance

Chicago Fire Department's Deputy District Chief Lyle (OFI) presented the class on Line of Duty Deaths with Mitch. Chief Lyle reminded us that the investigation is a part of honoring the fallen. Chief Lyle covered the protocol by OFI, being mindful of those involved. It is necessary to investigate like it's another ordinary fire, knowing it is still different. Staying consistent in the investigation process is crucial. NIOSH investigations, test results of equipment and emotional support are all part of the process.

Mitch stressed the fact that emotions will be high at these scenes. Everyone will want access and everyone will want answers. It will be a struggle to maintain your composure. Use the resources such as media resources. Arrange coordination of the people you need to talk to in different levels of priority. Try and stay focused and organized on the scene.

Next Meeting is April 11, 2018, at 0900. Meeting site is the Salvation Army Community Center, 8354 W. Foster Ave., Norridge, IL.

Respectfully submitted by Jeff Wynn, Secretary