

# Fire Investigators Strike Force

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Minutes of April 12, 2023

Meeting opened by Mitch Kushner:

- Moment of Silence held for our friends and colleagues:
  - B/C Bill Kugelman CFD – retired
  - Joe Mazzone RPPFD
  - FF Jermaine Pelt CFD
  - Jon Tchoryk CFD
- Treasurer's report was given and approved
- Minutes of last month were approved
- Great Wolf Lodge in November 2023 is expanding and offering more topics for Investigations
- **Please register for the May seminar**
- Dues need to be paid
- CFD/ATF 3 day seminar end of May, See the flyer on the web site or our facebook page

Cory Freedman presented on solar panels. Cory gave a brief history of the use of electrical solar energy. There is no hard data for reporting solar panels currently. The main causes of fires at this time appear to be in connectors and inverters/elec. components. Cory discussed codes and grounding for solar panels. Solar panels are always producing electricity unless completely blackened. Most failures and fires are due to installer error. Cory broke the system down for us in order for us to understand all the working parts to these systems.

Cory gave a great presentation and we thank him for his time and energy

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Our next Meeting is May 10, 2023, at 0900. Meeting site is OLC Education and Conference Center, 9400 W Higgins Rd, Rosemont, IL. – Suite 100. This is followed by remote sites for hands –on training.

Respectfully submitted by Jeff Wynn, Secretary