Fire Investigators Strike Force

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Minutes of February 9, 2021

Meeting opened by President Kushner:

- Moment of Silence held for our friends and colleagues. Bob Stephan from Cary Fire was fondly remembered
- o Treasurer's report was given and approved
- Minutes of last month were approved
- o 56 members were in attendance
- o Mitch reminded us on the importance of 360° Inspections on doors and windows
- He also discussed auto shop break-ins, yacht fires, the Cicero explosion and the plant explosion in Hampshire
- Mitch went into depth about taping off areas for investigation and scene preservation in general.

Gregg Larabel of Have Detector Will Travel, gave a presentation on the use of metal detectors and the beneficial uses of them in Fire Investigations. Gregg had several models on hand and talked about their strengths, weaknesses and cost.

Gregg also covered their use under water in depths up to 250 feet. We appreciate Gregg traveling from Grand Rapids, Michigan to share with the Strike Force.

Our next Meeting is March 9, at 0900. Meeting site is the Salvation Army Community Center, 8354 W. Foster Ave., Norridge, II.

Respectfully submitted by Jeff Wynn, Secretary