



Quick Notes is an ICAC communication that will give you quick, timely links to recent news items impacting arson prevention, investigations, litigation and training. We trust that Quick Notes will be an easy way for you to remain current in news concerning arson control.

Events



ICAC Fire & Arson Investigation Seminar

February 24–26, 2014  
Omni Charlotte Hotel-Downtown  
Charlotte, NC

There is still time to register! Save \$100 by beating the early bird registration date on **January 24th** by signing up now. Don't miss this cutting-edge annual training seminar, with topics geared toward claims personnel, defense attorneys, independent adjusters, SIU personnel and fire investigators. **Register now...**

Fire Investigations

**San Jose arson suspect arrested**

Arson experts offered their assessment of the suspect's likely personality and motives based on their experience with other cases.

<http://www.mercurynews.com>

**San Jose arsons: An inside look at the investigative work that led to arsonist's capture**

<http://www.mercurynews.com>

**Savannah Fire's arson unit investigates dozens of cases yearly**

Most days, Fred Anderson and Ronald Harmon's fire department uniform shirts stay clean. But when they get called to the soot-filled scene of a smoldering fire to investigate the blaze's origins, that can change pretty quickly. "If you're not dirty, then you're not doing it right," Anderson said.

<http://savannahnow.com>

**FEMA Coffee Break Training - Fire Investigation Series:**

**Red Flags of Residential Arson**

<http://www.usfa.fema.gov>

Arson Trials

**Garage "set up" with gasoline, judge hears in arson trial**

The subject of a multi-year police investigation into a series of arsons told an undercover police officer that her garage was "already set up" with gasoline.

<http://www.saultstar.com>

**Nailed: Former Vancouver salon owner convicted of torching her own business**

The former owner of a Vancouver nail salon has been convicted of using gasoline to set her business on fire and of attempting to defraud her insurance company.

<http://www.theprovince.com>

Case Law

**Federal District Court in Mississippi Provides Good Discussion of Negative Corpus from National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 921**

The opinion provides a good example of the 2011 change in NFPA 921 commonly known as the negative corpus.

<http://www.natlawreview.com/>

News/Interest

**Maine fire marshal: Rise in arson reflects weak economy**

Officials say a Palmyra case highlights a trend of desperation when the economy goes sour - a trend in recent years: When the economy goes sour, people get desperate.

<http://www.pressherald.com>

**Q&A: Arson Investigator Ed Nordskog Talks Bombs, Anarchists, and L.A.'s Explosive Past**

Three questions for Nordskog, who will delve into the 1910 bombing of the Los Angeles Times.

<http://www.lamag.com>

**Arson reporting reforms called for by National Association of State Fire Marshals**

The nation's fire marshals are calling for reforms in how fire departments report the causes of fires in their communities, voicing growing concerns that arson and the rate of deliberate fire-setting have been grossly understated in official fire statistics.

<http://www.thedenverchannel.com>

Fire Reports

**Residential Building Fires (2009–2011)**

<http://www.usfa.fema.gov>

Associate Member Profile

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