



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! 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**

**Inquiry into Phoenix Fire Department arson unit**

The Phoenix Fire Department wants an outside agency to conduct an inquiry into alleged misconduct by members of its arson unit.

<http://www.azcentral.com>

**Repeat offender pleads guilty to arson**

He admits that he talked his father-in-law into saying he had started the fire while smoking a joint in the garage and told him he would let him in on the insurance money.

<http://www.tricitytimes-online.com>

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

**Red Flags of Residential Arson**

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

**Arson Trials**

**Cell phone records connect suspects in arson, insurance fraud scheme**

Investigators subpoenaed cell phone records and allegedly found that the two had spoken to each other several times immediately before and after the Tahoe was reported stolen.

<http://www.timesnews.net>

**Case Law**

**FARM FRESH GOURMET SALADS LLC v. SENTINEL INSUR. CO.**

Here, Defendants have established prima facie evidence of entitlement to summary judgment on the defamation/libel claims by establishing that the alleged defamatory statement was made to persons who share a common interest in the subject matter and therefore was subject to qualified privilege. The only persons that the allegedly defamatory statement was published to were Plaintiffs' lawyer, and Plaintiffs' agents handling their insurance affairs (Plaintiffs' public adjuster and insurance agent). In additionally, Plaintiffs have presented no evidence of malice to defeat this privilege.

<http://scholar.google.com/>

**News/Interest**

**Pet Shop Owner Jailed in Arson Case**

The owner of a business in Las Vegas has been charged with trying to burn her place down to collect insurance. But the reason the case is getting so much attention is because her business is a pet shop, and there were 27 puppies inside when the fire started.

<http://www.newser.com>

**Microwaveable 'wheat bag' may have caused fatal fire**

An investigation into a fatal fire in Wallasey has found the most likely cause was a microwaveable "wheat bag" used to warm the bed

<http://www.wirralglobe.co.uk>

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