



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.

**Fire Investigations**

**Investigators send message to arsonists**

"The firefighters themselves have always had mutual aid resources for fighting the fires, but after the fire is over, when the investigation is going on, there hasn't been an official or a formal policy to share resources for investigations." Until now.

[www.kspr.com](http://www.kspr.com)

**Suspicious house fire in Elkhart is under investigation**

A house that was going to be used Sunday for collapse rescue training by the Elkhart Fire Department was destroyed in a fire.

[www.elkharttruth.com](http://www.elkharttruth.com)

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

Fire/Arson and Explosion Investigation Curriculum: The Application of NFPA 921 in Fire and Explosion Investigations.

[www.usfa.fema.gov.com](http://www.usfa.fema.gov.com)

**Arson Trials**

**Accused arsonist who thought he was king ruled mentally fit for trial**

A Morris Township man who told a judge in an arson case he believes he is a king is mentally "competent to proceed to trial," the judge ruled today in Morristown.

[www.nj.com](http://www.nj.com)

**Morris Twp. man charged with attempted arson claims he's a king, laws don't apply to him**

[www.nj.com](http://www.nj.com)

**Man tried to burn down Masonic Lodge, Morristown cops say**

[www.nj.com](http://www.nj.com)

**Three to face life sentence for arson**

Investigators and analysts with expertise in fire scenes were the final prosecution witnesses to be called to the stand.

[www.wxyz.com](http://www.wxyz.com)

**Case Law**

**THE CINCINNATI INSURANCE COMPANY V. BECKER ULMAN CONSTRUCTION, INC**

Interesting case involving resolution of six *motions in limine* to preclude the admission of various categories of evidence. Each is addressed in this case and includes evidence of chimney fire, fire from wood burning stove, a catalytic converter, or mention of any pre- or post-insurance claims.

<http://scholar.google.com>

**News/Interest**

**Kelly Kistner Wins John R. Rauch Award for Arson Investigation/Training**

The Texas Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators presented its John R. Rauch award to Assistant State Fire Marshal Kelly Kistner.

<http://insurancenewsnet.com>

**Theme for the 2014 Arson Awareness Week is announced**

The theme for this year's Arson Awareness Week (May 4-10) is Vehicle Arson: A Combustible Crime. For more information and resources you can use to increase awareness about vehicle arson in your community, visit the U.S. Fire Administration's website at [www.usfa.fema.gov/aaw](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/aaw).

**2014 Arson Awareness Week (AAW)**

The Poster for this year's AAW is available for interested entities and organizations. It is now available on the AAW website – [www.usfa.fema.gov/aaw](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/aaw). If anyone would like an 11" x 17" mounted foam board copy of the poster for your office or a presentation; please contact Timothy Patrick O'Dowd, US Fire Administration, US Department of Homeland Security; v. 301.447.1091; f. 301.447.1102 [Tim.ODowd@dhs.gov](mailto:Tim.ODowd@dhs.gov)

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