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Events



Be sure to save the date for the 2015 ICAC Fire & Arson Investigation Seminar, being held February 23-25 at the Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Hotel in Orlando, FL.

Program and Conference information coming soon!

Fire Investigations

Arson investigation needs scrutiny

And it could start by making a case study out of Monday's dismissal of arson charges against the former principal of Trinity High School in Dickinson, N.D.

www.jamestownsun.com

Arson Trials

Motion filed in arson case - Constitutional rights questioned

Former Peterborough firefighter Gregory Potter, who is accused of setting a series of fires at five residential buildings in Durham in the early morning hours of Feb. 2, 2013, is scheduled to stand trial early next year on five counts of arson and one count of falsifying evidence. But first, a Strafford County Superior Court judge will have to rule on motions to suppress evidence taken from Potter's cell phone and to suppress statements Potter made to investigators during the investigation into the fires.

www.ledgertranscript.com

Prosecutors: Debt motive for 2012 Indy explosion

Prosecutors have filed court documents indicating that mounting gambling and credit card debt were the motive behind a deadly explosion that devastated an Indianapolis neighborhood in 2012.

www.sfgate.com

Case Law

WELCH'S STEAK & RIBS, INC. v. NORTH POINTE INSURANCE COMPANY

This case concerns a fire that occurred at Welch's Steak & Ribs in 2009. The owners of the restaurant, filed suit against defendant North Pointe after their insurance claim was denied. North Pointe defended that the fire was the result of an arson in which Mr. Rastovski was involved. The appeals court reversed the trial court's order granting plaintiff's Motion for Judgment Notwithstanding the Verdict, and granted a Motion for a New Trial. Good review of the significance of the jury decision in a civil arson case.

<http://scholar.google.com>

News/Interest

Subrogation and the fire expert

Successful subrogation requires the right processes and people. Subrogation with regard to a fire claim is an extremely effective means of recovering loss expenses.

www.propertycasualty360.com

Gretna woman charged in fatal bakery arson is sued by insurance company

A woman who is jailed and awaiting trial on a manslaughter charge, after her friend died while helping her torch her bakery for insurance money, is now a defendant in a civil lawsuit.

www.nola.com

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