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Upcoming Webinar

2014 ICAC Webinar Series: NFPA 1033/921



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IMPROVING FIRE INVESTIGATIONS WHILE GIVING MORE AMMUNITION TO TRIAL ATTORNEYS: A FRESH LOOK AT THE 2014 EDITIONS OF NFPA 1033 AND 921

Presented by Rick Hammond & Terry-Dawn Hewitt



In 2014, and for the first time in sixteen years, the NFPA published in the same year new editions of both NFPA 1033 Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigator and NFPA 921 Guide for Fire and Explosion Investigations. While the changes in the new editions of these industry standards have tremendous potential to improve the quality of fire investigations, they also provide additional ammunition to attorneys wanting to challenge investigators in court. In this webinar, two fire attorneys will share their insights into the most significant of these changes from a litigation perspective.

In this webinar, you will learn:

- How NFPA 1033 and NFPA 921 are directly relevant in challenging the qualifications and reliability of expert evidence under Daubert and state equivalents;
• Revisions in the 2014 editions that effectively merge NFPA 1033 and NFPA 921, together making them more powerful than ever in the hands of skilled trial attorneys;
• Implications of the expansion of NFPA 1033's infamous "list of 13" minimum knowledge requirements to a "list of 16;" and the correlation between this "list of 16" and NFPA 921, which together raise the bar for fire investigators;
• The heightened standing that both NFPA 1033 and NFPA 921 give to ASTM standards, making these standards mandatory for a reliable investigation.

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Fire/Arson Investigations

Former Tucumcari police officer arrested for alleged arson

A several week long investigation by the New Mexico state police has allegedly linked a series of fires in the city to former officer Dustin Lopez.

www.newschannel10.com

Unsolved arson case sticks with Ohio fire marshal's new chief of investigations

The arson led to seven deaths, three of them young girls, and fire investigator Josh Hobbs hasn't been able to shake the unsolved case in the six years since.

www.dailyjournal.net

Arson Trials

Charleroi man faces trial for Dollar General arson

Szabo allegedly is seen walking around the store briefly before taking a lighter off a shelf and using it to ignite paper products.

triblive.com

Arson charges in Washington wildfire: One dismissed, one reduced, one moves forward

Prosecutors have dropped an arson charge against a man who lit a backburn during the Carlton complex fires and reduced charges against another. In all cases, residents — some with firefighting experience — are accused of lighting backburns to protect private property.

seattletimes.com

News/Interest

Victims of firebombing moved by 'outpouring of support' as arson investigation continues

Investigators have called the fire a 'possible arson,' and a chorus of elected officials Thursday decried it as an apparent act of political intimidation likely related to Zervigon's work as a campaign fundraiser.

uptownmessenger.com

Overnight fire that destroyed political consultant's home deemed 'possible arson'

uptownmessenger.com

Danvers student wins county's Arson Watch poster contest

For the second year in a row, Holten Richmond Middle School student Ethan McGrath was named the Essex County winner of the Arson Watch poster contest.

danvers.wickedlocal.com

No Proof Of Arson In Political Activist House Fire

Fire and Rescue Services found no proof of arson in Sunday's fire at the home of Nevis Reformation Party (NRP) activist Floris Finley, however party supporters and a candidate claim the fire was politically motivated.

www.thestkittsnevisobserver.com

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