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ICAC News



Former ICAC officer retires from Grinnell Mutual

Alan Clark retired as the assistant vice president of Special Investigations at Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company on Friday, December 19, after 33 years of service.

Clark served as chairman of the Insurance Committee for Arson Control (ICAC) Board from 2006 to 2010. ICAC presented him an Award of Appreciation in 2006 and Certificate of Appreciation in 2014 for his contributions. Clark also served as executive director, president, and board member of the International

Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI) as well as in leadership roles for the Iowa Chapter of IAAI. He was named a life member of both IAAI and the Iowa Chapter of IAAI and received numerous service awards from the organizations.

"It's been a great career. Even in retirement, I plan to stay active with a number of organizations, including ICAC, on special projects," said Clark.

Upcoming ICAC Events



Registration Now Open!

Register now for the 2015 ICAC Fire & Arson Investigation Seminar, being held February 23-25 at the Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Hotel in Orlando, FL.

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Fire/Arson Investigations

Three Delaware church fires ruled arson

Investigators are trying to develop a motive, said Assistant State Fire Marshal Michael Chionchio. But at this point, authorities have nothing to indicate that the fires were racially motivated, he said.

www.delawareonline.com

Fire investigator: Woman set her own apartment on fire

By the time other investigators could make the scene, Tileman was gone but later turned up at another hospital complaining of pain. She reportedly told an investigator that "I know I'm in trouble for setting the fire, but I'm tired of the apartment looking so dirty."

wane.com

Neighbor charged with arson in fire at Limerick detective's house

Krupp believed that Morris had been involved in notifying police of the whereabouts of her son so that he could be arrested. Among the many "likes" on her Facebook page is a page titled "If you hurt my son, I'll make your death look like an accident."

www.timesherald.com

Arson Trials

Former cop accused of arson says he didn't set the fire that damaged his home

A former Carteret police officer who is accused of setting his Woodbridge home on fire entered a not-guilty plea to an indictment that charges him with arson.

www.nj.com

Burnt beds and broken hearts in day one of Shippensburg arson trial

In the first day of testimony of a trial against a man accused of setting his ex-girlfriend's home on fire in 2013, several witnesses testified to being with the man at the time, or being told by the man that he committed the crime.

cumberlink.com

Testimony points to deliberate burning in Shippensburg arson trial

Several experts testified in the second day of a Shippensburg arson trial that the fire that destroyed a mobile home was intentionally set.

cumberlink.com

Man found guilty in 2013 Shippensburg arson

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Case Law

NICK v. GRANGE INSURANCE COMPANY

The case concerned a jury finding against the plaintiff insured but then trying to move to the questions of damages in an arson case. Plaintiff claimed that the jury's verdict was irreconcilably inconsistent, and justified a new trial.. The trial court denied the motion for a new trial and the appeals court upheld the denial.

scholar.google.com

News/Interest

10 TX Churches Burned: 'Little Hope Was Arson,' Acclaimed True-Crime Documentary

A New York Times' Critic's Pick, LITTLE HOPE WAS ARSON is a bold documentary raising new questions about the 10 church fires that swept East Texas in 2010, when the blazes sparked the largest manhunt in the region's history.

www.prweb.com

Little Hope Fires: Watch exclusive interview with arsonists

www.kltv.com

Scrapping evident at Dayton house fire

Scrappers may be to blame for an arson Wednesday night at a large vacant two-story house.

www.whio.com

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