45th Annual Arson Seminar

November 6 - 8, 2019

New York State
Academy of Fire Science
Montour Falls, New York

- Putting it all Together -
The New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control will host the 45th Annual Arson Seminar November 6, 7, and 8, 2019 at the New York State Academy of Fire Science, in Montour Falls, New York. This year’s theme will be “Putting it all Together” and will concentrate on planning your investigation.

The National Pro Board Fire Investigator Certification Exam will be offered on Wednesday morning, November 6, 2019, prior to the start of the Seminar. Investigators interested in taking the National Exam MUST pre-register for the exam by October 16, 2019.

The exam application and information can be found at http://www.dhses.ny.gov/ofpc/documents/standards/exam.pdf.

**OVERVIEW**

**WORKSHOPS**

**Keynote Opener: Wednesday, November 6**

“The John Orr Effect on Arson Investigations”

*Detective Ed Nordskog, Los Angeles, California Sheriff’s Office Arson/Bomb Unit*

Detective Nordskog has investigated over 2,100 arson cases including 46 serial arson investigations. This presentation will focus on renowned serial arsonist John Orr, include information regarding the various investigations, discuss Orr’s effect on the fire service and fire investigation.

**Workshop: Thursday, November 7**

“Know Your Role – Managing the Investigation”

*Staff from the Office of Fire Prevention and Control’s Investigation Unit*

This program will help investigators understand the importance of managing resources for fire investigations. Discussion will include effective assignment of responsibilities, best practices, and understanding the duties and limitations of assigned roles.

**Workshop: Thursday, November 7**

“Fire Scene Documentation with New Technology”

*Senior Fire/Explosion Investigator Jason Wallace, S.E.A. Limited*

This presentation will provide investigators knowledge of fire scene documentation utilizing the latest techniques and technology. The presenter will speak specifically about unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) and three-dimensional scanner / photography systems.

**Workshop: Thursday, November 7**

“Fire Debris Analysis”

*Senior Forensic Chemist Samuel Vande, Onondaga County Center for Forensic Sciences*

This presentation will review and reinforce proper fire debris evidence collection and packaging techniques, discuss the forensic analysis process, provide participants with an overview of what information can be obtained by a forensic examination.

**Workshop: Thursday, November 7**

“NFPA 921 and 1033 Updates”

*Senior Fire/Explosion Investigator Jason Wallace, S.E.A. Limited*

Investigative Wallace is a voting member on the NFPA 1033 Technical Committee. During this presentation he will highlight the anticipated revisions and amendments to the NFPA 921 and 1033 documents. His program will also provide information on the proposed standard for fire investigation team qualifications.

**Keynote Closer: Friday, November 8**

“Interview & Interrogation for Patrol Officers and Investigators”

*Gregory Harlin, MURLIN Consultants*

This dynamic presentation will provide participants with the ability to think differently about the process, identify signs of deceptive behavior, and know how to ask a question. The program will discuss the questioning process, techniques, attitude and psychology of the interrogator as well as listening skills.
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### Course Registration -

**Note:** Payment must accompany registration. Registration fee is mandatory and nonrefundable.

- **NYS Resident** - $25
- **Out-of State** - $50
- **Materials Fee payable upon arrival**
  - See course description (may not include required textbook)
- **Prerequisite Proof (if applicable)**
  - Must accompany registration

### Academy Meals & Lodging - Payable upon arrival

- **Resident** - includes Meals & Lodging - $66
- **Commuter** - includes breakfast & lunch - $20

### Registration, Material, Meals & Lodging Fees:

- **Registration Fee (include w/registration)** $_______
- **Materials Fee (payable upon arrival)** $10
- **Meals & Lodging Fee (payable upon arrival)** $_______
- **Optional commuter dinner(s)** $_______

**Total enclosed:** $_______

**Balance due upon arrival:** $_______

### Reasonable lodging/dietary request:

Share room with:

### Payment Method

- **Visa**
- **MasterCard**
- **Discover**

**Make checks, money orders & vouchers payable to:** Academy of Fire Science

- **Check**
- **Money Order**
- **Signed Voucher**
- **Purchase Order**

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**Expiration Date**

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**Signature**

Please review the application to make certain it is complete and the required payment, prerequisite proof, and Training Authorization Letter are enclosed. Incomplete forms will be returned. This form is on the web at www.dhses.ny.gov/ofpc EMAIL (AcademyRegistrationMF@dhses.ny.gov), FAX, OR MAIL APPLICATION TO FIRE ACADEMY ONLY

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**Note:** Due to participant demand, the deadline for all Academy course registrations is 20 days before the course start date. If your registration is not received by this deadline, we cannot guarantee placement in the requested course. Call the Academy for further information.