

26th Annual Conference Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association February 17-19, 2017



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Featured Speakers
for 3 Days!
Vickie Schaefer
Steve Chasteen



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Location : Holiday Inn and Suites Peoria at Grand Prairie 7601 N. Orange Prairie Peoria, IL



Fridays Conference Schedule

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Conference Schedule—Friday, February 17

11 AM - 1 PM Sign-in and Registration / Ticket for Raffle

1 - 3 PM **“Back to the Basics” Fire Scene Examination “101”**

Steve Chasteen and Vickie Schaefer

Steve and Vickie will discuss fire investigations from the view of the public and private sector fire investigator. Lecture topics will include a variety of subject matters from analyzing the initial callout to courtroom testimony.

Lecture Itinerary

- ☞ Playing nice in the Sand Box
- ☞ 921
- ☞ Fire Pattern Analysis
- ☞ Proper Fire Fatality Investigations
- ☞ Working with Technology
- ☞ Case Studies

3 - 3:15 PM Break

3:15 - 5 PM **“Back to the Basics” Fire Scene Examination “101” (cont.)**

Steve Chasteen and Vickie Schaefer

7 - 11 PM Hospitality Room



Saturday Conference Schedule

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Conference Schedule—Saturday, February 18

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| 7 - 8 AM | Sign-in and Registration / Ticket for Raffle |
| 8 - 8:15 AM | Opening Introductions |
| 8:15 - 10 AM | "Back to the Basics" Fire Scene Examination "101" (cont.)
Steve Chasteen and Vickie Schaefer |
| 10 - 10:15 AM | Break |
| 10:15 - Noon | "Back to the Basics" Fire Scene Examination "101" (cont.)
Steve Chasteen and Vickie Schaefer |
| Noon - 1 PM | Lunch Provided |
| 1 - 3 PM | "Back to the Basics" Fire Scene Examination "101" (cont.)
Steve Chasteen and Vickie Schaefer |
| 3 - 3:15 PM | Break |
| 3 - 5 PM | "Back to the Basics" Fire Scene Examination "101" (cont.)
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| 7 - 11 PM | Hospitality Room |





Sunday Conference Schedule

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Conference Schedule—Sunday, February 19

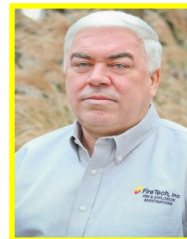
7 - 8 AM	Sign-in
8 - 8:15 AM	Opening Introductions
8:15 - 10 AM	"Back to the Basics" Fire Scene Examination "101" (cont.) Steve Chasteen and Vickie Schaefer
10 - 10:15 AM	Break
10:15 - 11:30 AM	"Back to the Basics" Fire Scene Examination "101" (cont.) Steve Chasteen and Vickie Schaefer
11:30 - Noon	Wrap-up
Noon	Dismiss



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Featured Speaker



Steve Chasteen

Steve has been in the fire service since 1972 serving as a volunteer firefighter and a full time career firefighter and company officer for 27 years for the City of Bloomington, Illinois Fire Department. He worked as a municipal fire investigator for the fire department for a number of years prior to returning to suppression duties on a ladder company where he retired as a Lieutenant.

Steve has also worked as a private fire investigator working in the insurance industry conducting fire investigations for the past 32 years. He has conducted more than 2,900 fire scene examinations and fire analysis to determine the origin and cause of the fire. Steve has testified extensively in both State and Federal Court as an expert witness. Steve is recognized as an “Associate at the **Institute of Fire Engineers in London, England**. He is a “**Certified Fire Investigator**” recognized by the **International Association of Arson Investigators** as well as a “**Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator**” recognized by the **National Association of Fire Investigators**. Steve also attended the **ATF National Academy in Glynco, Ga**. He is still a member of the **MABAS 41 Fire Investigation Team** in McLean County, Illinois.

Steve also works as a “Field Staff Instructor” with the University of Illinois Fire Service Institute in Champaign, Illinois. He has worked as one of the lead instructors in the Fire/Arson Investigation Training Program providing instruction to firefighters, police officers and insurance company representatives. He is also a National Instructor with the Public Agency Training Council in Indianapolis, Indiana. Steve has also provided fire investigation training to criminal investigators from various branches of the US Military.

Steve regularly consults with various local and state fire officials as well as law enforcement agencies around the country to provide assistance in fire investigation and fire scene analysis. He has also provided expert assistance to prosecutors in criminal cases as well as to the insurance industry and manufacturers in civil cases.



Featured Speaker



Vickie Schaefer, C.F.I.;C.F.E.I.

Vickie Schaefer recently retired after 20 years in law enforcement with the McLean County Sheriff's Department in McLean County, Illinois. Vickie spent more than 13 years as a detective handling a variety of cases including death and crime scene investigations. Vickie was also assigned as the fire investigator for the Sheriff's Department and is still the team leader for the MABAS 41 County Fire Investigation Team. She is a Certified Arson Investigator recognized by the Office of the State Fire Marshal in Illinois. Vickie is also a Certified Fire Investigator recognized by the International Association of Arson Investigators and a Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator recognized by the National Association of Fire and Explosion Investigators. She has testified extensively as an expert witness in origin and cause investigation in Federal and State Courts in Illinois. She is a member of the IAAI and NAFI. Vickie is now employed as a fire investigator in the private sector conducting origin and cause investigations for the insurance industry.



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- To provide, develop and support the establishment of training, educational programs and educational materials to improve the quality of fire investigations.
- To support and sponsor legislation which will improve the quality of fire investigations and reduce the incidents of Arson.
- To develop programs and implement strategies and initiatives to increase public awareness of Arson and its impact on our communities.
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