



## FIRE INVESTIGATION ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA FALL SEMINAR October 10 - 12, 2018

**Day 1 & Day 2 - Investigative Interviewing Practices for Fire Investigation Professionals**  
***DON'T MISS the 2018 FIAA AGM - following Day 1 training – 17:30 start***  
**Day 3 - ECT (Evidence Collection Technician) Practicum (Maximum of 10 candidates)**

Day 1 & 2 – Investigative Interviewing Training for Fire Investigation Professionals      08:30 – 17:00      October 10 & 11, 2018

Interviewing of persons involved in a fire is central to the successful resolution of an investigation. As a result, the highest standards of investigative interviewing should be upheld. Without the information from those who have witnessed an important event, other sources of material such as CCTV images, source of ignition evidence, fingerprints, and forensic material – although extremely important – may have little value. In some cases, the first on-scene fire fighter may have been the only person to encode details about the scene. Physical corroboration may be entirely absent – thus making investigative interviewing (of witnesses, but also fire fighters) even more important while investigating fires.

This two-day training will cover fundamental investigative interview practices to maximize the quantity and quality of information from witnesses. This course is designed for both private and municipal fire investigators, insurance adjusters, and others who work in this field.



The training will be facilitated by Dr. Sarah MacDonald. She is a Forensic Psychologist and published author who specializes in Memory and Investigative Interviewing in Calgary, Canada. She conducts forensic interviews on request for complex, serious cases of sexual assault for police members from the Calgary Police Service, RCMP, and other organizations in Southern Alberta. Dr. MacDonald provides education and training to Law Enforcement in Alberta, Judges, Prosecutors, Physicians, among others. She has conducted and published research, including a book chapter, examining cognitive processes underlying investigative interview techniques, psychological-based investigative practices, deception detection/credibility assessment, and memory. Dr. MacDonald has presented her research internationally and is a TEDx speaker. She was trained in Advanced Cognitive Interviewing in the U.K. and has developed and taught this course (the first of its kind in North America) to Canadian police officers in Major Crime who interview significant witnesses and victims of crime.

Day 3 – ECT Practicum      **(limited registration of 10)**      07:30 – 17:00      October 12, 2018

The ECT Practicum is a comprehensive practical examination that consists of a series of 10 “hands-on” practical exercises designed to test an applicant’s ability to correctly collect a variety of evidentiary items that are commonly encountered during the course of a fire investigation. Applicants must pass all critical elements and achieve a minimum score on each of the 10 components of the practical testing.

### ECT REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS:

\*\*\* Ensure that you have completed the pre-requisites prior to applying for the ECT Practicum. For more info, go to:

<https://www.firearson.com/Training-Certifications/Evidence-Collection-Technician-IAAIECT.aspx>

Step 1 – Register on line with the FIAA to pay your Admin. fee & reserve your place in the ECT practicum.

Step 2 – Register on line with the IAAI to pay your vetting/certification fee.

The IAAI will advise if you meet the requirements to proceed with the practicum

Register online TODAY at [www.fiaa.ca](http://www.fiaa.ca) **Registration Deadline – September 24, 2018**

Investigative Interviewing - member \$400 / non-member \$500

ECT Practicum Admin. fee – member \$50 / non-member \$150 (register online @ [www.fiaa.ca](http://www.fiaa.ca) to hold your place)

**IMPORTANT:** ECT Practicum – IAAI vetting / certification fee – member \$200 USD

(register on line with the IAAI @ [www.firearson.com](http://www.firearson.com) to confirm your place)

### INCLUDED IN YOUR REGISTRATION FEE

FIAA will be providing morning coffee and pastries as well as a catered hot lunch each day.

### Course Location:

Strathcona County Emergency Services Headquarters  
915 Bison Way    Sherwood Park, AB

### ACCOMODATIONS:

Days Inn & Suites    201 Palisades Way    Sherwood Park, AB  
**A block of 30 rooms has been set reserved for course participants.**  
**Call 780-570-8080 or 877-414-7727 & reference "FIAA" prior to September 24, 2018, to confirm your rate of \$114.00/night (+ taxes)**