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FIRE INVESTIGATION ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA



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OUTGOING PRESIDENT

THANK YOU, JOHN!



AT OUR SEPTEMBER ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, WE THANKED OUTGOING PRESIDENT JOHN MCDERMOTT FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE FIAA. JOHN WAS PRESENTED WITH A PLAQUE AND A CUSTOM CANADIAN FLAG MADE OF FIRE HOSES.

JOHN WILL NOW SERVE THE FIAA AS THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT IN AN ADVISORY ROLE AND AS LIAISON WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ARSON INVESTIGATORS (IAAI).

NEW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



GLEN HUNKER

MIAAI, IAAI-FIT, President– FIAA
Captain –Fire Prevention & Investigation
Strathcona County Emergency Services

I am excited to begin my term as President of the Fire Investigation Association of Alberta and am honored that the membership has put their trust in me. I am also proud to represent Chapter 38 on the international front and will continue to promote the FIAA and foster positive relationships with our international peers. I am fortunate to follow in the footsteps of many great past presidents who have contributed to the success of our Association. I would like to thank outgoing President John McDermott for his contributions to the FIAA during his term as Chapter President.

I was very impressed with the number of past presidents, board alumni, and long-time members who attended this year's AGM. An association is only as strong as its membership and we are fortunate to have a diverse group of active members, many of whom are willing to share their knowledge and assist with training.

I look forward to working with the current sitting Board and Executive members. The FIAA Board is very excited to be planning our training events for 2020. In addition, I will be working with the Executive to pre-plan a training schedule for the next 6 years. I would like to encourage the membership to forward suggestions for training courses. This will enable us to compile a list of the membership's training desires/needs and if possible, include these suggestions in our training schedule master plan. I would like to thank our corporate sponsors for their generous donations during both our 2019 training sessions.

On behalf of your FIAA Board of Directors, I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT - GLEN HUNKER
Strathcona Emergency Services

1st VP - TREVOR MISTAL
Stony Plain Fire Department

2nd VP - JAY GOUPIL
RMWB - Regional Emergency Services

SECRETARY - GLENDA DALES
Mundare Fire & Rescue

DIRECTORS:

AL WEIKER - *Precise Fire Investigations/Firestorm Consulting Group*

CHRIS SHANNON - *Shannon & Associates Engineering Ltd.*

MIKE ZAJAC - *County of Wetaskiwin Emergency Services*

LAURENCE HOGG - *Trochu & District Fire Department*

DARYL SHYIAN - *Imperial Oil*

GORD MELLOR - *Can-West Fire Investigations*

RUSSELL MURPHY - *Agriculture & Forestry - Wildfire Management Branch*

ADAM SATURLEY - *Lethbridge Fire and Emergency Services Department*

PETER WEIBE - *La Crete Fire & Rescue*

Visit fiaa.ca for board member bios

OCTOBER 2018

ECT CERTIFICATION



The FIAA is proud to have hosted the very first IAAI Evidence Collection Technician Certification in Canada. The certification and testing occurred at the Strathcona Emergency Services Centre in the Fall of 2018.

12 successful participants received their ECT designation! We look forward to hosting the IAAI-ECT certification and testing in the future.



For more

information about the ECT certification and other IAAI certifications, visit: www.firearson.com

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FIRE INVESTIGATIONS

ESSENTIALS



The FIAA held a Fire Investigations Essentials course at the Strathcona County Emergency Services, Heartland Station 4.

36 participants investigated multiple burn cells with different scenarios and partook in in-class sessions taught by local Alberta Fire Investigators

Thank you to all our sponsors and to those who came to experience this great course!



SEPTEMBER 24 - 26

HOT WHEELS

INVESTIGATING VEHICLE FIRES



The FIAA had the privilege to, once again, host Mr. Keith Fowler for a 3 day hands on vehicle fire investigation course in Nisku.

In addition to in-class lectures, students were challenged with vehicle fire investigation scenarios and worked as teams to conduct their investigations.

Thank you to all our sponsors and we also thank Keith for his many years of service in the Fire Industry.



OFFICE OF THE FIRE
COMMISSIONER

REQUESTS FOR
ASSISTANCE

258

TOTAL NUMBER OF REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

BREAKDOWN

172 STRUCTURE FIRES

75 VEHICLE FIRES

10 WILDLAND FIRES

1 EXPLOSION

OCCUPANCY TYPE

135 RESIDENTIAL

5 ASSEMBLY

5 BUSINESS & PERSONAL SERVICES

2 CARE & DETENTION

7 COMMERCIAL

4 INDUSTRIAL

69

TOTAL INJURIES REPORTED

26

FATALITIES REPORTED

WHAT'S COMING IN 2020

ELECTRICAL APPLIANCE FIRE INVESTIGATIONS

*JUNE 10-12, 2020
STRATHCONA COUNTY EMERGENCY
SERVICES HEADQUARTERS*



WILDLAND FIRE INVESTIGATIONS

*NOVEMBER 24-26, 2020
EDMONTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT -
HOLIDAY INN CONFERENCE CENTRE*

*ECT CERTIFICATIONS ALSO TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 27
- PENDING SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF APPLICANTS -*

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PHOTO CONTEST

COMING IN THE SPRING 2020
NEWSLETTER

CATEGORIES:

- BEST BURN PATTERN
- BEST VEHICLE FIRE BURN

*SUBMISSIONS TO INCLUDE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION

*WINNERS WILL BE PICKED BY THE NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

*PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNERS

*IAAI PHOTO CONTEST RULES APPLY –

WWW.FIREARSON.COM/ABOUT-IAAI/AWARDS.ASPX

SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS TO:
NEWSLETTER@FIAA.CA

SPRING 2020 NEWSLETTER

WE NEED YOU!

The FIAA is looking for article submissions to help keep our newsletter current, exciting, and reflecting the views from members throughout the province.

- Have a topic you would like to share?
- Have suggestions for content you would like to see / share?

Send you submissions to newsletter@fiaa.ca

LOOKING TO ADVERTISE?

The FIAA is accepting requests for advertising in our Spring 2020 Newsletter.

- Discounts available for FIAA Members

Send all requests to newsletter@fiaa.ca