



# 75<sup>th</sup> IAAI International Training Conference & Expo

April 7-12, 2024 • Las Vegas, NV  
Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino

*Classes are subject to change.  
Lunch provided Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.*



## Sunday, April 7th • Mezzanine

**2pm - 6pm Early Registration/Event Check-in**  
**3pm - 6pm Welcoming Reception**

### MONDAY, APRIL 8th Lunch Provided 12:00pm-1:00pm • Mezzanine

6:00am - 8:00am • Mezzanine <b>Registration/Event Check-In</b>	8:30am - 12:00pm • Celebrity 1–8 (excluding 5) <b>General Session — 75th Anniversary Opening Ceremonies</b>
1:00pm - 3:00pm • Celebrity 5 <b>Annual General Meeting</b> <i>IAAI-President Chris Van Vleet</i>	1:00pm - 5:00pm • Celebrity 1-8 (excluding 5) <b>Understanding CSST and Lightning: ATF LODD Analysis Utilizing Fire Dynamics Simulator, Fire Testing and Electronic Data Sources</b> <i>Adam St. John, Craig Matthews, Jeremy Neagle</i>

<b>Monday, April 8th</b> <b>1:00pm - 5:00pm</b>	<b>Week-long class</b> Melrose 4 <b>IAAI-Fundamentals of Fire Investigation</b> <i>Barry Grimm, Dixon Robin</i>	<b>Tuesday, April 9th</b> <b>Wednesday, April 10th</b> <b>Thursday, April 11th</b> <b>8:00am - 5:00pm</b> <b>Friday, April 12th</b> <b>8:00am - Noon</b>
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3:00pm - 3:20pm • Rotunda Area • Afternoon Break

### TUESDAY, APRIL 9th Lunch on your own 12:00pm - 1:00pm

8:00am - 12:00pm • Celebrity 1–8 (excluding 5) <b>State v. Claude F. Garrett &amp; The Application of the Scientific Method</b> <i>Stuart Bayne, Gary Haun, Candace Ashby, Deana Watson</i>
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<b>(Separate registration required)</b>	<b>Four-day class starts 8am Tuesday ends Friday at noon</b> 8:00am - 5:00pm • Melrose 3 <b>IAAI-Expert Witness Courtroom Testimony</b>
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10:00am - 10:20am • Rotunda Area • Morning Break



1:00pm - 3:00pm • Celebrity 1–8 (excluding 5) <b>Exploring the Impact of Artificial Intelligence in Insurance, Legal, and Fire Investigation: Advancements, Challenges, and Future Prospects</b> <i>Robert Toth, Glenn Gibson</i>	2:00pm - 3:00pm • Celebrity 5 <b>Panel Discussion: Preparing for IAAI Leadership</b> <i>President, 1st VP, Executive Director, Two Directors, One Past President</i>
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<b>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10th</b>			<b>EXPO DAY 7AM-5PM</b>	<i>Lunch Provided 12:00pm-1:00pm • Mezzanine</i>		
8:00am - 12:00pm • Celebrity 4 <b>The Challenges of Investigating &amp; Prosecuting a Multi-State Serial Arsonist &amp; Murderer</b> <i>Luke Coyne, C.H. Chung</i>	8:00am - 10:00am • Celebrity 6-8 <b>Potential of Smart Metering Devices in Fire and Crime Investigation</b> <i>Juha Alhainen</i>	8:00am - 10:00am • Celebrity 1-3 <b>Woman on Fire - Testing the Hypotheses</b> <i>Michael Forbes</i>	10:00am - 10:20am • Mezzanine • Morning Break			
10:20am - 12:00pm • Celebrity 6-8 <b>Lightning-Induced CSST Fire Claims &amp; Litigation</b> <i>Anthony Morrone, Lee Green, Elizabeth Buc</i>	10:20am - 12:00pm • Celebrity 1-3 <b>TBD</b>					
1:00pm - 5:00pm • Celebrity 6-8 <b>Building Confidence in Origin &amp; Cause Determinations</b> <i>Steven Avato, William "Bud" Herndon</i>	1:00pm - 5:00pm • Celebrity 4 <b>Investigating Fuel Gas Fire &amp; Explosions</b> <i>Tommy Sipsy, Richard Jones, Jr.</i>	1:00pm - 5:00pm • Celebrity 1-3 <b>An Introduction to Hybrid &amp; Electric Vehicle Fires: Investigation &amp; Analysis?</b> <i>Hernan Mercado-Corujo</i>	3:00pm - 3:20pm • Mezzanine • Afternoon Break			

<b>THURSDAY, APRIL 11th</b>			<b>EXPO DAY 7AM-12PM</b>	<i>Lunch Provided 12:00pm-1:00pm • Mezzanine</i>		
8:00am - 12:00pm • Celebrity 4 <b>Confirmation &amp; Expectation Bias: How Do You Un-Ring the Bell?</b> <i>Chris Elrod</i>	8:00am - 12:00pm • Celebrity 1-3 <b>Advanced Concepts in Self-Heating Fires: The Forensic Approach</b> <i>Laura Hernandez, Doug Byron</i>	8:00am - 12:00pm • Celebrity 6-8 <b>Insurance Claims for Fire &amp; Explosion Investigators</b> <i>Brad Gordon, Jason Mardirosian, John Foster, Daniel Jaeger, Karen Tucker</i>	10:00am - 10:20am • Mezzanine • Morning Break			
1:00pm - 4:00pm • Celebrity 6-8 <b>The Little Known Evolution of Solid Fuel Inserts &amp; Their Potential Failure Points</b> <i>Daniel Freeman</i>	1:00pm - 5:00pm • Celebrity 4 <b>Forensic Anthropology &amp; Burned Remains: Advanced Fire Fatality Scene Techniques &amp; Research</b> <i>Darren Solomon</i>	1:00pm - 5:00pm • Celebrity 1-3 <b>TBD</b>	3:00pm - 3:20pm • Rotunda Area • Afternoon Break			

<b>FRIDAY, APRIL 12th</b>		
8:00am - 12:00pm • Celebrity 6-8 <b>TBD</b>	8:00am - 12:00pm • Celebrity 4 <b>The Use of Fire Dynamics for Origin Determination</b> <i>Gregory Gorbett</i>	8:00am - 12:00pm • Celebrity 1-3 <b>Obarrio Street, Panama City, Panama Building Explosion Case Study</b> <i>Mario Ramirez, Olga Perea</i>
<b>(Separate registration required)</b>	8:00am - 12:00pm • Sunset 5 - 6 <b>IAAI-Evidence Collection Practicum</b> <i>Richard Jones, Casandra Jones</i>	

<b>EVENT SCHEDULE</b>	Tuesday, April 9th 5:30pm-6:30pm • Rotunda Cocktail Reception 6:30pm-9pm • Celebrity 1-8 IAAI Awards Banquet	 Wednesday, April 10th 7am-5pm • Mezzanine EXPO 6pm-9pm • Mezzanine IAAI Foundation Live Auction	 Thursday, April 11th 7am-12pm • Mezzanine EXPO
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