

Integrated EOD Concepts, LLC in association with the Nevada Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators present the

WILD LAND ARSON INVESTIGATION CONFERENCE 2017

WHEN
February 13-15, 2017
COST: \$325 per person

WHERE
Reno, Nevada
Silver Legacy Hotel

For more information about the conference or to register, visit **WWW.waic2017.org**



CLASS SCHEDULE

DAY 1 – Monday, February 13th

- 07:15-08:15 Final Registration and Check-In
- 08:15-08:30 Welcome and Opening Remarks
Terry Taylor/Gary Morgan
- 08:30-12:00 Wild Land Serial Arson - Mt. Shasta
Special Agent Paul Steensland
- 12:00-13:00 Lunch
- 13:00-17:00 Body Dump Arsons in the Wild Lands
Detective Ed Nordskog

DAY 2 – Tuesday, February 14th

- 08:00-10:00 Cocos Fire
DDA Shawnylse Ochoa
- 10:15-12:15 Cal Fire Major Wild Land Arsons & Murder
Captain Tom Oldag
- 12:15-13:15 Lunch
- 13:15-17:00 Operation High Desert
Alan Carlson & Paul Steensland

DAY 3 – Wednesday, February 15th

- 08:00-10:00 ELF/ALF Extremist Group Arson Attacks
Joe Konefal
- 10:15-12:30 Contra Costa Arson Series
Investigator Vic Massenkoff and DDA Devon Bell
- 12:30-13:45 Lunch
- 13:45-16:45 Steven Rutherford Serial Arsonist
Branden Smith

THE NEW NORMAL IN WILDFIRE

There are tens of thousands of wild land fires in North America each year. About twenty percent of them are criminal in nature. In the past ten years, due to climate changes, multiple years of drought, and the ever expanding encroachment of human activity into the wild lands, the tempo and scale of these fires has increased dramatically. **"Fire season"**, which had traditionally been about three to four months in duration throughout North America has now expanded to six to nine months in length. Certain western regions now experience major brush fires every month of the year.

Fire chiefs and strategists lament that the **"new normal"** is mega-fires occurring most of the year, with every fire becoming larger, more dangerous, and more costly.

Wild land arson investigation is a long-neglected aspect of the total wild fire picture. However, due to the major impact of these mega-fires, there is heavy pressure placed upon investigators to solve the criminal events. Wild land arson investigation continues to be one of the most difficult criminal investigations to undertake. While most wild land investigators possess the qualifications for processing a fire scene in the field, precious few have the training and experience to take the investigation into the next phase; linking a suspect to the event and successfully prosecuting the suspect for his crime.

This second **Wild land Arson Investigation Conference** has the goal of exposing investigators to modern investigation techniques to enhance their overall skills as criminal investigators. The speakers are all highly experienced investigators and prosecutors and will relay court-tested techniques and strategies designed to successfully solve and prosecute wild land arson cases. The more knowledge an investigator gains, the more cases that are solved, giving wild land arson prosecution its own **"new normal"**.