# Western States Training Conference

**Las Vegas, Nevada**  
**November 30-December 11, 2009**

## Law Enforcement and Fire Science Training Classes

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**Instructor:**  
**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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**December 3 & 4, 2009**  
Las Vegas, Nevada  
Register On-Line At: www.patc.com
Practical Aspects Of
Fire/Arson Fatality Fire Scene Investigation

Course Objective:
The scene of any fatality fire is itself evidence, and requires two separate but related investigations. The reports and testimony of a trained Fire Investigator, Law Enforcement Officer, Insurance Representative, and DA Investigator concerning observation and findings at a fatality fire scene is vitally important to the successful determination of the fire origin and cause and the victim’s cause of death. Improper protection of the fatality fire scene will result in the unnecessary movement of the body and the loss of physical evidence connected to the investigation.

The First Law Enforcement Officer or Firefighter to arrive at the scene of the fatality fire automatically incurs the serious and critical responsibility of securing the fire scene and must take precautions to protect the body and the scene. The body and the physical evidence in and around the fire scene are highly fragile. Once the body has been moved it can not be returned to its pre-fire position. The movement and improper handling of the fatality fire scene can destroy the indicators needed to determine the cause of death and the cause of the fire. The recommended standards for fatality fire investigations are important to follow.

The proper means of processing a fatality fire scene, photographing, diagramming, and examining the body requires specialized training. However, this is of a nature that is within every investigator’s ability to acquire. Scientific knowledge is not a prerequisite. What is required in addition to procedural knowledge, is a background on people’s behavior in a fire and what types of information the investigator might obtain from different physical material, victim position, and location.

A competent investigation of a fatality fire scene demands an understanding of basic procedures, and appreciation of the “Why” of behavior in a fire and what types of information the investigator might obtain from different physical material, victim position, and location.

This two (2) day training deals with the considerations, guidelines, and procedures that will help avoid an oversight, insure thoroughness of the fatality fire investigation and to comply with requirements that may bear on the outcome of the investigation.

The Purpose Of This Course:
The purpose of this course of training is to provide Fire Investigators, Law Enforcement Officers, Insurance Investigators, and DA Investigators with an in-depth course on the Investigation of Fatality Fires.

Upon Successful Completion:
Attendees will have been provided the skills and knowledge to:
• Determine The Proper Sequence For Investigating Fatality Fires
• Establish Scene Security And Accountability
• Document The Location Of The Fatality
• Explain The Importance Of The Fire Victim’s Locations, Position, And Appearance
• Know The Two Types Of Investigations Required In A Fatality Fire
• List Methods For Identifying The Victim

Seminar Agenda
Practical Aspects Of
Fire/Arson Fatality Fire Scene Investigation

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Thursday, December 3, 2009
8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Registration
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Introduction Of Students & Instructor
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Fire Investigation Overview
• Scientific Methodology
• Basic Methodology For Fire Scene Investigations
• Investigator Safety
• Scene Preservation
10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Death Scene Considerations
• Body & Evidence Preservation & Recovery
• Moving The Body
• Evidence Collection
• Crime Concealment
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch (On Your Own)
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Pathological & Toxicological Examinations
• Carbon Monoxide & Other Toxic Gases
• Smoke & Soot Exposure
• Postmortem vs. Antemortem Burns
• Body Consumption By Fire
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Fundamental Issues Of Death Investigations
• Remains Identification
• Cause & Manner Of Death
• Victim Activity
• Postmortem Changes

Friday, December 4, 2009
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Mechanisms Of Death
• Carbon Monoxide
• Thermal Effects
• Hyposia
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Explosion Related Injuries
10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Fire Scene Examinations
• Furnishings
• Ignition Sources
• Diagram Of Burn Injuries
11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch (On Your Own)
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Scene Documentation
• Photographs
• Diagramming
• Legal Issues
• Legal Considerations
• Burdens Of Proof
• Right Of Entry & Search
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Sources Of Information
• Governmental
• Web Sites
4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Questions and Answers, Test
4:30 p.m. Certificate Presentation

Seminar Title: Fire/Arson Fatality Fire Scene Investigation
Instructor: Vickie Schaefer
Seminar When: December 3 & 4, 2009
Registration Time: 8:00 A.M. (December 3, 2009)
Seminar Location: Palace Station
2411 West Sahara Avenue
Las Vegas, Nevada 89102
1-800-634-3101
$49.99 Plus $5.40 Sun.-Thurs. Tower Rooms
$69.99 Plus $5.40 Fri. & Sat. Tower Rooms
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Note: $5.40 Service Fee Per Night (Includes Transportation To and From Airport, Shuttle to Strip, and workout center.)
Registration Fee: $275.00 Includes Hand-outs, Practical Aspects of Fire/Arson Fatality Fire Scene Investigation Manual, Coffee Breaks, and Certificate of Completion.

Names of Attendees

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