

July, 2005

Dear Members:

I just want to take a few minutes to bring you up to speed on the items that your Board of Directors has been working on. The Training and Education Committee have been working very hard at setting up the 2 mandated conferences. The first conference is the Mid-Year and this will be held on September 28, 2005 at the Holiday Inn Rte. 46 in Totowa, NJ. The topics for this conference are Forensic Pathology/Fire Victims in the morning and What's Burning in New Jersey in the afternoon followed by the Mid-year meeting.

The second major conference is the Annual in Atlantic City, NJ on March 8-10 2006. This conference will be a dual track conference with either a fire side for appliances or an Explosives side. This will allow all attendees the ability to choose which area they want to attend. The first day is a classroom setting, with the second day of hands on training. This training will either be fire scenes or explosives training at the FAA tech Center. We have attempted to keep the cost as close to last years as possible.

The training and education is setting up several one day seminars that will be held at the Middlesex County Fire Academy. The first one day seminar is scheduled for November 16, 2005 and covers Forensics' and how they can be used as evidence.

The applications for the above listed conferences and seminar are attached to this letter. Please take the time to complete then and return them as soon as possible so that we can plan our programs.

The September South Region meeting is set for Thursday 9/15/05 1:00 PM in Wildwood at the Delta Lady; all members are invited to attend. The chapter covers the cost of the 2 hour boat ride and refreshments while on the boat. We have a short business meeting and then enjoy a nice outing with our members and friends. If you plan on attending please notify one of the Southern Directors or Vice-President so that we make the proper arrangements with the boat captain.

The Membership Chairman Bill Rieger has been in constant contact with the International Office and several problems have been corrected. A new application has been created to make dual new or renewal memberships easier for the members. This application can be downloaded either on the International or Chapter web site.

I want to wish all of you and your family's a safe and enjoyable summer. I hope to see you either in Wildwood on the boat or at the mid-year seminar in Totowa.

Respectfully;

Paul J. Boerner
President