



# Vermont Chapter

International Association of Arson Investigators

**DATES: JUNE 5 & 6, 2025, (THU & FRI)**

## REGISTRATION PROGRAM FEES

**\$150 Fee** which covers the cost of the two days of training and your annual membership to the VT IAAI. If you are interested in attending only one day the cost is **\$75** for that day.

A catered lunch on both days is provided, as well as breakfast on Friday, June 6th, are included with your two-day registration fee. At the end of Thursday's training, we will have our annual meeting and awards banquet. Dinner on the evening of June 5<sup>th</sup> will be provided by the VT IAAI.

<http://www.vermontiaai.org/training.html>

to pay on-line

*The Vermont Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators is dedicated to improving the professional development of fire and explosion investigators.*

*We strive to improve the quality of fire investigations by being Vermont's principal resource for fire investigation training, technology and scientific research.*

*Ongoing professional development is critical for IAAI Members to stay current with NFPA 1033 and NFPA 921*

Please plan to join us for our Annual Training and Chapter Meeting On June 5 and 6, 2025, at the Stoweflake Mountain Resort & Spa in scenic Stowe, VT (1746 Mountain Road, Stowe, VT 05672)

Reconnect with your colleagues, network, and make new business contacts. Attendance is limited to 50 people and is on a first come, first served basis. Please register early so you don't miss out on this incredible training opportunity.

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE / AGENDA

**Registration – 7:30AM to 8:30AM**

Opening Remarks by VT IAAI President Todd Ambroz

**6/5/25 - Day 1 All Day Session – 8:30AM to Noon, 1PM to 5PM**

**Marine Vessel/Boat Fire Investigations:** Presented by Adam Holloway, a Forensic Fire Investigator for Traveler's Insurance. This topic will cover Fire Investigation 101, Nautical Terminology, NFPA 921 Chapter 29 basics, boat systems, vessel sinking and recovery, Electrical & Mechanical Systems found on vessels, and case studies along with videos. Adam is employed by Travelers as a Director within its Fire Investigation Unit conducting origin and cause investigations throughout the country, specializing in vessel and marina fires. Mr. Holloway has been conducting fire investigations for the insurance industry since 2005; specifically with Travelers Fire Investigation Team since 2008. He is a Certified Fire Investigator (CFI) through the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI) and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Fire, Arson and Explosion Investigation from Eastern Kentucky University. To date, he has conducted 85 test burns of vessels for research and training purposes.

**Lunch provided by VT IAAI 12:00-1PM**

**Annual Meeting and Awards – 5:30PM to 7PM**

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**6/6/25 - Breakfast provided by VT IAAI 7:30AM - 8:30AM**

**6/6/25 - Day 2 Morning Session – 08:30AM – 12:30PM**

**Investigations of Electrical Appliance Fires, HVAC Equipment Fires & Failures, and Waste Oil Heaters and Refrigerants:** Presented by Dr. Mark Majewski & Paul Mullin, of Envista Forensics. Mark and Paul will cover the aforementioned topics with their years of experience and expertise in mechanical engineering. Waste oil heaters are very common in VT, and we have seen numerous fires involving them in the past few years. This 4-hour class is designed for us to ask as many questions as possible on these appliances/heaters and gain insight into narrowing our focus when these items are present.

**Lunch provided by VT IAAI 12:30 -1:30PM**

**6/6/25 – Day 2 Afternoon – 1:30PM – 4PM**

**Case Study of the Stowe Serial Arsonist Fires:** Presented by Todd Ambroz. This class will outline 15 of the intentionally set fires that plagued the Town of Stowe, VT between 2014 and 2021. It will showcase the numerous agencies and personnel that were involved, the countless interviews, surveillance, legal struggles, and extraordinary work that went into this lengthy investigation which ultimately ended in the arrest of one suspect.

(see details below for annual photography contest and room reservations)



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**4th Annual Photography Contest:** The three categories for 2025 are: **1. Electrical Fires** - any fires caused by electricity, including lightning **2. Teamwork** - any investigation where your photo captures the spirit of working together as a team. **3. “The Art of Reconstruction”** - This will consist of a "before" the fire debris was excavated picture, and “after” the fire debris was excavated photograph that highlights the importance of reconstruction. All Participants may submit two photographs for each category by email to me at [VermontIAAI@gmail.com](mailto:VermontIAAI@gmail.com) by May 30th, 2025, NLT 11:59 PM. The two-photograph limit per category will give each person two separate entries to win that particular category. The guidelines are: Two separate pictures per category per person, photo must be taken by YOU within the last 5 years, and none of the pictures submitted have won any other IAAI photography contests. Please have your name, category, and the date the photo was taken in your email. Each picture should have a brief description how it relates to the specific category it is submitted for. All photographs will be categorized and placed on computer display during the seminar so all those in attendance may cast a vote for the best one. A \$100 gift certificate to Home Depot and 1st place certificate along with bragging rights will go to the winner of each category.

The 3rd Annual Fire Scene Preservation contest is being held to recognize fire departments throughout the state who have gone above and beyond to preserve a fire scene by limiting overhaul, recognizing the importance of fire scene reconstruction, and although they are able to extinguish the blaze, they do so in a manner that makes the art of fire investigation much easier. If you know of any fire department in the State of Vermont who has shown these skills within the last year (April 15, 2024 to April 15, 2025), please email Todd Ambroz [VermontIAAI@gmail.com](mailto:VermontIAAI@gmail.com) with the name of the fire department, the Fire Officer who was responsible for the fire scene, and any photographs that support your nomination No Later Than April 25, 2025. Once all submissions are in the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and board of directors, will review them and decide on who will be receiving the award at our annual dinner on the eve of June 5th, 2025.

Lastly in the awards category: All nominations for Fire Investigator of the Year (4/15/24 through 4/15/25) needs to be submitted to Jeff Campbell NLT than April 25, 2025, at 11:59 PM - [jcampbell@warrenvt.org](mailto:jcampbell@warrenvt.org) . If you need assistance with submitting a name, please see Bob Patterson, Jeff Campbell, David Shaw, Aaron Collette, or Matt Hill.

Also, in accordance with Article 3, section 7 of the VT IAAI by-laws, the President must nominate three members to be part of a nominating committee for upcoming vacancies for any board members 2-months prior to the chapter’s annual meeting. The two-year terms for President (Todd Ambroz) and Vice President (Paul Cerutti) positions are open for election. Also, the three-year terms for the Board of Directors (Stan Baranowski and Tim Angell) are open for elections on June 5th, 2025. If you or anyone wishes to nominate a chapter member for any of these vacancies, please email, call, text, or verbally state your nomination to the following VT IAAI members: Todd Ambroz, Paul Cerutti, Robert Patterson, Clark Lombardi, Richard Jones, or Jeff Campbell.

## Lodging Information

Anyone requiring lodging the night before the seminar (6/4/25) or the night of the event (6/5/25), there has been a block of rooms set aside at the Stoweflake Resort for the VT IAAI at special rates. The address and phone number are:

Stoweflake Mtn Resort & Spa  
1746 Mountain Rd, Stowe, VT 05672  
**Phone:** 1-800-253-2232

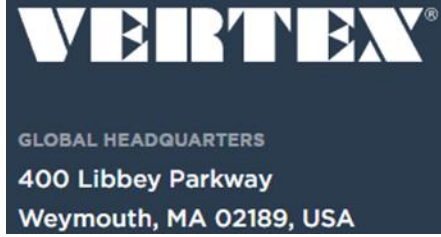
OR Use the link provided below to reserve a room at the discounted IAAI rate:

<https://reservations.stoweflake.com/book/dates-of-stay?groupID=4609779&hotelID=98785>

Please note these rooms fill up quickly and the IAAI seminar discounted rate is only good until May 4th, 2025. So please make sure to reserve a room as soon as possible and before **May 4th, 2025.**

This seminar is limited to **50 people total** and is on a first-come, first-served basis. Please make sure to sign up early so you don’t miss out on some incredible fire investigation topics. If you wish to register for the seminar by using a check or cash, please email Todd Ambroz and Nick Haslam (Treasurer) directly at [VermontIAAI@gmail.com](mailto:VermontIAAI@gmail.com) and we will assist you in the process.

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