



Vermont Chapter

International Association of Arson Investigators

DATES: JUNE 6 & 7, 2024, (THU & FRI)

REGISTRATION PROGRAM FEES

\$175 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 **\$100** for that day.

A catered lunch on both days is provided, as well as breakfast on Friday, June 7th, are included with your two-day registration fee. At the end of Thursday's training, we will have our annual meeting. Dinner on the evening of June 6th will be at your own expense after our annual meeting.

<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 6 and 7, 2024, at the Killington Grand Hotel in scenic Killington, VT

We will be presenting a variety of fire investigation topics. 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

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**6/6/23 - Day 1 Morning Session – 8:30AM to Noon**

**Small Appliance Fires and the Benefits of Using Exemplars:** Presented by Mike Stoddard and Jeremiah Pratt of Genesis Forensics from Sutton, MA. This topic will cover investigating small appliance fires and how to utilize exemplars in determining the origin and cause of the fire and being able to provide a visual representation and comparison of the burned appliance.

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

**6/1/23 - Day 1 Afternoon Session 1PM – 5PM**

**Continuation of Small Appliance Fires and the Benefits of Using Exemplars:**

**Annual Meeting and Awards – 5PM to 6:30PM**

**6/2/23 - Day 2 Morning**

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

**6/2/23 - Day 2 Morning & Afternoon Session – 08:30AM - 4:30PM**

**Fatal Fire Investigations and the Effects of Fire on the Human Body:** Presented by Doctor Elayne Pope of Fatal Fire Forensics, LLC from Knoxville, TN ([www.burnedbone.com](http://www.burnedbone.com)). This class will cover the how fire effects the human body, fatal fire case review and examinations, burn pattern analysis, skeletal trauma analysis, expert witness and testimony, and identification of fragmentary burned bone (human vs. non-human/non-bone). Dr. Pope has been an instructor for numerous IAAI state chapter conferences since 2002 and has testified as an expert witness in criminal state court cases since 2004. She is a premier expert in Fatal Fire Forensics, and we are incredibly excited to have her with us.

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

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



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**3rd Annual Photography Contest:** The three categories for 2024 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 [jumpmasterTA@gmail.com](mailto:jumpmasterTA@gmail.com) by May 30th, 2024, 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 can 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 2024), please email Todd Ambroz ([jumpmasterTA@gmail.com](mailto:jumpmasterTA@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 15, 2024. 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 6th, 2024.

Lastly in the awards category: All nominations for Fire Investigator of the Year (4/15/23 through 4/15/24) needs to be submitted to Jeff Campbell NLT than April 15, 2024, 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 three-year terms for the Board of Directors (Bob Patterson and Clark Lombardi) are open for elections on June 6th, 2024. 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: Stan Baranowski, Tim Angell, Richard Jones, or Jeff Campbell. The list of nominees will be posted to the Vermont IAAI website 10 days prior to the annual meeting, and will be stated again on June 6th, 2024, at the annual meeting.

## Lodging Information

For anyone requiring lodging either the night before (6/5/24) or the night of the event (6/6/24), there has been a block of rooms set aside at the Killington Grand Hotel and Conference Center for the VT IAAI at special rates. The address and phone number are:

Killington Grand Resort  
228 E Mountain Rd, Killington, VT 05751  
**Phone:** 1-800-282-9955

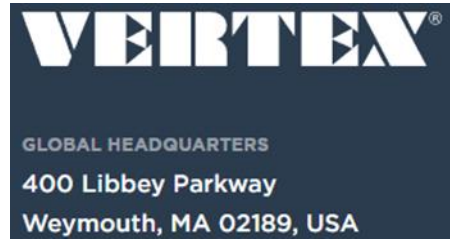
OR Use the link provided below to reserve a room at the discounted IAAI rate:

<https://www.bookkillington.com/#/room?group=35i6y9&checkin=6%2F5%2F2024&checkout=6%2F7%2F2024>

Please note these rooms fill up quickly and the IAAI seminar discounted rate is only good until May 5th, 2024, according to the Killington Grand Hotel policy. So please make sure to reserve a room as soon as possible and before **May 5th, 2024.**

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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