

**PROFESSIONAL FIRE & FRAUD
INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION
356 Melaleuca Dr.
Springfield, MO 65809**

**59th Annual
Fire and Fraud
Investigators
Professional
Development Symposium
Sept. 25-27, 2026
Lake Ozark, MO**





The 59th Annual Professional Fire and Fraud Investigators Professional Development Symposium will be held Sept. 25-27, 2026 at the Camden on the Lake Resort, Lake Ozark, Missouri.

TRAINING CREDITS

Training hours from this seminar can be applied to the recertification requirements of the Missouri Division of Fire Safety Fire Investigator Certification program. **A total of 12 hours of continuing education is scheduled.** Attendance will be monitored and is required to receive a certificate for these hours.

Selected hours from this seminar can also be applied to the continuing education requirements for peace officer certification in Missouri. PFFIA has applied for approval from POST for hours at this symposium. **POST requires individuals to submit their POST officer license number when signing in for approved CEU's.**

SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION

PFFIA members: \$125 Nonmembers: \$150

Preregistration must be received by Sept. 15, 2026. *Walk-in registration will be accepted at the seminar.*

Registration includes lunch on Saturday.



SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION



PLEASE PRINT All Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Representing: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

September 25-27, 2026

PFFIA member: \$125

Nonmember: \$150

*Payment must accompany registration.
Make checks payable to P.F.F.I.A.*

To use a credit card, contact
Bill.Zieres@gmail.com

Mail registration to:

PFFIA Training Symposium
356 Melaleuca Dr.
Springfield, MO 65809

Symposium Speakers

Steve Riggs

Steve Riggs retired after 22 years of law enforcement and fire service experience in Oklahoma.

Steve started examining fire scenes in 1975. After retiring from the public service role, Steve started teaching nationally at PATC.

He holds a bachelor's degree in emergency management and has received extensive training in fire cause determination, criminal investigations, arson investigation, evidence processing, interviewing techniques, and case management.

Steve is a certified police instructor through training at Oklahoma Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training. Steve is a Certified Fire instructor through National Association of Fire Investigators. He is a Certified Fire Investigator through IAAI, Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator and Certified Vehicle Fire Investigator through National Association of Fire Investigators. Steve is on the Board of Directors for the National Association of Fire Investigators.

Chad Hildebrand, NAFI-CFEI, IAAI-FIT, MO-CFI

Chad has dedicated the past nine years to the Missouri Division of Fire Safety's Fire Investigation and Explosives Enforcement Unit.

In 2022, he was promoted to the rank of Captain, where he oversees one of two investigative squads and manages the explosive enforcement program.

Chad has extensive experience in fire service, law enforcement, and emergency medical services. His roles have included firefighter, company officer, training officer, patrol deputy, and detective. Chad holds multiple certifications in fire service and is a certified crime scene investigator. He attended Drury University in Springfield and State Fair Community College in Sedalia.

Conference Lodging

**Camden on the Lake Resort
2359 Bittersweet
Lake Ozark, MO 65049**

Reservations may be made by calling
(573) 365-5620. **Use Group Number: FFIA0926**

Reservations by attendees must be received before
Sunday, August 24, 2026 for the Conference rate.

Rooms are a King Suite with king beds at a
conference rate of \$185 per night. A limited number
of rooms are available at this rate.

Recognize A Deserving Individual

The Harry Hanson Award recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution toward advancing fire investigation in the State of Missouri.

The Prosecutor of the Year recognizes individuals who realize the impact arson can have in the community and have worked to bring those responsible for the act of arson to justice.

Please download and mail in our award nomination form at PFFIA.COM for someone you think is worthy of this honor.

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION

The Annual Meeting and Election of Officers will be held at 12:00 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, 2026 during the Symposium.



SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM



Friday, September 25, 2026

6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Registration

Saturday, Sept. 26, 2026

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Registration

8:00 a.m. Investigating Electrical Fires
Instructor Steve Riggs

12:00 p.m. Networking Lunch provided
*Annual Association
Membership Meeting
and Election*

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Investigating Electrical
Fires and Practical
Exercise



SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM



Sunday, September 27, 2026

8 a.m. AI in Fire Investigations
Instructor Chad Hildebrand

10:00 a.m. Review of NFPA 1321
Instructor Chad Hildebrand

12:00 p.m. Symposium Concludes

