

Minutes of March 12, 2008

Next Meeting: April 9, 2008

Program: Fire Scene Reconstruction

Location: **Salvation Army 8354 W. Foster Av. Norridge, IL 60706 (NE corner of Cumberland and Foster)**

Time: 0900

President Kushner opened the meeting at 0920 hrs.

?? Welcome to all members, new and old.

?? A motion was made, and 2<sup>nd</sup>, to accept the February Minutes. The motion passed.

?? A motion was made, and 2<sup>nd</sup>, to accept the Treasurers Report. The motion passed. A full copy of the report is available on our website.

?? Over 120 members were in attendance. That's twice as many as attended last years March meeting.

?? A moment of silence was held for all of our troops who have lost their lives in service to our country. (Note: As of now 4000 service personnel have made the ultimate sacrifice.)

?? Nominations for the Harry P. Schaefer Award need to be turned in to a board member by the April Executive Board meeting, Tuesday April 1, so that we have time to select a worthy recipient. All board members e-mail addresses are on the web site.

?? We will present the Schaefer Award at the May seminar.

?? **Fires:** Lake Barrington had a fire that was classified as a murder. Wilmette had two fires; one was a Box Alarm caused by a furnace. The second fire was caused by workers who were welding.

Once again we needed a last minute speaker and once again we were fortunate enough to have another excellent instructor step up to the podium. Our presentation was on Data Preservation, Data Recovery & Video Enhancement/Clarification and was given by Mikey Minor, Director of Consulting, for TechLoss Consultants, Inc.

To summarize just part of Mikey's presentation: Deleted information is always still there.

Information can be recovered from drives that have been in fires, underwater, hit by lightning and worse. Even information that someone believes is "erased" is still really there only covered over. It just becomes a matter of "uncovering" the data.

When seeking technical assistance to find data, have as much information as possible about what you are trying to recover; was it a financial file, was it an e-mail or a document. Other information that you should try to obtain is; was the unit on at the time of the damage, was there power to the unit, was it subject to impact, has anyone tried to turn the unit back on. This is information that will assist the technician. **Do not turn the unit on!** If the computer is off, leave it off. Get the unit out of the hazardous environment as quickly as possible and get it to a recovery specialist.

Our thanks to Mikey and to TechLoss for this informative presentation. TechLoss is located in Buffalo Grove and can be reached at 1-877-techloss (832-4567) or 1-847-541-2250.

We hope to see all of you in April. Enjoy spring break and for those that celebrate Easter we hope you had a wonderful holiday.

Respectfully Submitted,  
John T. Gilleran  
Secretary F.I.S.F.