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Minutes of May 19, 2010

Next Meeting: June 9, 2010

Program: CCSO Explosives Recognition

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

Time: 0900

President Kushner opened the meeting at 0830

- A moment of silence was held for all of our soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.
- A motion was made, and 2nd, to accept the April minutes. The motion passed.
- A motion was made, and 2nd, to accept the Treasurers Report. The motion passed. A copy of the report is available on our web site.
- President Kushner thanked all of the board members for their work.
- Over 170 members were in attendance. We hope to continue seeing all of you.

The Harry P. Schaefer Award was presented to Assistant Fire Marshal Ronald Opalecky of the Cicero Fire Department. Cicero Fire Marshal George Gregory nominated Opalecky for his work on a number of fire and arson cases including the recent case that involved seven fatalities. Our congratulations to Ron on a well-deserved recognition of his hard work.

Our speaker was Carl DeLeo of Fire Insight Inc. Carl started off the presentation by having myself and Vice President Stan Grygiel stage an argument in the back of the room. Carl then asked attendees to describe what they saw or heard. It was a good way to show everyone that when witnesses give different information they may not be lying, they just perceived what happened differently than someone else. (Stan and I must have done a better job at acting than we thought; we had people come up to us during the break and express their dismay that we would interrupt the meeting. To those folks who did not realize that our altercation was part of the class, I apologize.)

Carl continued with his presentation by reminding everyone about the skills involved in good communication; especially that listening is 95% of communication. Carl also explained that it is better to lead with simple questions first and save the stressful questions for later in the interview. Don't challenge a person's inconsistent stories, let them talk. Tell the person being interviewed not to delete or omit anything; you will determine what is important. Tell them not to guess or fabricate information, just have them tell you what they saw or heard. Don't forget to use silence as an aid; people will feel the need to fill in the conversation if you remain silent.

Our thanks to Carl for taking the time to come and give his presentation to our organization. Carl can be reached at: fireinsightinc@comcast.net, fireinsight.com, or (630) 814-9000

I would also like to express our thanks to Duke Realty Corporation and Michael G. Lisula, Senior Property Manager, for their continued support of our organization. Duke allows us to use the room for our seminars free of charge. We would never be able to keep our costs as low as we do if we had to pay the fee that is normally charged for this facility. So again, our deepest gratitude to Duke and all of their personnel who assist us at our seminars.

Respectfully submitted,
John Gilleran
Secretary F.I.S.F

