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Minutes of September 9, 2009

Next Meeting: October 21, 2009

Program: Seminar; Geographic Profiling

Location: **Riverway Office Complex, 6133 River Rd. Rosemont, IL**

Time: 0800-0830 (Registration)

Meeting opened at 0920

- ?? A moment of silence was held for our friends and family who have passed away.
- ?? 77 members were in attendance. It was good to see all of you after the summer.
- ?? Please remember to register for the fall seminar at our website.
- ?? **Important note:** The November meeting will be on our normal date and location. November 11 at the Salvation Army. Sorry for any confusion that may have been caused by the dates being changed on our website. There was an opportunity for an outside instructor to come and speak with us but we weren't able to work out the logistics.
- ?? Due to President Kushner and Vice-President Grygiel being unable to attend the meeting, and the uncertainty of the availability of other elected board members, Dan Zerfass, of the training committee, stepped in to open the meeting. Our thanks to Dan

Our first speaker was Ken Volkening, President of Fox Valley Fire & Safety. Ken emphasized that the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) is who sets the Codes & Standards for a particular village, town, etc. Ken also mentioned how different types of fire alarm panels may have different access codes and passwords; so it is important to get the fire alarm contractor in on your investigation early so they can assist you. They can look-up information and history that you can not see. Ken spoke of how an alarm in "Supervisory" is not a true alarm but is more significant than an alarm in "Trouble". "Supervisory" may indicate a valve has been compromised, or a fire pump failure has occurred, as well as other important issues.

Our second speaker was Keith Hohns. Keith is a member of the Lake Zurich Fire Department who has worked as an alarm technician for many years on his days off duty. Keith has spoken to our group before and as always he was very informative. Keith also told us how important it is to involve the alarm company early in the investigation as they can give a lot of data as to how the alarm was received and other valuable information.

Our Thanks to Ken and Keith for taking the time to speak to our group; we could not continue to provide training if it weren't for individuals like them.

On a side note: Let us never forget the sacrifice of the 343 members of the FDNY, 23 members of the NYPD and 37 members of the New York Port Authority PD. They saved

the lives of thousands. Let us also always remember the 33 passengers and 7 crewmembers on United Flight 93. These everyday ordinary people prevented another jetliner from being used as a murder weapon. They are all heroes in the truest sense of the word.

Never Forget Means Never Forget!

Respectfully submitted,
John Gilleran
Secretary FISF