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Minutes of October 21, 2009

Next Meeting: November 11, 2009

Program: Fires in Manufactured Homes

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 hrs.

- ?? A moment of silence was held for Stu Trock, retired captain of the Skokie Civil Defense and for Glenn Strebel, retired lieutenant from the Barrington Fire Protection District and part-time East Dundee police officer. Also in your prayers please remember Rob Geniesse, brother of Buffalo Grove firefighter Gerry Geniesse and Palatine Rural firefighter Joe Geniesse. Rob passed away unexpectedly earlier this month. Our sympathies to all of the families of these men.
- ?? A motion was made, and 2nd, to accept the September Minutes. The motion passed.
- ?? A motion was made, and 2nd, to accept the Treasurers Report. The motion passed. A full copy of the report is available on our website.
- ?? Over 140 members were in attendance.
- ?? Please remember to bring any gently used clothing, which you might be looking to give away, to our November meeting. Our friends from the Salvation Army will put them to good use; coats would especially be appreciated.
- ?? If you have in your possession, or know of, any security camera or surveillance videos of car fires please contact Bob Murbach of IACAP.
- ?? **Fires:** The woman who planted an incendiary device in the Food for Less in Elk Grove Village was convicted of the crime and received a sentence of 6 to 10 years. A job-well-done by all of those involved.
- ?? An incendiary device was found in a grocery store in Palatine. **Note:** There has been an arrest in the Palatine case.

Our speaker was Special Agent Rhonda Trahern of the Federal Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (BATF). Agent Trahern works in the National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime (NCAVC).

Rhonda gave presentations on Geographic Aspects of Crime, Profiling Concepts, and Filicide by Fire. (Filicide is the murder of a child under 18 years of age by a parent.) It is not possible for me to do justice to Rhonda's excellent presentations in the confines of our minutes. Suffice it to say that if you were not able to attend you missed a great opportunity to increase your knowledge on different aspects of our field. I have been a member of the Strike Force for almost 20 years and I believe Agent Trahern was one of the best instructors we have ever had speak to our group.

Our thanks to Agent Trahern, and to the BATF, for taking the time to come to and speak to our members.

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