



OHIO INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION

The Professional Association for State Investigators

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NEWSLETTER

-- March 2008 Issue --

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

-- By Steve Schierholt --

Members:

The 4th annual OIA/CFE Investigator and Fraud Examiner Training Conference was held on February 8, 2008. By all accounts, and based in large part on the written evaluations, the conference was a great success. The quality and attendance level of this training conference is a tribute to the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners and to the OIA. I would like to thank our members who worked so hard on this project, particularly, Mark Levy, David Crawford, and Kendra Hout; thank you.

We believe we have an interesting, and as it turns out timely, presentation for you at our March meeting. Registrar Mike Rankin of the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, along with Investigator Darren Lucas, will be addressing Combating Identity Theft and fraudulent identification documents.

A busy spring training schedule continues with the Association of Inspectors General training conference, April 23-25, followed by the Auditors Emerging Trends in Fraud Investigation and Prevention conference, May 13-14. Please visit the OIA website for registration information, <http://oia.homestead.com/oia.html>. The Association of Inspectors General conference is offering a special 1-day rate for all OIA members.

The public expects and shrinking tax dollars demand efficient and collaborative investigations. The networking opportunities and lessons presented during these conferences and our monthly meetings provide our members with tools to achieve individual as well as organizational goals in such a manner. I urge you to take advantage of these opportunities. If you know someone who would benefit from membership, please bring them to the meeting. Our annual 2-for-1 meeting will be held on May 28, 2008. Members are encouraged to bring a non-member to the May meeting. As a thank you, OIA will pay for their lunch! Membership renewal is upon us- please send your application and \$20 dues by March 31st so that your information will appear in the 2008 Membership Directory.

See you on March 26th.
Steve

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

-- OIA MEETING DATES 2008 --

March	26 th	
May	28 th	(2-for-1 lunch special)
July	23 rd	
September	24 th	
November	5 th	
December	12 th	(Holiday Banquet)

TRAINING EVENT!

*Association of Inspectors General
Spring Conference:*

The Office of the Inspector General is hosting the 2008 Spring Conference. The Conference will be held at the Hyatt Capital Square, April 23-25, 2008, and will afford attendees numerous training and Continuing Education hours. Members of the OIA can take advantage of a one-day special- April 24th- only \$100! (total conference cost is \$300 for non-AIG members).

So, please mark your calendars and plan to attend. For more information on this and other training opportunities, please see the OIA web site at <http://oia.homestead.com/oia.html>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 21-22, Indiana Association of Private Investigators Annual Conference

May 13-14, Auditor's Conference on Emerging Trends in Fraud

Visit the OIA website for more information

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SURVEY & MEMBER INPUT

Please take a few moments to answer the 6 questions below then email your answers to

Steve Schierholt at

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You're also welcome to bring the completed survey to the March meeting.

1. How long have you been a member of the OIA?
 - a. less than one year
 - b. 1-2 years
 - c. 3-5 years
 - d. more than 5 years
2. How often do you attend OIA meetings?
 - a. never
 - b. seldom
 - c. half
 - d. most
 - e. all
3. If you attend half or fewer of the meetings, why?
 - a. times inconvenient
 - b. day inconvenient
 - c. location inconvenient
 - d. lack of interest
 - e. other [please explain]
4. Do you have any suggestions for improving the meetings?
5. Do you have any suggestions for additional training and/or Continuing Education opportunities?
6. Do you have any suggestions for additional services or resources that would enhance the value of your OIA membership?

Identity Theft Information

US Department of Justice information pertaining to Identity Theft and Identity Fraud can be found at this link:

<http://www.usdoj.gov/criminal/fraud/web/sites/idtheft.html>

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