

OHIO INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION

The Professional Association for State Investigators

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NEWSLETTER

-- September Issue --

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

-- By Kelli Coleman DelGuzzo --

Members:

It was nice to see those of you who attended the May meeting. Thank you to Gary Croft and staff for sharing their experiences as investigators for the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction.

Our next meeting will be held on September 27, 2006, featuring Tom Huston from the State Fire Marshal's office. Be prepared for an exciting presentation and display of several improvised explosive devices.

I recently updated the OIA website, <http://www.oia.homestead.com/oia.html>, to reflect some new training information, links and more. The AG's Law Enforcement Conference is scheduled for October 26 & 27 and there is an interesting cyber-crimes conference in Cleveland October 30th-November 1st. My Co-worker and I attended the Southwest Super Conference in Texas, August 24-26. We participated in a full day workshop entitled "Internet Investigation" with Cynthia Hetherington. The information we received has been very valuable in our day-to-day responsibilities as regulatory investigators. Ms. Hetherington will be presenting at the cyber-crimes conference that I mentioned above, so if you use the computer regularly in your job, you might want to check it out.

We are currently accepting nominations for Investigator of the Year. If you know someone worthy of a nomination, please email me at kelli.coleman@exchange.state.oh.us. We will be accepting nominations until November 10th, 2006. The winner will be announced at the Annual Holiday Awards Banquet on December 8th, 2006.

Speaking of the banquet, Early Bird tickets will be sold during the September meeting for \$15, which is a \$5 discount. (Adult tickets are \$20) The ticket entitles you to one free drink from the bar as well as admission to the cocktail hour and buffet dinner. Early Bird tickets will only be sold at the meeting, so plan to buy your tickets there. If you miss the Early Bird event, tickets will be on sale at the November meeting and at the door. You can always stop by my office or contact me if you'd like to make other arrangements to purchase tickets. All tickets are non-refundable.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

-- OIA MEETING DATES 2006 --

September	27 th
November	8 th
December	8 th (Holiday Banquet)

February	9 th 2007 (OIA + ACFE training)

BUY YOUR BANQUET TICKETS NOW

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INVESTIGATOR OF THE YEAR ~ NOMINATIONS ~

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~ Last year's Award winner Joseph Montgomery

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AGENCY PROFILE



U.S. Department of Labor

Employee Benefits Security Administration

The Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) oversees approximately 700,000 pension plans with nearly \$5 trillion in assets and another 6 million health and welfare benefits plans. The agency is responsible for the administration and enforcement of Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

The EBSA protects the integrity of pensions, health plans, and other employee benefits for more than 150 million people.

The EBSA's mission is to:

1. Assist workers in getting the information they need to exercise their benefit rights.
2. Assist plan officials to understand the requirements of the relevant statutes in order to meet their legal responsibilities.
3. Develop policies and regulations that encourage the growth of employment-based benefits.
4. Deter and correct violations of the relevant statutes through strong administrative, civil and criminal enforcement efforts to ensure workers receive promised benefits.

For more information on the EBSA, go to www.dol.gov/ebsa.

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NOTE: Please contact any OIA Officer or Chair if you would like more details about getting involved as an OIA committee member.