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The Professional Association for State Investigators

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NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

-- By Steve Schierholt --

Members:

I hope your summer is off to a good start. I look forward to seeing you at our July meeting, which promises to be very interesting. Frank Lockhart from the Technical Operations Unit of BCI will be presenting technical surveillance and recording equipment that would be affordable and beneficial to smaller and perhaps administrative agencies.

The Ohio Investigators Association is once again serving as a sponsor of the Ohio Attorney General's Law Enforcement Conference, which will be held October 5th-7th at the Hyatt Regency hotel in Columbus. This conference historically has featured first-rate speakers, and offers as many networking opportunities as educational opportunities.

See you next week,
Steve

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

-- OIA MEETING DATES 2008 --

July	23 rd	
September	24 th	
November	5 th	
December	12 th	(Holiday Banquet)

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For more information about the Attorney General's Law Enforcement Conference

2008, visit:

<http://www.ag.state.oh.us/events.asp>



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2008 Emerging Trends in Fraud

Investigation and Prevention Conference

For the past nine years, the Ohio Auditor of State has partnered with a number of sponsors to produce one of the nation's premier anti-fraud conferences. The Emerging Trends in Fraud Investigation and Prevention Conference took place May 13 - 14 at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Columbus. The event was a huge success with nearly 600 people trained in fraud deterrence and detection techniques.

The conference's keynote speakers offered educational and entertaining lunchtime discussions. Retired FBI profiler Dr. James T. Reese delivered a unique motivational speech on the importance of a positive attitude. Assistant U.S. Attorney David DeVillers spoke regarding his work in Iraq. He described his personal involvement in the trial against Sadaam Hussein for the persecution of the Kurdish people. His presentation was complete with photos and stories highlighting the magnitude of the case. Both speakers were extremely well received and the conference steering committee is already working to secure highly regarded speakers for the 2009 conference.

Conference attendees also benefited from discussions geared toward their specific interests. Investigations, audits, legal procedures, and current trends were focus areas for separate breakout sessions conducted by subject matter experts. Courses were offered in the areas of ethics, information sharing, public records training, check fraud, financial profiling, mortgage fraud, computer crimes, identity theft and insurance investigations.

The courses captivated conference attendees. One of the classes, *Preparing for a Digital Crime Scene*, discussed the many ways to discover, collect and protect electronic evidence for investigations. *How to Testify in Court* is a course that offered tips on how to successfully testify and avoid unpleasant surprises on the witness stand. *Accounting 101 for Investigators* created a unique twist on a traditional accounting course by presenting material geared toward investigators with little accounting background. These are just a few of the many educational and stimulating courses offered during the 2008 conference.

The Ohio Auditor of State's office greatly appreciates the support of the event sponsors. The Ohio Investigators Association, the Ohio Attorney General's Office, the Association of Fraud Examiners, the Ohio Association of Certified Public Accountants, Franklin University, the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police, the Office of Criminal Justice Services, the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association, and the Mid Atlantic-Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network (MAGLOCLN) contributed to the overall success of the event.

In the coming months, information about the 2009 Emerging Trends in Fraud Investigation and Prevention Conference will be posted on the Auditor of State's website at www.auditor.state.oh.us.