



Texas Regional Arson and Fire Prevention Conference



January 29th – February 2nd, 2007

Houston, Texas

Sponsored and Presented by the Harris County Fire Marshal's Office and Greater Houston Area Fire Marshal's Council

Welcome to the Texas Regional Arson and Fire Prevention Conference. This conference presents some of the area's leading fire investigation and prevention experts. This conference is a dual track presentation covering incendiary fire investigation and fire prevention.

Topics include:

TRACK "A" INVESTIGATIONS

- Background research
- Interviewing the arson suspect
- Interrogating the arson suspect
- New Techniques in Fire Investigation
- Forensic, circumstantial, and direct evidence
- Legal aspects of the investigation and the prosecution
- Mock trial
- The advent of digital media (still and video)
- Forensic Cellular Analysis (16 Hours)
- Setting up an asset forfeiture program (4hrs)
- Incendiary vehicles fires from A to Z (16 hours)
- Fire Mythbusters 101 (8 hours)
- Interview/Interrogation Module (24 hours)

TRACK "B" INSPECTIONS

- 2006 IBC Update
- 2006 IFC Update
- 2006 IBC Chapter 10 Overview
- 2006 IBC Non-Structural Plan Review Chapters 3 to 6
- TABC Regulatory Authority for Nightclubs
- NIST Rhode Island Fire Report
- Fire Modeling
- Fire Dynamics
- ISO New Ranking vs. Old Ranking
- NFPA 13 Overview
- NFPA 72 Overview
- NFPA 101 Overview
- Greater Houston Fire Marshal Council Meeting

Registration for Track A & B:

\$350 Until January 23rd 2007 (space is limited, your prompt payment is your confirmation)

For group pricing and/or discounts contact Dustin Deutsch (dustin.deutsch@fmo.hctx.net)

For payment information, see page 3.

Registration fee includes *handout materials, cd's, conference shirt, conference photograph, investigation database applications, breakfast, and catered lunch* during the conference.

Questions:

INVESTIGATIONS: Dustin Deutsch, Harris County Senior Investigator Dustin.Deutsch@fmo.hctx.net

INSPECTIONS: Laurie Christensen, Harris County Senior Inspector Laurie.Christensen@fmo.hctx.net

Location:

The conference will be held at the spacious Humble Civic Center located at 8233 Will Clayton Parkway in Humble, Texas. Lodging and the conference are both located less than 10 minutes from Bush Intercontinental Airport.

***Space is Limited. Your payment insures your slot. We are expecting a tremendous turnout this year – Confirm with your payment early!*

2007 Arson and Prevention Conference Registration:
You can mail or fax this form to 281-436-8015 - Attention Dustin Deutsch

- Name _____
- Title _____
- Agency _____
- Mailing Address _____
- City, State, Zip _____
- Email address _____
- Work Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____
- Shirt Size (Circle) Med Large X-Large XX-Large XXX-Large
- Track (Circle) Investigation Prevention * see note below *
- Referred By: _____

Contact Dustin Deutsch for group discounts - Please direct any questions to:

(Investigation Track)
Senior Investigator Dustin Deutsch (281-436-8061)
Dustin.Deutsch@fmo.hctx.net (preferred communication)

(Prevention Track)
Senior Inspector Laurie Christensen (281-436-8021)
Laurie.Christensen@fmo.hctx.net

Lodging: Space has been reserved at the Fairfield Inn located at 20525 Hwy 59, Humble, Texas.
Mention the 2007 Arson Conference and request the government rate (\$79.95)
For more information, call the Fairfield Inn at 281-540-3311.

NOTE: *Inspection Track* – recommended books to bring: IFC 2006, IBC 2006, ICC Chapter 10 Means of Egress (1011W06), ICC Non-Structural Plan Review (1006S06), NFPA 13 2002 ed., and NFPA 72 2002 ed.



Payment/Registration Information:

Acceptable forms of payment: Agency Check, Cashier's Check or Money Order.

Checks should be made payable to "The Harris County Fire Marshal's Office." or "HCFMO." Personal Checks will only be accepted if pre-registration is confirmed. Payments may be submitted in advance. If you are unable to submit your payment prior to the conference, payments will be accepted the first day of class.

Attached is a W-9, which provides all of the pertinent information for your agency to set us up in your system.

CREDIT CARD AND COUNTY/CITY/STATE PURCHASE ORDERS ARE NOT ACCEPTED AS WE ARE UNABLE TO PROCESS THEM.

Registration \$350 (Send ASAP to guarantee your space)

→ Payments should be sent to the following address:

**Harris County FMO
Attn: Office Manager Marsha N. Lindsay
2318 Atascocita Rd.
Humble, TX 77396**

→ All registration forms should be faxed to the following individual:

**Harris County FMO
Senior Investigator Dustin Deutsch - 281-436-8015 (fax)
Dustin.Deutsch@fmo.hctx.net (preferred communication)**

For additional payment information, please contact Marsha N. Lindsay at 281.436.8050, 832.473.5987 or by email at marsha.lindsay@fmo.hctx.net (preferred means of contact).

Payment Confirmation: The Harris County Fire Marshal's Office will confirm every payment beginning December. If you do not receive a payment confirmation, please contact Marsha.

<http://www.hcfmo.net>

**Request for Taxpayer
Identification Number and Certification**

Give form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

Print or type
See specific instructions on page 2.

Name (as reported on your income tax return)

Business name, if different from above
HARRIS COUNTY AUDITORS - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/RECEIVABLE DEPARTMENT

Check appropriate box: Individual/Sole proprietor Corporation Partnership Other > **GOV'T AGY** Exempt from backup withholding

Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)
1001 PRESTON, STE 800

City, state, and ZIP code
HOUSTON, TX 77002

List account number(s) here (optional)

Requester's name and address (optional)

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on Line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number

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OR

Employer identification number

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Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
- I am a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien).

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the Certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. (See the instructions on page 4.)

Sign Here Signature of U.S. person *Ramin M. J...* Date *1/11/05*

Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS, must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

U.S. person. Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

- Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
- Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
- Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee.

Note. If a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

For federal tax purposes you are considered a person if you are:

- an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States,
- a partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States, or
- any estate (other than a foreign estate) or trust. See Regulation section 301.7701-6(a) for additional information.

Foreign person. If you are a foreign person, use the appropriate Form W-8 (see Publication 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities).

Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien. Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause." Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the recipient has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement that specifies the following five items:

- The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
- The treaty article addressing the income.
- The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.