

An invitation to
Excellence...





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Dear Chief,

For years, the law enforcement community has relied on the experience and skill of its seasoned officers to provide the evidence and testimony needed to put our most dangerous criminals behind bars. There was a time when an officer's word ruled the day. His very stature as a police official, as well as accumulated years of service was enough to convince a jury of the integrity of his investigation. Alas, those times are long gone. Today our investigators are subjected to intense scrutiny regarding their technique as well as their motives. A crime scene investigator is expected to be formally educated in his discipline; experience is no longer enough. Additionally, he is expected to measure up to standards set by his peers.

The International Association for Identification (I.A.I.) is the world's oldest and largest organization of forensic professionals. The New Jersey State Division of the I.A.I. has as its goal the education of forensic practitioners and the maintenance of professional standards. To that end, the Division sponsors educational opportunities throughout the year culminating with a three day educational seminar each autumn. Instruction is provided by recognized experts from all areas of law enforcement including the F.B.I., U.S. Secret Service, D.E.A., U.S. Customs, U.S. Postal Inspectors, Medical Examiners, State Police Agencies and District Attorney/Prosecutor's offices.

Through the parent body, I.A.I., investigators have the opportunity to demonstrate their expertise and receive professional certification for their efforts. The I.A.I. offers certification programs in a number of disciplines including Crime Scene Analysis, Fingerprint Identification and Forensic Photography. Certification requires the investigator to meet standards relating to education, experience and discipline competence. Once certified, the investigator must re-certify every so many years and demonstrate continued education and practice in the discipline.

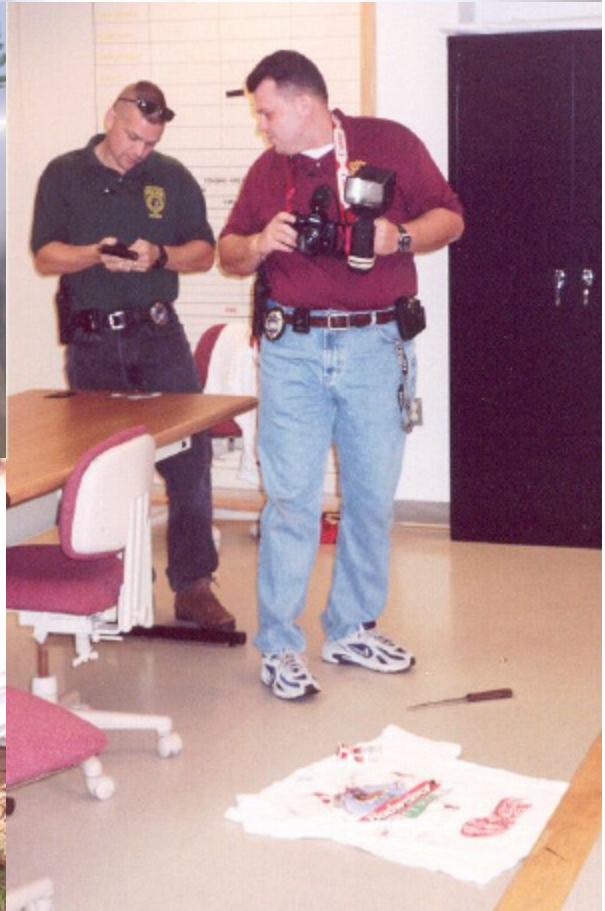
The New Jersey Division of the I.A.I. provides avenues of opportunity for investigators to certify, to maintain their professional education and gives access to a network of forensic specialists, not only in New Jersey, but around the globe. You will find the names of many of the world's renowned forensic analysts on the roster of the I.A.I.

The New Jersey Division publishes a quarterly journal, *The Criminalist*, which contains articles by established experts detailing the "how to" of crime scene investigation. It also carries information about educational opportunities and current issues affecting the forensic community. We also have a presence on the internet at www.njaii.org.

I encourage you to share this information with your forensic practitioners and to support their efforts to become proficient and established as true crime scene professionals. Their membership in the New Jersey Division, I.A.I. is a major step toward the goal of not just putting criminals behind bars, but keeping them there.

Sincerely
Joe Racite
President, NJ-IAI

Training with the NJ-IAI is more than just a day in the classroom listening to a bunch of talking heads. We provide real practical experience. That includes the completion of mock assignments as well as demonstrations on how to use all that expensive equipment that's been gathering dust in your ID Bureau.



About the
New Jersey State Division
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Membership

Active Membership in the New Jersey Division of the IAI is available, by application, to law enforcement professionals who are actively engaged in forensic identification, investigation, and/or scientific examination of physical evidence and to their Department or Bureau Heads.

Associate Membership is available to persons who have an interest in the forensic sciences but are not employees of law enforcement agencies.

Student Membership is available to persons enrolled in accredited educational institution who are studying a curriculum with an academic focus on the forensic sciences or criminal justice.

Mission

The New Jersey Division of the International Association for Identification (NJIAI) was chartered in 1986. The charter encompasses all 21 counties in New Jersey. Our 2002 membership exceeds 250 active members. The division operates as a not for profit professional organization formed for the following reasons:

- ? To associate people in the professions of forensic identification, investigation, and scientific examination of physical evidence so that the professions may be standardized and effectively and scientifically practiced.
- ? To encourage maximum use and advancement of the science of forensic identification and crime detection.
- ? To encourage research in scientific crime detection.
- ? To keep its members apprised of the latest techniques and discoveries in forensic identification and crime detection.
- ? To employ the collective wisdom of the profession in order to advance the scientific techniques of forensic identification and crime detection.

About the
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IAI Code of Ethics

"As a member of the International Association for Identification, and being actively engaged in the profession of Scientific Identification and Investigation, I dedicate myself to the efficient and scientific administration thereof in the interest of Justice and the betterment of Law Enforcement.

"To cooperate with others of the profession, promote improvement through research, and disseminate such advancement in my effort to make more effective the analysis of the expert.

"To employ my technical knowledge factually, with zeal and determination, to protect the ethical standards of the profession of Scientific Identification and Investigation.

"I humbly accept my responsibility to Public Trust and seek Divine guidance that I may keep inviolate the Profession of Law Enforcement."

Mission Statement

The International Association for Identification (IAI) strives to be the primary professional association for those engaged in forensic identification, investigation, and scientific examination of physical evidence. To accomplish this mission, the IAI has six goals:

- ? Educate members about the most current information and research in forensic identification.
- ? Affiliate people who are actively engaged in the profession of forensic identification, investigation, and scientific examination of physical evidence in an organized body. In this way, the profession may be standardized, as well as effectively and scientifically practiced.
- ? Enlarge and improve the science of forensic identification and crime detection.

- ? Encourage research in scientific crime detection.
- ? Keep IAI members apprised of the latest techniques and discoveries in forensic identification and crime detection.
- ? Employ the collective wisdom of the profession to advance the scientific techniques of forensic identification and crime detection.

Since 1915, the IAI has served a distinguished and diverse membership from around the world. With more than 5,000 members from 50 countries, the IAI remains the oldest and largest forensic identification association in the world.

The International Association of Identification is representative of its members which reside in numerous countries around the world. Members of the IAI, along with the IAI officers, committees, subcommittees, staff and corporate partners, all play a crucial role in the association. With this diverse membership comes individuals from many different forensic disciplines as well as numerous law enforcement agencies that encompass the sole purpose of the IAI's existence.

Our members range from the beginning forensic examiners or law enforcement officers to seasoned and experienced forensic experts and law enforcement officers. Many of our members are certified in their respective forensic field(s) and have received their certification from the IAI through a series of written and oral examinations. Our members represent public, private and government professions encompassing forensic science and law enforcement.

The IAI screens all requests for membership against a set of pre-defined requirements. Only those individuals who meet the minimum requirements are offered a membership. The combined efforts and collective experience of these professional individuals substantiate the IAI's competency and is widely recognized by courts and other law enforcement domains around the world.

A 14-member board of directors oversees the operations of the IAI. The board's goal is to maintain the highest standards for the professional practice of forensic identification. Through the IAI's Standards and Code of Ethics, which are set forth in the Constitution and By-laws, the Board strives to provide a strong leadership role in educating and serving forensic identification professionals.

