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### Thursday Conference Program

Scheduled conference lunch break 11:45 AM - 2:15 PM.  
Please visit the exhibit floor!

**February 23, 2006**

**8:30 AM**      **Origin & Cause for Company Officers**  
Fred Herrera, Investigator  
San Diego, CA Fire-Rescue Department

Company Officers are tasked with determining the cause of fires that they respond to and to recognize when a more comprehensive investigation is required. This program will provide the Company Officers with basic investigative principles that will assist in the determination of origin and cause of fires, including an examination of fire indicators of accidental and incendiary fire causes. Issues regarding fire behavior, legal obligations, arson motives, evidence collection, investigation case studies, and courtroom testimony will be covered with a fast-paced multimedia approach. This is information that can assist fire personnel as they climb the ladder of promotion, from Firefighter to Chief Officer. Fire investigations protect the interests of the civilians that we serve by aiding in the conviction of arsonists and identifying trends in accidental fire causes. Questions and discussion are encouraged during this session.

**10:15 AM**      **Fire Scene Evidence**  
Fred Herrera, Investigator  
San Diego, CA Fire-Rescue Department

Physical evidence is critical in the prosecution of arson fires. The recognition of fire scene evidence and steps taken to protect it will improve the chances of successful prosecution and make your testimony much more compelling. Evidence of accidental fire causes must also be recognized and protected. This session will address evidence recognition, preservation, collection, and disposal. Methods of documentation and collection will be demonstrated. This session will be beneficial to all fire personnel, whether in fire suppression or investigations.

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