



2026 TERRENCE HOYLE, NORTHERN ZONE FIRE AND ARSON TRAINING CONFERENCE



May 11th & 12th, 2026, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

16 Tested Hours - \$110.00 - Lunch Included!!!

Oswego Fire Protection District

3511 Woolley Road

Oswego, IL 60543



Instructor - Joseph Paolo - Retired Plumsted Township Captain/Fire Marshal, current Fire Investigator with EFI Global, East Coast

May 11th - 8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Solar Panels and the Fire Investigator

Joseph Paolo has over 30 years of Emergency Services experience, with 24 years of that being in fire investigations. Joe has been both a volunteer and career Firefighter and Fire Officer and retired as Captain/Fire Marshal from the Plumsted Township Fire District, #1, in April 2024. Prior to being hired in 2009 with Plumsted, Joe served as an Ocean County Assistant Fire Marshal, conducting fire code inspections and fire investigations. He has been involved in over 500 investigations during his career and is very active with the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI), currently serving on their Board of Directors and belongs to the following State Chapters of the IAAI, New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, and Texas. Currently, Joe instructs many fire investigation classes throughout New Jersey and across the Country for other State Chapters.



Instructor - Brad Gordon - Owner/Attorney - Grotfeld, Hoffmann, Gordon, Ochoa, & Evinger LLP

May 12th - 8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Everything You Say Can Be Used Against You: Depositions for Forensic Investigators

Brad Gordon - As managing partner of the firm's Chicago office, I focus my practice on litigation, representing the interests of corporations and insurance companies throughout the United States. I have extensive experience in all phases of complex litigation as well as aggregation of mass tort claims. In addition to handling subrogation matters involving product failures and construction defects, I have been involved in high-profile claims involving Ford Ignition Switches, Ford Speed Control Deactivation Switches, Torchiere Halogen Lamps, and Toyota SUA.

I take great pride in my long-standing relationships with clients, leading them through all phases of litigation. While licensed to practice law in Illinois, Indiana and Minnesota, I am also admitted to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, the Western and Eastern Districts of Wisconsin, the Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana, the Northern District of Texas and the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. Some matters are more suited for alternative dispute resolution, and I am well-versed in resolving matters in forums such as the American Arbitration Association and Inter-Company Arbitration.

In order to further grow and educate the field of subrogation, I present and lecture at the National Association of Subrogation Professional's annual conference and in-house for various clients. Recent presentations include Fundamentals of a Relationship between Origin and Cause Investigator and Attorney; Spoliation of Evidence; and Aggregation of Claims.

Lunch and Raffle Prizes Both Days

Registration is on-line only and available at www.il-iaai.com

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