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16TH ANNUAL NEW JERSEY YOUTH FIRESETTER INTERVENTION CONFERENCE

For Fire Service, Mental Health, Law Enforcement, Social Services and Educational Professionals

NOVEMBER 29 & 30, 2018

Middlesex County Fire Academy – Sayreville, NJ

www.keanfiresafety.com/community-risk-reduction/nj-youth-firesetter-conference/

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM
Conference Registration & Breakfast

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Welcome Address – Amphitheater

Richard J. Mikutsky

Director
New Jersey Division of Fire Safety

Keynote Address

David L. D'Amico

Chief Investigator – Middlesex County
Dept. of Corrections & Youth Services

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Lunch

1:00 PM – 3:30 PM
Afternoon Classes in Session

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM
Breakfast

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Morning Classes in Session

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Lunch

1:00 PM – 3:30 PM
Afternoon Classes in Session

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Goal is to bring together State and County resources in the common goal of addressing the issue of youth fire setting throughout the state. We also aim to provide existing county youth fire prevention programs the support necessary to continue their vital mission and make every effort to aid in the development of programs in the counties where none exist.

COURSE LISTINGS

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM

1. Fighting the Good Fight: Commitment, Connecting, Community

Instructors: Ann Adams, Johnny Callas, and Scott Yeomans

Is your passion and belief in what you do for your community compromised by the obstacles you face every day on the job?

This interactive workshop will offer strategies to be a “Change Agent” in your community despite those obstacles. Participants will have the opportunity to learn from each other, as well as the presenters, on staying motivated, identifying resources and being creative in offering strength-based interventions that impact youth, family and the community.

2. Moving Media Relations and Community Risk Reduction Into the Future

Instructor: Lt. Michael McLeieer

The local media play an influential role in every community. When you tap into their resources effectively, they can serve as powerful vehicles for effective and sustainable community risk reduction outreach. Experience has shown when fire departments take ownership for collaboratively working with the media in their coverage of emergency incidents, the resulting news coverage meets or exceeds stakeholder expectations in terms of being not only timely, but also accurate, comprehensive and professional. Working with the media as a method to inform and persuade the public can aid your efforts to advocate for fire prevention / youth firesetting intervention and other risk reduction strategies resulting in a change in attitudes, behaviors and improvement in the quality of life.

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM

3. Working With Parents of Juvenile Firesetters

Instructor: Dr. Linda Nishi-Strattner

Participants will explore the characteristics, special challenges, and treatment needs of parents of firesetters. We will discuss what works and what doesn't, when working with the parents of juvenile firesetters, and various approaches for delivering these services to these parents.

Learning Objectives Include: Design a juvenile firesetter intervention program for a juvenile firesetter and family that incorporates training and education for parents. Identify characteristics and parenting practices of parents of firesetters. Design activities for interventions with juvenile firesetters and their parents. Identify effective techniques for working with parents of firesetters: what works and what doesn't. Write a behavioral contract for firesetters and their parents.



COURSE LISTINGS

FRIDAY MORNING 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM

4. What Is Your Acceptable Level of Risk?

Instructor: David Brasells

Why did you become a first responder? Do you feel you are set up for success? What community risk reductions programs are you offering? Why are you offering them? What are your outcomes? Are you making a difference?

You are invited to walk a path less traveled as we explore how each of answers, “What is our acceptable level of risk.” We will challenge some status quo approaches to community risk reduction and invite discussion about “how we’ve always done it.”

5. Behavior Health Aspects of Youth Fire Intervention

Instructor: Kathi Osmonson

In this course we will identify some common mental disorders and discuss strategies for working with children and families living with these disorders. Successful intervention reduces firesetting behavior. This requires an understanding of what the youth and family’s needs are and how to meet them.

- Identify common mental disorders among firesetters
- Understand symptoms and attributes of common disorders
- Discuss strategies for working with various disorders

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FRIDAY MORNING 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM

6. NJ Gang Awareness

Instructor: Ofc. Anthony Corcione

Gang membership has become a rite of passage for many young men and women in various neighborhoods throughout New Jersey. Through pop culture and social media, many of these gang influences have broken out of these neighborhoods and entered into the mainstream without the general population realizing the violence associated with entering into the gang lifestyle. This course is designed to identify these influences, identify various gangs throughout New Jersey, and discuss their dangers to the youth and the community as a whole.



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FRIDAY AFTERNOON 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM

7. Practical Applications In Conducting Youth Firesetter Screening Interviews

Instructors: Joseph Ehrhardt and Helge Nordtveit

The purpose of this course is to dissect the child/family fire setter interview into recognizable components which allow the student interviewer to hone their skills in each area and to recognize obstacles as they appear. Components will include successful introduction of the interviewer and the current issue; rapport strategies; applying the screening tool appropriately; working with cognitive/developmental and mental health challenges; introducing the intervention strategy(ies) successfully; and assuming the coordination of the intervention services.

During each component, the student will actively engage in class exercises designed to strengthen their interviewing and problem solving skills. The last part of the class shall consist of small team analysis of, response to, and class presentation of youth fire setting case studies. The student shall gain skills and tools which shall enable them to strengthen their abilities in providing effective fire setter screenings to the community.

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8. How to Prepare and Present Your Case: Courtroom Testimony Techniques For All Witnesses

Instructor: Jessica Gotthold

There is no substitute for being appropriately prepared to testify. This class focuses on three facets of testimony preparation.

The first is the practical application of using best practices and sound techniques to conduct a thorough, complete and accurate investigation, evaluation or intervention, always keeping in mind that all actions may lead to court proceedings, be they criminal and/or civil. The second is preparing a professional and comprehensive resume or curriculum vitae (CV) that conveys your expertise in a logical and meaningful manner. The third is being able to articulate your background, education and experience relating to your expert or fact witness status, as well as your given testimony, be it origin and cause determination, psychological evaluation or youth firesetter intervention.

9. Bullies, Victims and Firesetting and YFSI Programs as Community Activists

Instructors: Paul Schwartzman

Youth fireplay and firesetting remains an important concern in communities and schools which requires understanding and systematic prevention and intervention efforts. Reviews of fire incidents reveal that fire is sometimes used to harass others and as a tool of revenge. This presentation will review the motivations of youthful firesetters and bullying dynamics.

CONFERENCE DIRECTIONS

MIDDLESEX COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY
1001 Fire Academy Drive, Sayreville, NJ 08872
732-727-0008

Via Route 9 / Route 35 Northbound: Come up through South Amboy into Sayreville. Do not go over the bridge. Take the exit on to the Route 9/Route 35 circle. The sign for the exit reads North 35. The ramp is just after a large sign marked Colosseum (sic). At the bottom of the ramp merge right into the circle, then move quickly to the left lane to go around the circle. Bear left going around the circle, passing the Amboy Cinemas. After going under Route 9, merge to the right and take the first right turn-off, on to Chevalier Drive, just past the Sayreville Motor Lodge (Note: Chevalier Drive street sign may be missing, look for signs for Garden State Parkway "South"). After 1/4 mile (just past the Parkway entrance) turn left on to Main Street (large church at corner). After 3/4 mile take the exit for Kennedy Drive. At the bottom of the ramp turn right into the Academy.

Traveling from Perth Amboy on Route 35 Southbound: Take Route 35 south, crossing the Victory Bridge, and passing the back of Amboy Cinemas. Follow the Route 9/Route 35 circle under Route 9. After going under Route 9, merge to the right and take the first right turn-off, on to Chevalier Drive, just past the Sayreville Motor Lodge (Note: Chevalier Drive street sign may be missing, look for signs for Garden State Parkway "South"). After 1/4 mile (just past the Parkway entrance) turn left on to Main Street (large church at corner). After 3/4 mile take the exit for Kennedy Drive. At the bottom of the ramp turn right into the Academy.

Via East Brunswick / South River via Route 535: Route 535 is Cranbury Road in East Brunswick. It becomes Main Street in South River. Travel North on Route 535 through South River and over the Veterans' Memorial Bridge, stay in left lane. At the light after the bridge go straight on to Washington Road. At the next light, (this will be the second traffic light after crossing the bridge) turn left on to Main Street. Proceed to the fourth traffic light (approx. 5 miles) and make a left into the Fire Academy.

Via the Garden State Parkway Northbound: Take Exit 125 (just after the Raritan tolls and before the bridge). At the bottom of the ramp turn left on to Chevalier Drive, then make the first left on to Main Street (large church at corner). After 3/4 mile take the exit for Kennedy Drive. At the bottom of the ramp turn right into the Academy.

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Via the Garden State Parkway Southbound: Take Exit 124 (just after the Raritan tolls). At the bottom of the ramp turn right on to Main Street and after a few hundred feet make the first right on to Kennedy Drive. Stay on Kennedy Drive for 3/4 of a mile, through the traffic light, and straight into the Fire Academy.

Via Route 9 Southbound: Take Route 9 south from Woodbridge over the Raritan River. Take the first exit (marked South Amboy Business Center). At the bottom of the ramp take the first right turn on to Chevalier Drive just past the Sayreville Motor Lodge (Note: Chevalier Drive street sign may be missing, look for signs for Garden State Parkway "South"). After 1/4 mile (just past the Parkway entrance) turn left on to Main Street (large church at corner). After 3/4 mile take the exit for Kennedy Drive. At the bottom of the ramp turn right into the Academy.

From the New Jersey Turnpike North or South: Take Turnpike Exit 11 for the Garden State Parkway (GSP). After the tolls, bear left and on to the Garden State Parkway (GSP) traveling south. From the GSP take Exit 124 (just after the Raritan tolls). At the bottom of the ramp turn right on to Main Street and after a few hundred feet make the first right on to Kennedy Drive. Stay on Kennedy Drive for 3/4 of a mile, through the traffic light, and straight into the Fire Academy.

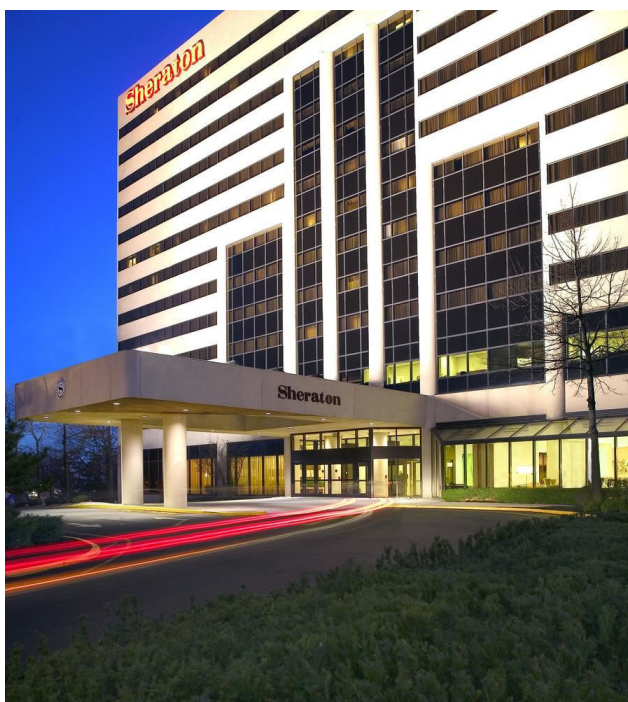
CONFERENCE HOTEL INFORMATION

**SHERATON EDISON HOTEL
Raritan Center
125 Raritan Center Parkway
Edison, NJ 08837**

Overnight accommodations will be available at the Sheraton Edison Hotel – Raritan Center at a special rate. There will also be a free shuttle provided to and from the Conference each day (please RSVP to the shuttle the day prior). Overnight rooms should be reserved no later than October 27, 2018. All reservations made after this date will be based on availability and at the standard room rate. For reservations call 732-225-8300. Please state that you are attending the New Jersey Youth Firesetter Intervention Conference to qualify for the rate.

Also, for your convenience, a link has been set up specifically to book rooms for the Conference. That can be found at:

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1807304572&key=24C82A1A>



INSTRUCTOR BIOGRAPHIES

Ann H. Adams, L.M.S.W.

Ann Adams has been a Social Worker since 1981. She is currently employed by the Connecticut Department of Children and Families (DCF) as a Program Director working closely with DCF involved families through the Ombudsman's Office. She is also facilitator of the Statewide Youth Firesetting Steering Committee. Throughout her career within DCF, it was apparent that the State of CT. has not had a consistent statewide response to address the issue of youth involved with firesetting. Ann has worked closely with Fire Services, and other agencies to create programs within the state of CT.

David J. Brasells

Dave currently serves on the Nashville Fire Department, Truck 21 which is within the Special Operations Division for Technical Rescue. Dave is an IFSAC certified Fire Instructor I, Fire Inspector I, Fire Officer I, Incident Safety Officer, National Fire Academy Adjunct Instructor focusing on community risk reduction, NFPA 1403 Life Fire Instructor, Flashover Instructor & Train-the-Trainer, EMT-Advanced, member of NFD's USAR Task Force II Team. Dave has focused on High Risk/Low Frequency fire-ground training needs including MAYDAY, Flashover Recognition/Survival, Firefighter Survival, and Firefighter Rescue classes and instruction with a focus on risk management. Dave is the Executive Producer of the popular YouTube channel Instructor 5 Productions, and is the president of the Middle Tennessee Fraternal Order of Leatherhead Society (F.O.O.L.S.).

Johnny "Coach" Callas

Charter Oak Boxing Academy CEO-Head Coach / World Boxing Council (WBC) Championship Referee / Connecticut Boxing Hall of Famer

Johnny Callas, "Coach," is a twenty five year World Championship Professional Boxing Referee, licensed in five jurisdictions and often seen on ESPN, HBO & SHOWTIME. He has refereed everyone from Female Hall of Famer Lucia Ryker to World Champions: Miguel Cotto, Andre Ward, Chad Dawson, Victor Ortiz, "Irish" Mickey Ward to Errol Spence & Jermal Charlo.

Coach Callas is the Founder, Executive Director and Head Coach of the Charter Oak Amateur Boxing Academy & Youth Development Program Inc., a USA Boxing National "Modal" Program that focuses on creating "Champions of Life" as well as Champions in the Ring. In a ten-year period the Academy seized seventy-four amateur titles and boasted six state Junior Olympic Championship Teams.

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Johnny “Coach” Callas (continued)

“Coach” Callas has his Masters Degree in Social Work and is a twenty eight year veteran of Connecticut’s Department of Children & Families, specializing in adolescent development, substance abuse, mental health and juvenile justice.

Ofc. Anthony Corcione

Officer Corcione received his bachelors in criminal justice from Monmouth University in 2006 and has been with the Middlesex County Department of Corrections for 10 years and has spent the last 5 in the Gang Unit. If you are a gang member residing in Middlesex County, you know who he is and he most assuredly knows who you are as he has interviewed and identified hundreds of gang members in Middlesex and throughout the state. He is a boots on the ground, working in the units in the jail, Gang Officer who has his finger on the pulse of every incident that goes on. The gang unit in general at Middlesex County is responsible for investigating all inmate related incidents in the jail and Officer Corcione is an integral part of that unit. He provides information and training to police departments in the county, fields countless calls all hours of the day from officers looking for information, and teaches police explorer programs and gang awareness to juveniles and adults alike throughout the state.

David D’Amico

Dave D’Amico is a 28 year veteran of law enforcement. He began his career with The New Jersey State Department of Corrections. Six years later, he joined the Asbury Park Police Department as a Police Officer in the Community Policing unit and was later promoted to Detective in the Investigations section.

For over fourteen years Dave D’Amico has been a Detective with The Office of the Monmouth County Prosecutor investigating Bias Crimes and promoting community relations. Before retiring and relocating to Fort Lauderdale Florida.

While in Florida, Dave joined the Broward County Sheriff’s Department as a Deputy Sheriff. Dave returned to New Jersey and recently he accepted a position as the Chief Investigator for the Middlesex County Department of Corrections and Youth Services.

INSTRUCTOR BIOGRAPHIES

David D'Amico (continued)

Dave is a certified Trainer by The Federal Law Enforcement Training Center Trainer in Bias Crimes Investigations as well as a certified trainer in Cultural Diversity, Community Relations, Sensitivity Training, and Criminal Investigations. Dave is a past Commissioner with The Monmouth County Human Relations Commission and the Past President of the New Jersey State Bias Officer's Association. He is an adjunct professor at Brookdale Community College, as well as Kingsborough Community College and a consultant with the Simon Wiesenthal Center both in NYC and Los Angeles.

Dave has addressed thousands of students, and many community groups. For his work in promoting prejudice reduction and combating bias crimes he received the 2008 Hela Young Memorial Award given annually by the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education. In April 2011, he was honored by the American Conference on Diversity with their Humanitarian Award. In October 2014 he was honored with the Harvey Milk Leadership Award from the Pride Network in Asbury Park.

Joseph Ehrhardt

Joe Ehrhardt is a Life Member of the Nottingham Volunteer Fire Company in Mercer County, New Jersey, with over thirty-six years of volunteer service. He recently retired from Hamilton Township Fire District #7 as its volunteer Fire and Life Safety Educator, Level 1 and formerly coordinated the Township's Youth Fire Setter Prevention and Intervention Program. Joe is also the Past Co-Chair of the Middlesex County FireWatch Program, the Mercer County Youth Fire Setter Intervention Program Advisory Committee and a member of the N.J. Youth Fire Setter Advisory Council.

In 2010, Joe retired from a thirty-three year career in Juvenile Justice Administration at the Middlesex County Department of Corrections and Youth Services. In 2015, Joe was certified as an independent Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) auditor by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance. During his Juvenile Justice career, Joe was an adjunct Criminal Justice instructor at both Rutgers University and at Middlesex County College.

In retirement, Joe has been a seven year instructor for the N.J. Division of Fire Safety through Kean University's Fire Safety Training Program. In May, 2016, Joe was selected to be a contract instructor for the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland to teach the Youth Fire Setter Prevention and Intervention curriculum.

INSTRUCTOR BIOGRAPHIES

Jessica Gotthold

Jessica Gotthold, president and CEO of Critical Elements, Inc., retired as a Senior Special Agent, Certified Fire Investigator (CFI) and Certified Explosives Specialist (CES) from ATF in December of 2015 with 28.5 years of distinguished service. She was a member of ATF's National Response Team (NRT) for 10 years, responding to large-scale bombings and fires. Notable cases include the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, the Birmingham, AL abortion clinic bombing and the Unabomber investigation in NJ.

Ms. Gotthold has a wealth of investigative experience. She is an expert witness in fire origin and cause as well as post-blast investigation. Her expertise encompasses the investigation of youth firesetting and bomb-making, as well as providing training in this specialized area, for which Ms. Gotthold has received awards and accolades throughout the country. She has been a member of the NFPA 1035 Technical Committee since 2002 and the IAAI Juvenile Firesetter Committee since 2004. Prior to her ATF career, she was an Investigator with the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office Narcotics Task Force, working primarily undercover drug cases.

Jessica launched Critical Elements, Inc., post-retirement. Partnering with her former ATF colleague, Rich Vera, CPA, her multi-faceted firm specializes in cyber security, digital forensics, training in the areas of fire and explosives investigation, courtroom testimony, as well as providing expert testimony services and litigation support.

Ms. Gotthold is also the President and Founder of the National Foundation for Animal Rescue (NFFAR), a 501(c)3 non-profit organization she started in 2003. She has received national recognition by achieving the rank of a top ten finalist in Animal Planet's Hero of the Year in 2009 and receiving a Russ Berrie Foundation Award for Making a Difference in 2012.

Ms. Gotthold holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Telecommunications Production for Electronic Media from the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University. She is married to an incredible man, Jeff Rudden, a retired Battalion Chief from the Newark (NJ) Fire Department. They share their home with numerous cats and one dog.

INSTRUCTOR BIOGRAPHIES

Lt. Michael McLeieer

Lt. Michael McLeieer has been in the fire service for 24 years. He serves as the director of community risk reduction and is the public information officer (external affairs) for the Olivet (MI) Fire Department. He also serves as the 1st Vice President for the Michigan State Firemen's Association.

McLeieer has also played a role in education and firefighter safety on a state and national level. For seven years, he served as the Training and Scheduling Coordinator for the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy and was in charge of the statewide Youth Fire Intervention program. McLeieer is a Community Risk Reduction expert and frequent instructor at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD. He has also presented at the Vision 20/20 Models in Fire Prevention Symposium near Washington D.C., the Fire Department Instructors Conference in Indianapolis, and the National Fire Protection Association's International Conference in Chicago.

Michael is a fire safety expert for several media network affiliates including WOOD TV 8 (NBC), WOTV 4 (ABC), WLNS TV 6 (CBS) and WKZO AM 590 radio (CBS). In 2015, he and WOOD TV / WOTV launched the national award winning fire safety campaign called Operation Save A Life (OSAL) in West Michigan. OSAL provides free smoke alarms with a 10-year long life sealed battery and carbon monoxide alarms to fire departments where they are installed in at-risk homes.

He also coordinates the on air and online fire and life safety content using local and regional data to engage viewers to make safer choices with their family. These combined efforts have resulted in a 62 percent reduction in injury and death throughout a 21-county region reaching nearly one million homes.

McLeieer has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to public education and the risk reduction process both in his community and nationally. More than two decades ago, he founded the non-profit charitable organization E.S.C.A.P.E. (Education Showing Children and Adults Procedures for Evacuations), whose mission is to teach children and adults about fire prevention, CPR and first aid. Students who participated in McLeieer's fire safety education program achieved a 98 percent success rate when tested on how to respond correctly to a fire. The importance of his course was demonstrated when a four-year old led his parents from their smoke-filled home to their outside meeting place the night after the child had participated in McLeieer's class.

Michael was the recipient of the 2012 National Firemark Award for Community Service from Liberty Mutual Insurance, the 2016 National Fire Prevention and Education Award from the National Volunteer Fire Council and the 2018 Professional Excellence Award from the 100 Club of Greater Lansing Michigan.

INSTRUCTOR BIOGRAPHIES

Dr. Linda Nishi-Strattner

Dr. Nishi-Strattner is a board certified clinical psychologist, licensed in Oregon and Florida, who has practiced in Portland, Oregon area for the past 34 years, providing inpatient and outpatient psychological services including psychotherapy, psychological and neuropsychological evaluations, consultations, program design, research, and teaching. She served as a commissioner for the Oregon Commission for Children and Families from 1995 to 2001 and as a consultant creating programs for close custody youth for the Oregon Youth Authority from 2005 to 2010. She also served on the Oregon State Fire Marshal Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Task Force from 1989 to 1996, helping to design and implement statewide programs to address the problem of juvenile firesetting. She is currently serving as a board member of the Oregon Board of Psychology. Dr. Nishi-Strattner served as an adjunct professor in the Lewis & Clark College Counseling Graduate program from 1987 to 2002, and she has been an invited speaker both nationally and internationally on topics including ADHD, child abuse, teens and social media, and juvenile firesetting. Dr. Nishi-Strattner has also volunteered as a disaster mental health technician with the American Red Cross, responding to national tragedies including the Oklahoma bombing, the 911 New York terrorist attack, and hurricane and flood relief efforts nationwide.

Helge (Hagar) Nordtveit

Helge Nordtveit has served in the fire service in New Jersey for over forty-five years; both as a volunteer and in the career service. He has served as a volunteer Chief in the 1980's and in 2013, he retired as a career Fire Captain.

Helge is currently the Fire Marshal/Fire Official of Woodbridge Township Fire District #11 in central New Jersey. He is a licensed construction official and a New Jersey Certified Fire Instructor, Level 2. He is an instructor at the Middlesex County Fire Academy.

Helge is an instructor for the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety through Kean University and is a contract instructor for the National Fire Academy. Active in youth fire setter intervention for over 25 years, he is the Past Co-Chair of the Middlesex County FireWatch Program and is a member of the New Jersey State Youth Fire Setter Advisory Council.

INSTRUCTOR BIOGRAPHIES

Kathi Osmonson

Deputy State Fire Marshal Kathi Osmonson coordinates the Minnesota State Youth Fire Intervention Team (YFIT). YFIT partners with law enforcement, mental health, justice and social agencies to sustain a network of professionals who collaborate to provide intervention.

Her career includes volunteer and career firefighting with specialties in fire prevention education and youth firesetting intervention. She is a member of the NFPA 1035 Committee, an adjunct instructor for the FEMA National Fire Academy, stakeholder in the Youth Fire Intervention Repository and Evaluation System (YFIRES), publishes and reviews peer reviewed articles for national and international scholarly journals and presents at national and international conferences. Osmonson developed the YFPI Specialist and Program Manager Certifications through the Minnesota State Fire Certification Board. She earned her Master's Degree in Forensic Behavioral Health at Concordia University.

Paul Schwartzman, M.S., L.M.H.C., D.A.P.A.

Paul Schwartzman is a licensed mental health counselor, providing counseling services to children, adolescents and families in the Rochester (NY) area for more than thirty years. His interest in the field of juvenile firesetting developed while on staff at the University of Rochester where he participated with other researchers in the study of juvenile fire play and fire setting. Paul was a member of the original research team that originated the Fire Related Youth Unit for the City of Rochester (NY) Fire Department and the BIC preschool fire safety education curriculum, both award winning programs that address issues of children and fire.

Paul has co-authored books and produced several research articles for professional journals and has written a chapter on treatment of juvenile firesetters in *The Handbook of Prescriptive Treatments for Children and Adolescents* published by Allyn & Bacon. Paul also authored a chapter on juvenile firesetting for the revised NFPA Fire Protection Handbook.

Paul is the Past Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Education Section and is the co-chairperson of the NFPA Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Committee. He was also a member of the NFPA 1035 Professional Public Life and Fire Safety Educator Standards Committee. He worked with the committee to develop national standards for juvenile firesetter intervention specialists. Paul is also the Executive Director of the Finger Lake Regional Burn Association and is a board member of SOSFires.

INSTRUCTOR BIOGRAPHIES

Paul Schwartzman, M.S., L.M.H.C., D.A.P.A. (continued)

Paul provides consulting services and educational seminars to fire departments and service agencies throughout North America on juvenile firesetting including: establishing community based programs; interviewing and assessing children involved in fire play and fire setting; and methods of prevention, intervention and treatment. Paul was a consultant to the development of Sean's Story Toolkit for firesetting programs and is working with the IAFF on the development of a national youth firesetter database.

The national and local media often interview Paul for news program coverage of children and fire.

Paul currently maintains a private consulting and counseling practice in Fairport, New York where he resides with his wife. Paul has two grown children.

Scott Yeomans

Scott Yeomans has been in the fire service for 30 years. Scott developed, implemented and administered the Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Program for the Town of South Windsor CT where he also served as Deputy Fire Marshal. In addition, he was a Deputy Fire Marshal in the town of Windsor CT., Volunteer Fire Department where he also served as the Deputy Chief/Safety Officer. In 2011, Scott opened Fire Intervention Resources and Education (FIRE), LLC, a company that provides educational services to youth and consultation to private clinicians and other mental health professionals working with juvenile firesetters. FIRE also provides services to local fire departments seeking assistance in developing juvenile firesetter intervention programs.



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