

## FIRE & ARSON INVESTIGATION TRAINING NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2012

Dear Colleague

We are pleased to announce that Gardiner Associates and forensic consultancy Hawkins, have recently formed two new companies, 'Gardiner Associates Training and Research' (GATR) and 'Gardiner Fire Investigation' (GFI).

GATR will continue to deliver fire/arson investigation courses at the GA training facilities at Phoenix Heights, Wethersfield, Essex. We are also currently working with selected fire and forensic training providers and expanding the range of programmes delivered at the Days Inn Hotel, Haverhill and at our clients' local/regional venues. Our partnership with Hawkins is allowing fresh investment in our training facilities, materials and personnel.

Our fees remain very competitive and our fire investigation programmes can be cross referenced to the UK National Occupational Standards (NOS), which we helped design. We are an Institution of Fire Engineers approved training provider and our programmes are CPD validated. Our courses involve direct interface with our very experienced multi-discipline team of practitioners and our student/instructor ratios are exceptionally conducive to learning. Our fire compartments, which are constructed of building blocks and other standard building materials, are realistically furnished and electrically energised. Our client list reflects our commitment to providing 'Best Value' options. (See [www.gardinerassociates.com](http://www.gardinerassociates.com))

The 2012 calendar includes our full range of course options. The first Practical course, which starts with a day's theory input, begins on the 18<sup>th</sup> March followed by Practical Development/Refresher (PDR) programmes in March/April. To register interest in these or other dates or discuss fees etc. contact our course administrators. (See page two)

GFI has been formed to provide an effective level of support to UK Police Services and Fire & Rescue Services at fires involving fatalities or serious injuries and fires of non-accidental origin as outlined in the ODPM Circular 1-2006. At a pivotal time when Forensic Science Service (FSS) staff has ceased attending scenes and following discussions with other established Forensic Service Providers, we have launched a new service level in England and Wales. Together we are putting into practice the inter-discipline (team) approach GA has pioneered since formation in 1995. We will be combining some established FSP analytical services with a level of scene support that Hawkins have been offering to the insurance industry since 1980 and now do so, via their eight strategically located UK offices and over one hundred staff.



## **CORE TRAINING COURSES:**

### **INTRODUCTION - (A) and (B)**

Designed for Crew and Watch Managers and Crime Scene Examiners

(A) One and two day theory at local/regional venues

(B) One day theory + practical exercises at Phoenix Heights

### **FOUNDATION - (Theory - Parts One and Two)**

For practitioners who are likely to carry out Level Two/Three investigations. Either four and a half consecutive days residential or locally/regionally in two by two-day parts

### **PRACTICAL - Phoenix Heights and DIH**

One week residential for practitioners who carry out Level Two/Three investigations.

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES:**

### **PRACTICAL DEVELOPMENT /REFRESHER (PDR) - Phoenix Heights and DIH**

Three day residential programmes, for experienced practitioners

### **INVESTIGATIVE INTERVIEW TECHNIQUES**

Two-day local workshops based on the P.E.A.C.E programme and adapted specifically for scene examiners. Delivered by former police officer trainers and scene investigators

## **OTHER UK TRAINING PROGRAMMES in association with other providers:**

J DeHaan's Fire & Explosion course - September 2012

Explosion Awareness seminars – (one day) regional presented by J Malooly (USA)

Arson & Fatal Fire Awareness seminars - (one day) regional GATR + GFI + S&T Forensics

K9 training - presented by Clive Gregory

Photography and Fire - presented by Paul Canning

Vehicle Fire Investigation - presented by Park Lodge International

Advanced Professional Award in Expert Evidence by Legal Experience

Forensic Awareness - presented by S & T Forensics

Other events e.g. Crime Scene Examiner – Professional Development options

## **CONTACT DETAILS:**

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## **FIRE INVESTIGATION ARTICLE:**

See 'Under Scrutiny' by Mick Gardiner in the latest online edition of *Fire Risk Management* magazine which is free to download at [www.frmjournal.com](http://www.frmjournal.com)