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Volume 2? What happened to Volume 1?

Sorry folks for the first time in 8 years, I missed creating an edition of the newsletter.

June Meeting: Paul Van Osdel

WTAE Action News

The Challenges and Rewards of Conducting Investigations into White Collar Crime and other Public Crimes

The June meeting started with the Chapter awards and recognition of 3 and 5 year members. Kelvin Pier was also awarded a 5 year Leadership award for being a Chapter officer for 5 years.

Paul Van Osdel of WTAE Action News than conducted his presentation and spoke about how he gets leads for stories that he investigates. Stories may come from quality sources, while others just develop. Stories may be referred to Van Osdel from employees of an entity, anonymous sources, or from witnesses of an event.

Van Osdel spoke about various cases he worked on and some of the difficulties he had to overcome in pursuing the story. In one instance, Van Osdel indicated that it took 3 years after filing a Freedom of Information Act request, to obtain the requested information. In another case, Van Osdel had to file a lawsuit in order to obtain records of sick leave for City of Pittsburgh employees.

When investigating cases, Van Osdel indicated that sometimes you

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Please contact a committee chair with ideas, or to help on committee activities.

Upcoming Chapter Events

August 13, 2008

Pierre Khoury, Special Investigator, Harleysville Insurance Company:
Forensics of a Fire Investigation

September 10, 2008

Dr. Andreas Olligschaeger, President, TruNorth Data Systems, Inc.
Working the Data Mine: Information Sharing, Data Mining and Fraud Detection

October 8, 2008

Mike Selwood
FTI Consulting
Case Study (TBA)

October 17, 2008

Joint CFE/IIA Seminar
3 speakers; 4 CPE
3 Topics:
Red Flags of Fraud
Interviewing & Interrogation
Cases in Accounting Ethics

work on factual data, and sometimes on gut instinct. When asked, Van Osdel indicated that he has been threatened, but has not been physically attacked.

Mr. Van Osdel reflected on several additional cases and then took questions from the attendees.

Chapter Elections at June 11, 2008 Meeting

The annual Chapter elections took place at the June 11, 2008 meeting.

Election results are as follows:

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August 13, 2008 Program

Pierre Khoury, CIFI, FCLA

Special Investigator, Harleysville Insurance Company Forensics of a Fire Investigation; The Isabella VFD Case

Our speaker for August 13 is Pierre Khoury. Pierre has more than 9 years of claims handling and SIU experience, and serves as a Special Investigator for Harleysville Insurance Group. Combined with his insurance experience, Pierre has more than 12 years of law enforcement experience, including prior service with the United States Army Military Police and The Baltimore Police Department.

During his time with the Baltimore Police Department, Pierre was the 1996 Optimist Club Law Enforcement Officer of the Year and worked as an investigator in the Drug Enforcement unit. While working in the insurance industry he has been recognized as the 2004 Pennsylvania Insurance Fraud Prevention Authority Fraud Fighter of the Year. Pierre was also the 2004 Associate Member of the Year for the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE).

Pierre presently serves as the vice president of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the International Association of Special Investigation Units and is the Past President of the chapter.

Pierre is certified with the Pennsylvania Department of Insurance as an instructor to provide state-accepted continuing education units for licensed insurance agents. Pierre speaks and teaches insurance fraud related topics nationwide.

Speakers and Writers Needed

The Chapter is looking for speakers for future Chapter meeting events. Presentation should be 50 minutes long and be about a fraud or white-collar crime related issues. Speakers receive 1 hour of CPE credit for their presentation.

The Chapter is also looking for writers to contribute articles for future Newsletters. If you would like to contribute an article or short piece on fraud, please forward your articles or contributions to Craig Workman at craig77w@comcast.net.

ACFE Board of Regents

The Board of Regents is elected by the certified members of ACFE and is responsible for setting membership standards that promote professionalism and ensure the future of the organization as a whole.

The Board of Regents has sole authority over the admission of members, including but not limited to examination standards. The Board establishes continuing professional education requirements, and is also responsible for establishing, modifying and enforcing the

Pierre has the industry recognized designation as a Certified Insurance Fraud Investigator and presently has the AEI designation of Fraud Claims Law Associate. Pierre graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Baltimore, with degrees in Corporate Communications, Criminal Justice and Sociology.

In 2002 members of the Isabella Pennsylvania Volunteer Fire Department burned their Fire Department social hall in an arson for profit scheme. The same group was also suspected of committing more than 50 arsons in the surrounding community. Special Investigator Pierre Khoury will show you how he and members of various law enforcement agencies were able to successfully coordinate a law enforcement task force, conduct the investigation, collect and analyze the forensic evidence and prosecute the case in federal court.

Please join us for this interesting and relevant presentation.

If you looking to be published:

Journal of Digital Forensics, Security and Law Call for Papers Special Issue on Digital Forensic Accounting

Submission Deadline: March 9, 2009

The purpose of the special issue is to contribute to the discussion and understanding of the current status and perspectives between accounting and digital forensics. Digital topics are considered in their widest sense.

Prospective authors are invited to submit regular research papers, cases, or position papers. The latter should present novel ideas at an early stage of development or share future vision. All submissions should describe original and unpublished work, not currently under review by any other journal or conference.

Suggested topics include digital topics in accounting instruction, descriptions of accounting frauds where new digital forensic techniques are used in uncovering or prosecuting the fraudsters, or descriptions of the issues of how digital forensic accounting evidence are used in prosecuting a case. Wider strategic papers that provide understandings of how the accounting profession is or is not using digital evidence are welcome.

To be considered for inclusion in this special issue of the journal, manuscripts should be received no later than March 9, 2009. Prospective authors should submit an electronic copy of their

CFE Code of Professional Ethics and all other matters necessary to maintain the high standards of the ACFE.

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We look forward to seeing you at future Chapter Events!

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All submitted papers will be subjected to a blind review with respect to their relevance, originality, adequacy, contribution, correctness, readability and presentation.

All manuscripts should be submitted in MS Word format using 12-point Times Roman font.

For additional information regarding submission guidelines, authors should follow the manuscript format guidelines under Author Instructions.

Paper Submission Deadline: March 9, 2009

Notification of Initial Review Evaluation: March 30, 2009

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