

# Serial Arson Investigations

**Hosted by: Boise Police and Boise Fire Departments**

**Location:** Sawtooth Auditorium, Boise Police Department, 333 N. Mark Stall Place, Boise, Idaho

**Date:** Wednesday, November 28, 2012

**Time:** 0800-1700 hrs.

**Cost:** \$50.00 per person, (*no cost to BPD & BFD personnel*)

**Contact:** Diane Eckhart, Training Coordinator, BPD.  
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## Course:

This class is designed for both police and fire department first responders, arson and fire investigators, criminalists (CSI), crime analysts, behavior analysts (profilers), police and fire department supervisors, detectives and investigators of every type.

This 8 hour course will de-myth past misconceptions on serial fire starters. It will discuss the past “profiles” of serial arsonists and attempt to present a clearer picture of the serial offender. The most famous fire starters of all time will be described and “profiled”. The instructor has broken serial arsonists into several sub-types. All information will be described through real case studies from both the local area and from nationally famous investigations.

## Topics:

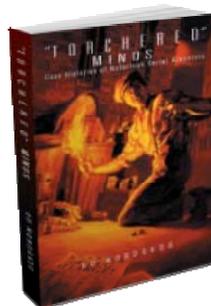
- *Is there a Profile?*
- *Common traits and behaviors*
- **Notorious and Famous Serial Arsonists- John Orr, Thomas Sweatt, Paul Keller, etc**
- **Conducting a Serial Arson Investigation- Why we don't learn from successful operations**
- **Serial Arson sub groups:**
  - Firebugs
  - Recognition or “hero” serial arsonists
  - Whackjobs, weirdos and wannabes
- **Female offenders**
- **Serial arson case studies**

## **Instructor:**

**Detective Nordskog is a Certified Fire Investigator with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Arson/Explosives Detail and a graduate of both the National Fire Academy and the ATF's Advanced Arson Investigation courses. He has been an instructor for the International Association of Arson Investigators, California Conference of Arson Investigators, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, California State POST, and the Robert Pressly Institute of Criminal Investigation for several topics in the arson and explosives field. He is a current course developer for the State POST Arson and Explosives Investigation Course. He is the course developer and instructor for Major Arson Case Investigation, Fire Death Investigation, Booby Traps, Arson for Profit, Serial Arson Investigation and Fire Scene investigation.**

**He is a former "Arson Investigator of the Year" by the IAAI, and "Law Enforcement Officer of the Year" by the International Association of Special Investigations Units. He possesses a Master's Degree from Cal State Long Beach and is the author of "Torched Minds-Case histories of notorious serial arsonists".**

**Det. Nordskog has conducted over 1,700 arson investigations, 27 serial arson investigations, and 44 fatal fire investigations. He has arrested over 300 persons for the crime of arson or fraud related to arson and has testified as an Expert in arson investigation on over 67 occasions.**



**Check out his book at [www.torchedminds.com](http://www.torchedminds.com)**

**Books will be available for purchase at the class- \$20 paperback, \$30 HB**

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## REGISTRATION/APPLICATION

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**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TITLE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DEPT/AGENCY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CURRENT ASSIGNMENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE NUMBER: ( ) -** \_\_\_\_\_

**FAX NUMBER: ( ) -** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Fax completed application to Diane Eckhart, Planning and Training Division, **no later than November 14, 2012.** **FAX to: (208) 570-6732.** An enrollment confirmation will be sent to you via the e-mail address you provide.

**Make checks payable to: Boise Police Department**

**Mailing Address:**

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