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Last month we asked - What Can We Do For You? This month our question is a different - what can we each do for the investigative and security professions? As Dean winds down his tenure as Board Chairman for the National Council of Investigation & Security Services (NCISS - [www.NCISS.org](http://www.nciss.org) (<http://www.nciss.org>)), we thought it important to share this article about the history and importance of our annual convergence for Hit the Hill - each spring we join together to meet with our Senators and Representatives. A special thanks to Ed McClain, Past President and current longest serving NCISS Board member.

Why "Hit the Hill" is So Important for Our Survival

If there is one thing that NCISS has learned in the last four decades of protecting our backsides in Washington, it's that if you wait until a bill is deemed life threatening to our businesses to muster the troops and the money, it is probably too late. Without a framework and funding for dealing with unfavorable legislation, trade associations like NCISS are at a disadvantage if not prepared for trouble. It is critical to have a lobbyist in place and a relationship with your legislator before the trouble starts. Bills that can wreak havoc with our businesses can come up suddenly out of left field so having your legislator's support in advance is critical.

Read this full article, and learn more about the annual NCISS Hit the Hill event (this March) at www.nciss.org/assets/NCISS_2018_HTH_Guide.pdf (http://www.nciss.org/assets/NCISS_2018_HTH_Guide.pdf)

Expanded Affiliated Experts

Our agency is often turned to for experts in other forensic fields. Our agency is often turned to for experts in other forensic fields. Going into 2018, we have been working diligently to bring our clients and colleagues the best in their fields. We have known each expert personally and professionally extensively. This is not an exclusive list - or one of exclusion - they are our recommendations for those we take pleasure in having working relationships.

- Forensic Pathology
- Forensic Toxicology
- Forensic Nursing
- Forensic Photography
- Digital Forensics - Cell Phones
- Digital Forensics - Computers
- Digital Forensics - GPS / Vehicles
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Keep up with news of our agency and profession!

Quick Links:

We are pleased to extend our relationships with each of these colleagues, bringing better opportunities in evidence collection to our civil and criminal litigation attorney clients. To find our recommended and Affiliated Forensic Experts - please visit our latest commentary at www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/expanded-expert-affiliations (<http://www.deathcasereview.com/afi-llc-blog/expanded-expert-affiliations>) for details and additional information.

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Tools for the Litigation Attorney and Professional Investigator
(click images for details)



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Keep up with the current events of our agency and profession through our blog. Dating back to the fall of 2011, there are dozens of articles, tips and resources for professional investigators.

Team Beers Takes Pride in Helping Victims (from 01/28/2013)

In October 2011 a local newspaper did this business profile on us. Since that time our home base has moved to Fort Collins, Colorado; however, our services are primarily national expert consultants through our extensive personal network of investigators.

-- continued at www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/team-beers-takes-pride-in-helping-victims
(<http://www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/team-beers-takes-pride-in-helping-victims>)

Learn the Basics of Death Investigations (from 02/05/2013)

This continuing education based death investigation course is a basic introduction into the concepts of the official investigation of death, such as by a coroner or medical examiner office, and the role that the private investigator may play in an equivocal death investigation. As might be expected, there are similar roles, overlapping roles and, of course different roles and responsibilities. Although developed for continuing education, the concepts and methodology are suitable for any private or government sector investigator looking to expand their investigative knowledge into the basics of death investigation, and even personal injury investigations and injury causation.

-- www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/learn-the-basics-of-death-investigations
(<http://www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/learn-the-basics-of-death-investigations>)

Tools and Resources for Professional Investigators (from 02/08/2013)

Here we hope to bring you resources that have been used by our agency, other agencies and yourself - they are proven successful and presented here to contribute to your own success.

-- www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/tools-and-resources-for-professional-investigators
(<http://www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/tools-and-resources-for-professional-investigators>)

FREE! Ethics for the Professional Investigator and Attorney Relationship (from 02/08/2013)

One of the most common mistakes a professional investigator makes is understanding that the attorney-PI relationship is an attorney-agent relationship, and all actions by the PI are governed by the same ethics as the attorney.

-- FREE at www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/ethics-for-the-professional-investigator-and-attorney-relationship
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Expert Affiliations

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team effort. Stephen Cina MD and Harold Schueler PhD are our agency affiliated experts in our respective fields offering our clients comprehensive medicolegal services.

Dr. Cina, based in Colorado, is the former Chief Medical Examiner of Cook County IL. and now provides contract and independent forensic autopsies and consultations.

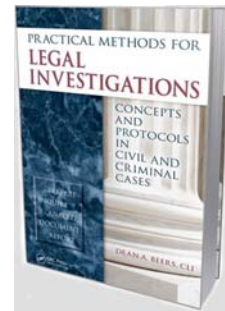
Dr. Schueler is now a profession at mid-Atlantic university, and is the former Chief Forensic Toxicologist of a large mid-Atlantic metropolitan area.

Contact our office to consult on medicolegal death and injury causation. The CVs of both Dr. Cina and Dr. Schueler are available by Contacting Us

We are proud of our working relationship with Dr. Cina, since 2002 and Dr. Schueler since 2010.

NEW Expert Affiliations!

We have recently reached out to some of our fellow expert friends and asked them to join our Affiliated Experts Referral Program! Each are available nationally.



(<http://www.practicalmethodsforlegalinvestigations.com>)

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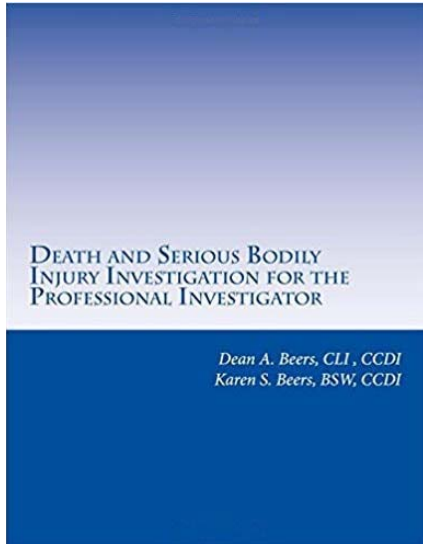


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Latest book available...

"Death and Serious Bodily Injury Investigation for the Professional Investigator"

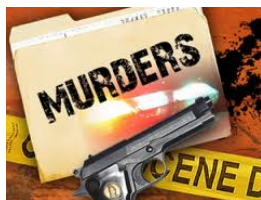
FALI is offering, for a limited time, our latest - and very detailed book (over 200 pages) on Investigating Death & Serious Bodily Injuries for civil or criminal cases, "Death and Serious Bodily Injury Investigation for the Professional Investigator," by Dean & Karen Beers.

These are for a limited time! The guide is under revision and will be released Spring 2018 for \$95 - save 1/3 off the price now at just \$70, including shipping with 50% net proceeds going to FALI!

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The manual is over 200 pages and begins with the core of the Beers's distance learning course manual. It includes over 20 additional forensic, death and serious bodily injury based articles.



Case Studies from AFI-LLC

[www.DeathCaseReview.com/sample-cases.html](http://www.deathcasereview.com/sample-cases.html)

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We are often asked about the types of traumatic injury and death cases we review - from family equivocal deaths to civil and criminal cases for attorneys and investigators. Each month we will present two previous cases - of hundreds - with a variety of circumstances, evidence, and conclusions.

Attempted Homicide and Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon

-- Our agency's most common investigations and consultations involve death and injury causation, and analysis of the integrity of the official investigation and evidence. Two parties were involved, the resident (Defendant – occupant) and his friend (non-occupant).

"The friend drove a distance to visit the defendant at his home. They were consuming alcohol and playing video games when an altercations ensued. The non-resident was stabbed with a kitchen knife in the face and chest. Although not fatal, the latter was potentially fatal. While driving himself to the hospital he called 911, and concurrently the resident also did. They each reported the altercation and injuries, but events leading to this were different."

-- Our investigation disputed the victim's allegations and law enforcement evidence – or significant lack



(<http://www.understandingdeathinvestigations.com/>)

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(<http://www.privateinvestigations.org>)

Books, Tools and Resources for PIs!

thereof.

Alleged Binding / Restraining (Expert Consultation)

-- Our agency was retained by an attorney to review the official records, reports and photographs of a reported non-assault incident of binding and restraint.

"The reporting victim stated she was bound around her wrists and ankles, then pulled together behind her back (hog tied) with a heavy nylon rope. The rope was missing upon arrival of law enforcement, and the one neighbor she reported to had since passed away. One patrol officer was assigned to investigate and took one picture of the bedroom in which it was reported to have occurred. The room was clean, no disarray and the bed made and undisturbed. The patrol officer also took pictures of injuries the alleged victim described to have occurred. A detective was assigned and photographs of the alleged victim's injuries were taken over a period of days. In the non-custodial interview the defendant asked the detective if he would be arrested - to which he was told he would. The interview continued for over two hours, with no evidence of wrongdoing or dishonesty as to his recollection of events. At the conclusion of the interview he was arrested."

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Global Investigators Media Group (GIMG.tv) Facts & Forensics

(<http://www.gimg.tv/>) About every other month Dean host a podcast featuring topical information in the areas of legal investigations and forensic investigations. He is joined by his wife and business partner, Karen for 'Conversations with Karen' on

special topics of interest. Dean closes each episode with a 'Special Guest' who is an expert in a forensic specialty. Tune in this, and every, month!

All shows are posted at <http://gimg.tv> (<http://gimg.tv/>) - the latest podcast topics include:

Conversations with Karen

We will talk about what we have planned for 2018!

Special Guest with Dean

This month - around the 15th of this month we will be having our good friend and security consultant / expert, Michael Julian, tell us about his A.L.I.V.E. program and new book!

10 Minutes To Live: Surviving an Active Shooter Using A.L.I.V.E.

Just released on Amazon 01/18/2018 -- our friend, and old family connections, gives pointers that has proven to save lives. One couple who survived the Las Vegas mass shooting have openly credited their attendance to an A.L.I.V.E. program just weeks before saved their lives!

Active shooter mass killings have become a horrible reality in our society and no place is immune to them.

In his book, Michael Julian, CPI, PPS, CSP shares how essential the appropriate actions you take in the first ten minutes of an active shooting can be for your survival. How every second counts to stay alive.

Julian provides simple tools to help you in the event you find yourself in this type of scenario. He teaches you how to prepare yourself using a security mindset, and fight through your fear with a survival mindset so you can evaluate your situation and react appropriately.

www.amazon.com/10-Minutes-Live-Surviving-L-I-V/dp/0692992197 (<http://www.amazon.com/10-Minutes-Live-Surviving-L-I-V/dp/0692992197>)

Next month - we will be having our good friend and expert Forensic Photographer and GPS Analyst, Robert Wyman, return!

Tidbits From Our Profession

Do you have news of your associations and members to share? Please let us know!



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The associations conference season is coming to a close. Stay tuned for upcoming state, national and international association conferences.

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2018 Hit the Hill and Annual Conference - Speakers and special guests announced!

2018 Hit the Hill and Annual Meeting will be held March 19th-21st. Details at www.nciss.org/2018-hit-the-hill-annual-meeting (<http://www.nciss.org/2018-hit-the-hill-annual-meeting>)!

NCISS is fortunate to have many members with expertise in multiple investigative and security services disciplines. We appreciate them giving of their time to join us for the Hit the Hill and Annual Meeting events, as well as speak to our group on a variety of important trends and topics important to each of us. The conference committee has recently secured the following speakers. Details of the full schedule and registration will be coming soon!

- Terry Kilburn

Terry will use his decades of database and records experience to speak on trends and techniques of effective database use.

- Timothy A. Dimoff, CEO/President

SACS Consulting and Investigative Services, Inc.

The Escalating Trends of Aggression and Violence Sweeping Our Nation.

- Cynthia Hetherington

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Cynthia will speak on the Internet, open sources and database offerings.



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IMPORTANT UPDATES!

Special Presentation to US Capitol Police: John J. Duffy Memorial Achievement Award (Luncheon - inside US Capitol Building)

"Things would have been far worse without the officers' selfless actions. These five brave men and women prevented a mass execution...". (Rep. Scalise)

This year, the committee of the "Duffy" past recipients selected two persons - U.S. Capitol Police Special Agents Crystal Griner and David Bailey. They will be joined by House Majority Whip Steve Scalise, R-LA., for their acts in stopping a shooter and saving the life of Rep. Scalise and others at the softball practice on June 14, 2017 in nearby Alexandria VA.

This award will be presented during the Hit the Hill luncheon, in the US Capitol Building, on Tuesday, March 20th. Details of other attending Representatives and Senators are being finalized and will follow.

NOTE - you must be registered in advance to attend the US Capitol luncheon and this special award event.

Important Networking Update

In addition, NCISS is pleased to announce that members of the National Association of Missing & Exploited Children (NAMEC) and the Council of International Investigators (CII) will be joining us. Many associations work together for the best interests of all, and both NAMEC and CII also have members and supporters of NCISS - including officers and directors.

NCISS Members Networking with Council of International Investigators (CII)

US East Region 10 host Ken Cummins of Washington DC extends a gracious welcome to all members and guests to attend The 2018 CII US East Regional Meeting, March 16 – 18, Arlington VA. To register click the following link: [2018_US_CII_Regional_Meeting_Registration \(https://coii.memberclicks.net/index.php?option=com_mc&view=mc&mcid=form_251106\)](https://coii.memberclicks.net/index.php?option=com_mc&view=mc&mcid=form_251106). There is a modest \$75 fee to cover costs.

Ken has planned an agenda that includes an opening cocktail reception; three excellent seminars; a tour of the renowned African American Historical Cultural Museum; two group (no host) dinners; hospitality suite; and, if lucky, a John Sexton lead tour of Irish pubs to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. CII President Brett Mikkelson will be attending and bringing everyone up to date on CII's future plans. Once the agenda is finalized it will be posted on the CII website.

This regional meeting is scheduled to merge with the NCISS "Hit the Hill" Initiative & AGM, which is scheduled for March 18-22. So, if you are planning on attending the NCISS event this is a perfect time to come a day or two early to socialize with and learn from your CII colleagues. CII members are also welcome to attend the NCISS meeting and participate in the Tuesday Hit the Hill lobbying effort. To register for NCISS go to their website at www.nciss.org (<http://www.nciss.org>).

ASSOCIATION CONFERENCES

Florida Association of Private Investigators

Feb 21st-24th FAPI 2018 Annual Conference in Altamonte Springs FL.

Details at www.myfapi.org (<http://www.myfapi.org/>)

National Council of Investigation & Security Services

Mar 18th-22nd - NCISS Hit the Hill / Annual Meeting in Washington DC.

Details at www.nciss.org/2018-hit-the-hill-annual-meeting (<http://www.nciss.org/2018-hit-the-hill-annual-meeting>)

Professional Association of Wisconsin Licensed Investigators

Mar 29th-30th - PAWLI Annual Conference in Wisconsin Rapids WI.

Details at https://pawli.com/calendar&event_id=49 (https://pawli.com/calendar&event_id=49)

World Association of Detectives

Apr 26th-28th - WAD Mid-Term Meeting in Barcelona Spain

Details at www.wad.net/conferences-events (<http://www.wad.net/conferences-events>)

Florida Association of Licensed Investigators

May 03rd-05th - FALI 2018 Annual Conference in Tampa FL.

Details at www.fali.org/?page=FALICONFERENCE (<http://www.fali.org/?page=FALICONFERENCE>)

California Association of Licensed Investigators

Jun 07th-09th - CALI 50th Annual Conference in Long Beach CA.

Details at www.cali-pi.org/2018-conference (<http://www.cali-pi.org/2018-conference>)

Texas Association of Licensed Investigators

Aug 22nd-25th - TALI 2018 Annual Conference in Lake Conroe TX.

Details at www.tali.org (<http://www.tali.org/>)

Osmosis

Oct 07th-09th - Osmosis Annual Conference in Las Vegas NV.

Details at www.osmosiscon.com (<http://www.osmosiscon.com/>)

National Council of Investigation & Security Services

Mid-Term Meeting is being planned and will be held this fall.

Details Coming Soon!



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Associations and News

Professional Private Investigations Association of Colorado (www.PPIAC.org)

(<http://ppiac.org/>) Monthly meetings, including a training speaker, are the first Wednesday of each month, usually in the Denver metro area. PPIAC continues to hold specialized training sessions for new and veteran investigators, and also specific to the new licensing program.

PS - be sure and visit the new and updated site for PPIAC!

National Association of Legal Investigators (www.NALI.com) (<http://www.nali.com/>)

NALI is the premier association for legal investigators for civil plaintiff and criminal defense, and oversees the prestigious Certified Legal Investigator (CLI) program. Experience is required to join and all members are subject to a background check.

Legal Investigators working cases for civil plaintiff or criminal defense - join the National Association of Legal Investigators! (<http://nalionline.org/become-a-member>) (<http://nalionline.org/become-a-member>) - please contact our office and use us as a reference on the application)

The current issue of NALI's official journal - The Legal Investigator - is now available online at www.nalionline.org/publications.htm (<http://www.nalionline.org/publications.htm>)

National Council of Investigation and Security Services (www.NCISS.org) (<http://www.nciss.org/>)

Each day we find an increasing number of problems confronting the orderly growth of our profession. These problems include, among others: overly restrictive legislation regarding training and standards,

proliferation of legislation requiring local licensing, public misunderstanding and misinformation on the role and contribution of private investigators and security services, and an uninformed media. It is the role of NCISS to meet and solve these problems while seeking to uncover and recommend action on any hidden potential problems which may have an effect on our profession.

The current issue of NCISS's official journal - Your Advocate - is available online at www.nciss.org/your-advocate (<http://www.nciss.org/your-advocate>)

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World Association of Detectives (www.WAD.net) (<http://www.wad.net/>)

W.A.D. is a global alliance of investigators and security professionals with origins dating back to 1921 and formalized in 1925. W.A.D. is the longest established and largest association of its kind in the world.

Karen is the W.A.D. Administrative Manager, and Dean is the Governor of the Americas (North, Central and South America). Together we work to further the mission of W.A.D. and provide resources to clients needing assistance in these regions. The W.A.D. magazine,

The current issue of WAD's official newsletter - Beyond Global - is available online at www.wad.net/newsletters-beyond-global (<http://www.wad.net/newsletters-beyond-global>)

Additional memberships include FALI, TALI and CALI state associations, as well as specialty specific national associations (see right sidebar). *If your association has news, please send it to us for inclusion in our newsletter.*

News From Our Profession

Police Training Firm Dumps Interrogation Technique Linked To Multiple False Confessions

(from the curbing-liability department) – thanks to CDITC for sharing...



There may be a significant shift in police interrogation methods over the next several years. The Marshall Project reports one of the nation's largest police consulting firms is abandoning a technique that has been used by a majority of law enforcement agencies over the last six decades. It's called the Reid Technique, and it's been linked to a large number of false confessions. But after fifty-plus years of religious reliance on the technique, the consulting firm says it's no longer going to be training officers to deploy it.

- continued at <https://www.techdirt.com/articles/20171228/18005038898/police-training-firm-dumps-interrogation-technique-linked-to-multiple-false-confessions.shtml>
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Links for legal / investigator professionals

(special thanks to Michelle Harris – Harris Investigations LLC in PA)

Are you in the legal profession and interested in a list of useful websites to make your life/work easier? email me at harrisinvestigationllc@yahoo.com (<mailto:harrisinvestigationllc@yahoo.com>) for your free copy!

The Dennis Root Podcast

The first two episodes are now available online. Right now you can subscribe to the show on iTunes (link provided below) and Stitcher, but more directories will be coming very soon. You can always choose to listen to the show on the website (www.DennisRoot.com) (<http://www.DennisRoot.com>) and click on Podcast for a list of the shows to date. Don't forget to rate the show. The next episode is in production now, with a goal of 5 episodes before the end of January. If you have a topic you would like discussed, or a question you would like answered, please send it to Dennis at www.DennisRoot.com/contact-us (<http://www.DennisRoot.com/contact-us>).

Fort Collins police using drones to expedite crash investigations

Drone use for accident investigations by Fort Collins Police (CO) and other law enforcement agencies.

Our agency had the first case used and it was very helpful. These are important records to have (along with body cams, dash cams, etc.) and are now part of our standard requests. You should make sure to do the same in your agency and for your clients.

www.coloradoan.com/story/news/local/2018/01/10/fort-collins-police-using-drones-expedite-crash-investigations/1017721001/ (<http://www.coloradoan.com/story/news/local/2018/01/10/fort-collins-police-using-drones-expedite-crash-investigations/1017721001/>)

Its also time to do more practice and get the required FAA license for this, it will be very helpful.

Join Mark Gillespie and Hal Humphreys for a long chat about criminal defense investigations

Our good friend and colleague, Mark Gillespie, was a guest on PI Education - hosted by another good friend, and colleague, Hal Humphreys. We also proudly have our Death Investigation distance learning with PI Education.

-- If you missed - or didn't and want a replay - here it is... <https://youtu.be/KJ3f1lhZSp0>
(<https://youtu.be/KJ3f1lhZSp0>)

Denver Consumer News TV – features ICS of Colorado / Grant Linhart

ICS of Colorado and Grant W. Linhart have referred a few equivocal death cases to us. Working with them has been as professional and knowledgeable as this video demonstrates.

Excellent interview - telling the truth and importance of our profession!
PS – watch to the end, when Grant’s membership with NCISS is proudly displayed with his membership plaque.
https://youtu.be/iA_icH6fnAE (https://youtu.be/iA_icH6fnAE)



(<http://www.nciss.org/important-nciss-news>)

Legislative News You Can Use... from NCISS

Legislative Activity Summary

It continues to be relatively quiet on the state and federal legislative activity. Most state legislatures are now starting their sessions, and

Congress remains mostly busy with domestic budget and economic issues.

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