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NEIAI 35th Annual Educational Conference Recap

The 35th Annual Educational Conference for the Nebraska Division of the International Association for Identification was held on April 2-3, 2019 at Mahoney State Park in Ashland, Nebraska. One hundred forty-one attendees ranging from forensic scientists, crime scene responders, evidence technicians, law enforcement officers, AFIS operators, and educators from Nebraska, Iowa, and Missouri were in attendance. Colonel John Bolduc, Superintendent, Nebraska State Patrol, provided the welcoming ceremony. In his address, Colonel Bolduc talked about how **Diligence**, **Compassion** and **Teamwork** are the key components to success in Law Enforcement and he thanked everyone in attendance for all that they do on a daily basis. This year's conference featured lectures from a variety of different organizations/professionals to demonstrate how their services/tools can be used by all law enforcement agencies. We also had the honor and privilege of bringing in Jon Stimac, a highly respected and well known expert in the field of Latent Prints and Footwear and Tire Track, to present and conduct several workshops at the conference.

The following workshops were provided during the conference:

- **RECOVER Latent Fingerprint Technology (LFT) Chamber** - Presented by Jason Cole, Foster & Freeman
- **2D Impression Evidence Recovery** – Presented by Jason Cole, Foster & Freeman
- **Exclusions: A Problematic Conclusion** – Presented by Jon Stimac, Ron Smith & Associates
- **An Understanding and the Comparison of Latent Palm Prints** – Presented by Jon Stimac, Ron Smith & Associates
- **Comparison of Plantar Friction Ridge Impressions** – Presented by Jon Stimac, Ron Smith & Associates
- **FARO Technologies FARO Zone 3D** – Presented by Brenda Butler, FARO Technologies

The following lectures were provided during the conference:

- **Missing Persons and Their Biometrics** – Presented by Melissa Gregory, NamUS
- **Digital Forensics: Beyond Computers** – Presented by Mark Dishaw, Douglas County Sheriff's Office; Brandon Stigge, Papillion Police Department; and Jordan Warnock, Federal Bureau of Investigation
- **SANE Nurse & Sexual Assault Submittal** – Anne Boatright, SANE Nurse
- **NSP Sexual Assault Submittals & DNA backlog** – Presented by Jason Linder, Nebraska State Patrol Crime Laboratory
- **ViCAP/Crimes Against Adults** – Presented by John Hallock, Federal Bureau of Investigation
- **Behavioral Analysis Unit (BAU) & Boy in a Bunker Case Study** – Presented by Molly Amman, Federal Bureau of Investigation
- **Nikko Jenkins Case Study** – Presented by Jen Tinsley, Douglas County Sheriff's Office



President Bob Hurley & Presenter Jen Tinsley



Presenter Anne Boatright



NSP Superintendent, Colonel John Bolduc providing the keynote address



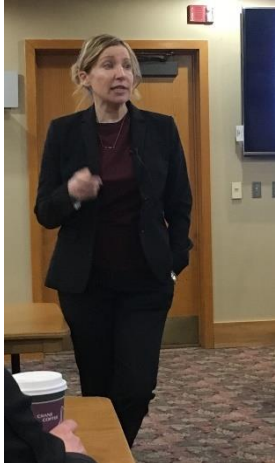
President Bob Hurley & Presenter Jason Linder



Presenters Mark Dishaw, Jordan Warnock and Brandon Stigge



LCC K-9 Comfort Dog Eddie, and his handler



Presenter Molly Amman



Melissa Gregory lecturing during the NamUS lecture



FARRO Zone 3D workshop



Vice President Launa Groves & Jon Stimac

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2019 NEIAI Conference Highlights

During the NEIAI Business Meeting held on April 3, 2019, three board members were elected and the Harold Moon Scholarship recipient was named. Lifetime member and past NEIAI President, Larry Barksdale, was presented with a plaque honoring his years of service as President of the NEIAI.

Thank you, Larry, for your dedication and service!



The three positions on the NEIAI Board of Directors that were up for election/re-election included: Vice President, Board Member at Large, and Newsletter Editor. Eligible members running for each position were given the opportunity to provide a brief speech regarding their intentions and qualifications for the elected positions. Membership attendees present during the 2019 NEIAI Business Meeting elected/re-elected the following individuals to the Board of Directors:

- ✓ ***Launa Groves (LPD) was re-elected to the post of Vice President***
- ✓ ***Chris Weber (LPD) was elected to the Post of Board Member at Large***
- ✓ ***Sarah Zarnick (NSP) was re-elected to the post of Newsletter Editor***

There will be ***five positions*** on the NEIAI Board of Directors open for election/re-election during the 2020 conference which will be held on April 7-8. These positions include:

- ***President***
- ***Secretary/Treasurer***
- ***Board Member at Large***
- ***Historian***
- ***Webmaster***

If you are interested in running for any of these positions, please contact one of the current members of the NEIAI Board of Directors and visit our website at www.neiai.org to obtain more details regarding the Board of Directors position duties. We are always looking for new members to join the Board of Directors!

Harold Moon Scholarship & 2019 Scholarship Recipient

The Harold Moon Scholarship is a \$500 scholarship that is awarded to one active member of the NEIAI each year. This scholarship is to be used by the recipient to attend the International Association for Identification's (IAI) Annual Educational Conference. This year, the IAI's Annual Educational Conference is being held in **Reno, NV on August 11-17, 2019**. The NEIAI started awarding the Harold Moon Scholarship in 2004. This scholarship is named after Harold W. Moon who was one of the foremost document examiners in the Midwest and was instrumental in forming the Nebraska Chapter of the IAI (NEIAI). Mr. Moon served as the first elected president when the NEIAI was chartered in 1985.



Congratulations to Josh Connelly (Douglas County Sheriff's Office) on being the 2019 recipient of the Harold Moon Scholarship. We look forward to hearing about your experience!

Qualifying for the 2020 Harold Moon Scholarship:

- Plan on attending the 2020 International Association for Identification Annual Educational Conference in **Orlando, FL on August 9-15, 2020** (<http://www.theiai.org/conference>);
- Be an Active member of the NEIAI in good standing;
- Be a forensic practitioner (i.e. Crime Scene Technician, Forensic Scientist, Officer, etc.);
- Complete the application form (***located on the website under the Harold Moon Scholarship link***), and submit an essay stating your personal and departmental training needs;
- Upon your return from the IAI conference, provide a written synopsis to the NEIAI Board of Directors regarding the training you received, overall conference experience, etc.

If you would like to be considered for the 2020 Harold Moon Scholarship to attend the 2020 IAI Educational Conference, please submit your completed application and essay by **March 1, 2020** to:

Nebraska IAI

Attn: Harold Moon Scholarship

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2019 NEIAI Photo Contest

Each year, all NEIAI members have the opportunity to enter their photos in the annual photo contest. Entered photos are on display during the NEIAI conference and conference attendees are asked to vote for their favorite photos (one per each category). The owner of the winning photo(s) receives a \$25 gift card and will have their winning photo(s) featured in the NEIAI newsletter! The number of categories in the contest can vary (between three or four) and depends upon the number of photos received. The 2019 Photo Contest had enough entries to divide the contest into four categories:

- **Forensics/Crime Scene/Law Enforcement**
- **Nature/Scenery**
- **People**
- **Animals**



Thank you to all who took the time to enter their photos in this year's contest, it was great to see how talented our membership is!

Calling All Photographers!!

If you are interested in submitting your photos for the 2020 NEIAI Educational Conference which will be held on April 7-8, please consider the following rules/guidelines:

- All submissions must be at least 8 x 10 inches in size
- Photographs may be either in black & white or color
- Photographs may be either vertical or horizontal
- Each entrant may submit up to **5 photographs per category** (all photos must include a title)
- A completed Photo Contest Entry Form must accompany each entrant's photographs
- Contest entries must be received by mail or in person no later than the date specified on the current NEIAI conference year registration form
- Photographs containing images of children must be accompanied by a signed parental release

GIVE US YOUR BEST SHOT!



2019 NELAI Photo Contest Winners



Forensics/Crime Scene/Law Enforcement

"Search for Sydney"

LaVone Tienken

Federal Bureau of Investigation

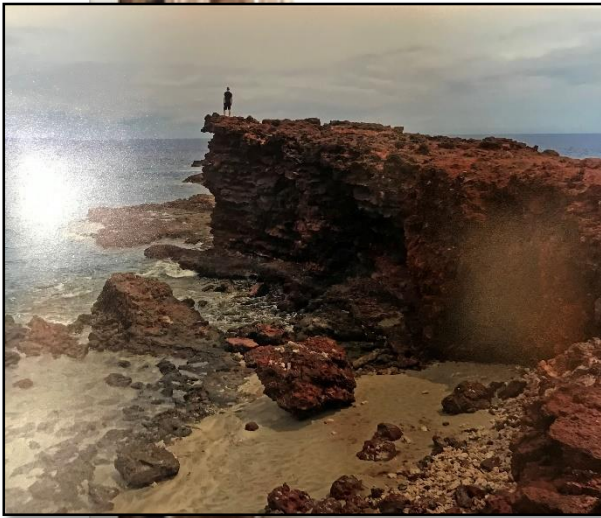


Animals

"Adventure Doggo at Chimney Rock"

Amy Moore

Douglas County Sheriff's Office



People

"Contemplation"

LaVone Tienken

Federal Bureau of Investigation



Nature/Scenery

"Junkyard"

Rachel Dellovechio

Omaha Police Department

Vendor Appreciation

This year's conference would not have been a success without the amazing support and generosity of our vendors. The NEIAI Board of Directors and the membership would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the following vendors who contributed to the 2019 conference:

- IDEMIA
- Arrowhead Forensics
- Foster & Freeman, USA
- Collision Forensic Solutions
- FARO Technologies
- GunBusters
- Gemalto
- DOANE University



2020 NEIAI Conference Preview



36TH Annual NEIAI Educational Conference
April 7-8, 2020



We are actively in the planning phase for the upcoming 2020 NEIAI Conference! The following is a preview of the types of lectures and workshops that we are trying to put together:

- **Jasa Homicide/Suicide House Explosion** – Case Study
The case study would include the investigation, CSI/Video Forensics, drone use and autopsy
- **Sydney Loofe Homicide** – Case Study
The case study would cover multi-jurisdictional case requests and cell phone forensics
- **Making Optimal Decisions in Latent Print Examinations & Fracture Match Examination**
Workshops instructed by John Vanderkolk (Indiana State Police Laboratory)
- **DMORT** Presentation with a focus on incident prep/response, multi agency coordination and resources in the state of Nebraska
- **National Guard Mobile Lab Unit** – Presentation and unit tour
- **Mobile ID Units** (IDEMIA vendor product demo) – Presentation with a focus on agency requirements/how to connect to the state's network as well as explanation of how the unit is used in the field and success stories
- **Human Trafficking** – Lecture

WAIT, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We need to know from the membership, if you would be interested in having the following types of lectures/workshops offered at the 2020 conference. **Pay attention to your email as you will be receiving a *Survey Monkey invitation*** so that you can cast your vote and give us your feedback on the following:

- Would you be interested in a workshop about 3D response and forensic analysis related to coordinated mass disaster/active shooter events? If so, how long would you want the workshop to be? (2-4 hours or an all day event)
- Would you be interested in a Crime Scene Practical? If so, how long and what specific details would you like to cover? (2-4 hours or an all day event; Lecture/demo or practical application from start to finish)
- Would you be interested in attending lectures by Robert Woolsey in regards to Sovereign Citizen & Domestic Terrorism Training and Drug Interdiction in Rural Areas? (***Mr. Woolsey is scheduled to teach the Sovereign Citizen class at NLETC in November of 2019***)
- Please pick your **top two** choices from the following list:

K9 Cadaver Demonstration & Lecture
Underwater Crime Scene Demonstration & Lecture
Helicopter Support Lecture & Tour

Continuing Education Opportunities



- The Omaha Police Department will be hosting a **Statement Analysis Interviewing Techniques Seminar** July 19, 2019. The cost is \$140 and the instructor is Mark McClish. For questions regarding this training, please contact Miranda Vaughan Omaha Police Department at miranda.vaughan@cityofomaha.org
- The Nebraska State Patrol will be hosting a three-day **Criminal and Terrorist Interdiction Workshop** on July 30 – August 1, 2019 at NLETC. The cost is \$599 and more information can be obtained by contacting Desert Snow at trainings@desertsnow.com
- The Douglas County Sheriff's Office will be hosting a three-day **Power Palm Prints** class August 26-28, 2019. Tuition is \$450.00 and the instructor is Alice White. For questions regarding the training, please contact Angie Bonar with the Douglas County Sheriff at angela.bonar@douglascounty-ne.gov

There are plenty of great training opportunities being offered by various local law enforcement agencies in our state. The trainings listed above do not encompass all of those being offered, so make sure you check out the following websites to stay current on your professional development!

Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Academy: http://nletc.nebraska.gov/training_calendar.html

Police Training: <https://policetraining.net/browse/state?val=32>

TriTech Forensics: <https://www.tritechtraining.com/upcoming-courses.html>

Sirchie: <https://www.sirchie.com/training.html>

Ron Smith & Associates: <http://www.ronsmithandassociates.com/training/schedule.php>

Forensic Pieces: <http://www.forensicpieces.com/training-courses>



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The Nebraska Division of the International Association for Identification (NEIAI) is a non-profit organization for those professionals engaged in forensic identification, investigation, and scientific examination of physical evidence. In support of this goal, and in collaboration with our parent organization the International Association for Identification (IAI) the NEIAI has these goals:

- To associate persons who are actively engaged in the profession of forensic identification, forensic investigation, forensic education, and the scientific examination of physical evidence in an organized body within the State of Nebraska, so that the profession in all of its branches may be standardized and effectively and scientifically practiced.
- To encourage the advancement and improvement of the science of forensic identification and crime detection.
- To keep its members apprised of the latest techniques and discoveries in crime scene detection.
- To encourage research work in scientific crime detection.
- To raise the standards of all personnel engaged in scientific crime detection.
- To employ the collective wisdom of the profession to advance the scientific techniques of forensic identification and crime detection.
- To provide training, education and publication in forensic science disciplines represented by the Nebraska Division of the International Association for Identification.
- To work closely with the International Association for Identification, in furthering the profession of identification generally.

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