



The Society for Integrity in Force Investigation and Reporting

2017 USE OF FORCE INVESTIGATORS CONFERENCE

January 30th through February 1st, Seattle, WA

FEATURED PRESENTERS

Grant Fredericks

World renowned expert on the technicalities and analysis of video evidence

Dr. Ron Fisher

Expert on memory and cognition. Co-creator of the Cognitive Interviewing Technique

Rick Wyant & Glenn Davis

Firearm and less lethal tool specialists and nationally recognized forensic experts currently working in an accredited state lab.

Use of Force Case Study: Las Vegas Metro Police CiCi's Pizza/Walmart shoot-out. This incident left two officers, two suspects, and a bystander dead and serves as a sobering reminder that use of force investigations tend to be most important under the worst circumstances. This case was one of the first undertaken by LVMPD after entering into their collaborative reform effort with the DOJ.
plus networking, socials and more!

Registration Now Open!

\$600 (\$500 for SIFIR members). Register at www.forceinvestigation.org. Seating is limited so register early. In the event of a sold out conference, SIFIR members get priority access.

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SIFIR is a non-profit association dedicated to furthering the field of investigating, evaluating and reporting incidents of the application of force by law enforcement officers. It exists to serve its members through unbiased education, training and networking.

2017 Conference Agenda

January 30th, 2017

7:00 am to 8:00 am	Check in and breakfast
8:00 am to 8:30 am	Conference opening/greeting Seattle Police Chief Kathleen O'Toole SIFIR President Steve Hirjak
8:30 am to 10:00 am	Dr. Ron Fisher, FL, Florida International University Memory and the Cognitive Interview <i>Dr. Fisher is the co-creator of the Cognitive Interviewing Technique (with Dr. Edward Geiselman). He served as the chair of the Psychology Doctoral Program at FIU and trains investigators for the NTSB and FLETC on issues of memory, cognition, witness errors and impeachment.</i>
10:00 am to 10:20 am	Break
10:20 am to 11:50 am	Dr. Ron Fisher (continued)
11:50 am to 1:05 pm	Lunch (area restaurants)
1:05 pm to 2:25 pm	Grant Fredericks Video and Use of Force <i>Grant is a contract instructor of video sciences at the FBI National Academy and is one of the most experienced video experts in North America. Grant is a Certified Forensic Video Analyst, who has testified as an expert witness over 150 times in courts at all levels. He is recognized as a leading instructor in the science of Photographic/Video Comparison, Reverse Projection and Vehicle Speed Analysis. He has appeared on national television providing opinion and analysis on videos of national interest.</i>
2:25 pm to 2:45 pm	Break
2:45 pm to 4:30 pm	Grant Fredericks (continued)
6:00 pm to ?	Social at Serious Pie and Biscuit (401 Westlake Ave N)

January 31st, 2017

7:30 am to 8:00 am

Breakfast

8:00 am to 9:30 am

Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) CiCi's Pizza and Walmart Officer Involved Shooting

A case study of the investigation of an OIS in which two officers and a Good Samaritan were killed by the subjects and one subject was killed by responding officers while the second killed herself. This case was investigated shortly after LVMPD's collaborative reform effort with DOJ regarding Use of Force. LVMPD uses a two team model of a criminal investigative team (FIT) and an administrative investigation of the Department (CIRT) at each OIS.

Lt. Kelly McMahon (Critical Incident Response Team)

Lt. McMahon has served with Las Vegas Metro Police for 20 years with assignments in Patrol, Internal Affairs, and as the Commander of CIRT which is responsible for the administrative investigation of Officer Involved Shootings as well as other critical use of force or prisoner deaths. She served as LVMPD's liaison with DOJ during their collaborative reform effort. She will present a case study for the incident with a focus on lessons learned as an early incident after LVMPD's collaborative reform effort with DOJ.

Det. Jason Leavitt

Det. Leavitt has been assigned to the LVMPD CIRT for 3 years and has been the lead on several high profile OISs during that time. Prior to being assigned to CIRT, Det. Leavitt worked in Counter-Terrorism for 7 years and the LVMPD Robbery Section for 5 years.

9:30 am to 9:50 am

Break

9:50 am to 11:30 am

LVMPD OIS (continued)

11:30 am to 11:50 am

Attendee discussion of OIS incident

11:50 am to 1:05 pm

Lunch (area restaurants)

1:05 pm to 2:35 pm

Rick Wyant and Glenn Davis - Taser and Firearm evidence

Rick and Glenn currently serve in an accredited state crime lab examining real world evidence for active cases. They have 30 years of combined forensic experience in firearm/tool mark identification, crime scene forensics, shooting reconstruction and analysis of less lethal tools. They have presented to the IAI, provided expert analysis on three continents to include expert advice in recent national-profile police shooting incidents.

2:35 pm to 2:55 pm

Break

2:55 pm to 4:30 pm

Rick Wyant and Glenn Davis (continued)

6:00 pm to ?

Social at Local Eatery & Pub (404 Terry Ave N)

February 1st, 2017

7:30 am to 8:00 am

Breakfast

8:00 am to 9:30 am

Det. Craig Kaul (LAPD Force Investigation Division)

Case Study from the LAPD Files: LAPD has had a professional division dedicated to the investigation of Use of Force Incidents for almost two decades, stemming from a settlement with the DOJ. They serve as a model to much of the nation when departments examine how to improve their internal oversight of the use of force by their officers.

Detective III Craig Kaul has been a senior investigator in the Force Investigation Division (FID) for twelve years where he currently oversees one of the administrative investigation teams. A 29-year veteran of LAPD, Detective Kaul's assignments included patrol, criminal and administrative investigations, field supervisor, detective supervisor, and as an Internal Affairs investigator.

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Assistant US Attorney Christina Fogg (DOJ)

Use of Force Investigations from a DOJ perspective

Christina Fogg is an Assistant United States Attorney for the Civil Division of the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Washington. She spends the majority of her time working on civil rights matters. In coordination with the Department of Justice's Civil Right Division, she has worked on matters enforcing terms of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, the Uniformed Services employment and Reemployment Rights Act, and the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act. Since 2014, she has been one of the Assistant U.S. Attorneys representing the United States in the United States v. City of Seattle ("SPD") matter (DOJ Settlement Agreement/Oversight)

10:30 am to 11:50 am

Panel Discussion: Competing Interests in an Officer Involved Shooting

Brian Maxey, Chief Operating Officer of Seattle Police

Prior to becoming SPD's COO, Brian served as Senior Police Counsel, with an emphasis on compliance. He previously served as a Supervising Assistant City Attorney where he was lead attorney for the Police Action Team, specializing 1983 litigation and general advice to SPD; as Assistant Corporation Counsel in the Special Federal Litigation Unit of the New York City Law Department, representing the NYPD; and as Assistant Attorney General in the Criminal Justice Division of the Washington State Attorney General's Office.

AUSA Christina Fogg, DOJ

Steve Miletich, Seattle Times

Steve has written for the Seattle Times since 1999 and has won multiple Pulitzer Prizes for Journalism including his coverage of the murder of 4 Lakewood Police Officers.

Sgt. Sean Whitcomb, Seattle Police Public Affairs

Sean has led the Public Affairs unit through the transition to the modern, online era, establishing Seattle PD as the 3rd most followed Twitter account in the nation and winning the prestigious PRWeek award for best Public Sector Public Affairs Campaign, likened to the “Oscar” of public affairs.

David Roger, General Counsel, Las Vegas Police Protective Association

David graduated California Western School of Law in 1987 and served as prosecutor in the Clark County D.A. Office and eventually winning elections as District Attorney in 2002, 2006, and 2010. He has been representing officers in legal matters for LVPPA since 2011.

Detective Steve Grammas, LVMPD, LVPPA President

Steve has served with LVMPD for 18 years as a patrol officer, training officer, and in various detective assignments. He has served full time with the Las Vegas Police Protective Association since 2014 and is currently the elected president of their police union.

11:50 am to 1:05 pm

Lunch (area restaurants)

1:05 pm to 2:00 pm

General Membership Meeting/Election of Officers and Board Positions

2:00 pm

Close of conference

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