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Winter Spring Seminar 2010

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2010

BRENNAN'S CONFERENCE CENTER

13000 Triskett Rd, Cleveland, OH

6 Hours have been applied for.

Cost \$60.00 members, \$120.00 non-members

Times: 8 to 8:45am Registration and Coffee

9-12 Ken Werstak FBI

12-1 Lunch

1-2 Werstak continued

2-4 David Hicks

Hotel Information- A block or rooms is being held at the Holiday Inn/ Cleveland Airport, 4181 West 150th St. Cleveland, OH 44135. Ph 216.252.7700, at a rate of \$79 plus tax. Be sure to mention that you are with the OEA.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope all of you have made it through this cold and snowy winter. As the days get longer and we see the sun more we know Spring is just around the corner. Our winter seminar held in Rootstown was well attended, even with adverse weather conditions.

The speakers gave a very informative and interesting presentation. I would like to ask all members to attend our **Spring seminar** that will be held **May 12, in**

Cleveland at Brennan's Party Center. This is usually well attended so you may want to get your reservation in early.

Check out the Focus for all the details and directions.

Hope to see you at the seminar.

Michael Patrick

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Keep in mind that Ohio licensees have until December 31, 2010 to earn 18 hours of con-ed. Remember to retain your certificates of completion that you receive from OEA or any other venue for the previous and current compliance period.

Reservation Information for O.E.A. Brennan' Conference Center FOCUS Spring Seminar • Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Cost: \$60.00 Per Member • \$120.00 Non Member • Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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SPEAKERS

Kenneth R. Werstak Jr., is a 14 year veteran Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Having served in the FBI Pittsburgh Division from 1996-2006 as an investigator, Ken later became a Supervisory Special Agent and transferred to FBI Headquarters in Washington D.C, where he remained through August 2008. In the FBI Weapons of Mass Destruction Unit at FBI Headquarters, Ken was solely responsible for operational oversight into the FBI's WMD Program located in 13 FBI Field Offices throughout the Southeast Region of the United States and Nine (9) Legal Attaché' Offices around the world. In August 2008, Ken once again "returned to the streets" as an investigator and presently serves in the FBI Baltimore Field Office, Frederick, Maryland Resident Agency. Covering five counties that comprise Western Maryland, Ken's primary mission is FBI Domestic Terrorism investigations, including: White Supremacy Extremism; Animal Liberation/Earth Liberation Eco-Terrorism; WMD and bombing investigations.

Ken's collateral responsibilities include, serving as an Assistant WMD Coordinator and is additionally a certified member of the FBI Baltimore Hazardous Materials Response Team. Ken also serves as an FBI Advanced Capability Tactical Paramedic, where he provides operational medicine as a member of the FBI Baltimore SWAT Team. A former Team Leader with the FBI Pittsburgh Evidence Response Team (ERT), Ken has participated in numerous crime scenes where mass casualty and multiple fatalities existed. In 1999, Ken deployed to Kosovo along with a contingent of 100 FBI ERT personnel in support of the International War Crimes Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia. While in-county, ERT personnel were responsible for exhuming mass graves and processing multi-fatality crime scenes, all in support of genocide and war crimes allegations. On September 11, 2001, Ken deployed to Somerset, Pennsylvania in response to the crash of United Airlines Flight 93. There he led a contingent of over 150 federal investigators in forensic evidence and body recovery operations while processing "Ground Zero".

Additionally, from October 2001 through mid November 2001, Ken deployed to New York City, where he served as an FBI Paramedic at the Fresh Kills Landfill, Staten Island, New York. There Ken was the sole FBI medical provider, delivering acute emergency medical and Sick Call care to over 600 multi-agency forensic recovery operations personnel during the midnight shift.

A native of Valley View, Ohio, Ken is a 1992 graduate of the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science. Serving his Apprenticeship under the ever-watchful and skillful eyes of Jack Vodrazka, Ken served as an Embalmer/Funeral Director with the Golubski-Deliberato Funeral Home in Garfield Heights, Ohio prior to his federal employment appointment. A former Part-time Firefighter with the Valley View Fire Department, in Valley View, Ohio, Ken continues this tradition of public service as a Volunteer Firefighter/Paramedic with the Frederick County Division of Fire/Rescue Services in Frederick, Maryland. A current resident of Frederick, Maryland, Ken and his wife Tina have a daughter and two dogs.

David Hicks, CFSP, MBIE has been involved in funeral service since 1992. David holds a license for both Ohio and Kentucky. He is a graduate of the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science where he earned a Bachelor's of Mortuary Science and also holds a Master's of Science in Education from Capella University. He worked at two prominent, Cincinnati funeral homes as a funeral director/ embalmer before accepting the position as the Clinical Lab Manager at CCMS in 2002. He is the Chair of Embalming Sciences at CCMS where he teaches in the areas of embalming theory, restorative art, clinical labs and various other science courses.

David is a member of The Ohio Embalmers Association, where he serves as Secretary, Chairman of the British Institute of Embalmers North American Division, American Society of Embalmers, Michigan Embalmers Society, and the Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practitioners. He is also a past president of the Greater Cincinnati Funeral Service Association- District #5 OFDA.

David is married to his wife Julie and they have three boys and reside in Cincinnati.

TOPICS

- CRIME SCENE - DO NOT CROSS - A Perspective Look Into the World of Crime Scene Processing and Body Recovery Operations

During this exciting and informative Cleveland Embalmers Association, 2010 Spring Seminar, participants will be afforded a unique perspective into the world of forensic crime scene processing and body recovery operations. Starting with the concepts behind the FBI's 12 Step Process, a methodical approach to processing a crime scene from start-to-finish, participants will walk through actual crime scenes and body recovery operations. Seasoned forensic investigators from the FBI Baltimore and FBI Cleveland Field Office, Evidence Response Teams (ERT) and Hazardous Materials Response Teams, along with representatives from the Cuyahoga County Coroner's Office and the Geauga County Sheriff's Office, will present numerous interactive case studies on complex crime scene operations. As an added bonus, a dynamic demonstration by Eliot, a Cadaver Dog, promises to expound on the benefits that such a resource holds for today's forensic investigators. Participants will further be afforded an opportunity to view the Cleveland ERT Team's, Body Recovery Trailer static display and have an opportunity to interact with Presenters. 4 hours.

British Funeral Homes and Burial Sites

OEA Secretary David Hicks will share what he learned about English Funeral customs and practices from his trip to England in June of 2009. Interesting burial sites will also be shown from Westminster Abbey, Windsor Castle and Highgate Cemetery. 2 hours.

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DIRECTIONS TO THE MAY MEETING LOCATION: BRENNANS PARTY CENTER - Cleveland, Ohio



- From I-71, take the West 130th St Exit and go North to the end of the street.
- 130th takes a slight jog to the right at Lorain Ave.
- Stay on 130th until it ends at Triskett Rd. Brennans is right there.

MAY 12, 2010