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## IAI'S JORZ TO ATTEND OK CONFERENCE



The IAI's First Vice President, Raymond Jorz, is expected to attend the 2017 Oklahoma Division IAI Annual Conference May 17-19 in Edmond, OK. Jorz's extensive forensic science experience includes his current position at the Lake County Crime Lab, Lake County, Ohio, as a Senior Forensic Fingerprint and Firearms Examiner. Jorz's professional experience also includes work as a Forensic Document Examiner. Jorz was a police detective for the City of Euclid from 1974-2001, and he was a petty officer in the US Navy from 1971-1977. He served as a board member of the Ohio Identification Officers Association, and chaired the Advisory Committee on Management Issues.

## OK DIVISION OF IAI MAINTAINS GROWTH

Oklahoma Division of the International Association for Identification continues to grow with 136 members in 2017. Twenty new members that have joined since May 2016 are:

Sarah Atwood, OK Office of Chief Medical Examiner  
Kristen Davenport, Midwest City Police Department  
Neil P. Gagel, Oklahoma City Police Department  
Rory Garien, OK Office of Chief Medical Examiner  
Shanna Harper, Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office  
Michael Horton, Oklahoma City Police Department  
Mark LaBrie, Oklahoma City Police Department  
Andrew Miller, Edmond Police Department  
John Miller, OK Office of Chief Medical Examiner  
Marianne Miller, Student – University of Central OK  
Caitlin Moses, Student – Oklahoma State University  
Emma Prophet, OK Office of Chief Medical Examiner  
Greg Regier, Edmond Police Department  
Torrey Rowe, Edmond Police Department  
Greg Simonson, Oklahoma City Police Department  
Jennifer Staggs, OK Office of Chief Medical Examiner  
Michelle Stricklin, Midwest City Police Department  
Victoria I. Tjahjo, Oklahoma City Police Department  
Tamara R. Weston, Student - Oklahoma State University  
William Wright, Edmond Police Department

Applications for student, active and associate memberships can be found on the division's website, [theokiai.org](http://theokiai.org), and submitted to the division secretary. The application does require the signature of a current "recommending" member and a membership fee/application fee.

## OK IAI GETS A FRESH LOOK ON WEBSITE

Many thanks to Mr. Matthew Eccles, web designer, for creating the modern look of our updated website, [theokiai.org](http://theokiai.org).

## OKLAHOMA SETS NEW ATTENDANCE RECORD AT IAI 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE



124 members attended the OK Division IAI 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Educational Conference, held May 18-20, 2016 at the UCO Forensic Science Institute, Edmond, Oklahoma, setting an all time high for the division, competing with larger state IAI conferences in the U.S. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary collectible coins were given out to registrants. Members had the opportunity to meet 2016 IAI President Bridget Lewis and six founding members of the OK IAI Division, receive 24 hours of CLEET training, tour OK IAI history displays, see the latest forensic tools offered by vendors, win a firearm, listen to conference presenters from around the U.S., and attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary banquet.

Eighty members have registered to attend the 2017 OK IAI Conference at UCO Forensic Science Institute, May 17-19, 2017. Members should plan to attend the annual business meeting on Wednesday and TOP GOLF on Thursday evening.



Six Oklahoma Division Founders, all life members, were present for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary conference and banquet. Pictured above are Charles Ryan, Larry Peters, George Kennedy, Carl Cloud, Larry Peters and Tom Lewellen. One founding member, Bob Travis, is deceased.

Harry Stege, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary banquet honored guest, spoke fondly of his father's experience in solving a homicide using fingerprint identification, manually comparing inked print cards to one latent print from the crime scene, once card at a time, as well as his own experience gained as an officer and supervisor at the Tulsa Police Department. Stege was essential in the chartering of the Oklahoma Division IAI. Stege is pictured below with OK IAI President Deion Christophe and Board Member Jimmy Stokes.



2016 national IAI President Bridget Lewis, distinguished guest and banquet presenter, attended the three day conference. OK IAI Conference presenters included Mike Thompson, Mike Nance, Andrea Swiech, Kent Buehler, Marty Wilson, Frank Smith, Angela Berg, Andy Howard, Celestina Rossi, Chuck Goode, Meghan Jones and Stormy Gribble, Eric Richardson, James Molinaro, Howard Ryan, Dr. Jason Beaman, Beth Shaw, Dr. Joshua Lanter, Robert Harden, Lindsey Bartlett and Thomas Gilchrist.

## OSBI'S CURT TERRY TAKES ON NEW ROLE AS WOODWARD PD POLICE CHIEF



On March 20, 2017, OSBI special agent Curt Terry took on the new role of Woodward, Oklahoma Chief of Police. Terry, (pictured right, with his newly appointed Assistant Chief of Police, Billy Parker), is a native of Woodward, population 12,051. His

law enforcement career spans 27 years, beginning at William S. Key Correctional Center. He then moved to the Woodward County Sheriff's Office. He left WCSO to work at Mooreland Police Department. In 1996 Terry worked for the Woodward Police Department as an officer, and later, a detective. He

joined the OSBI in 2008, eventually moving to the Crime Scene Unit in 2013. Chief Terry states, "It's good to be back. It's a challenge, but one I look forward to." (woodwardnews.net).

## DAVID WADE, SLAIN LOGAN COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF, HONORED BY OK IAI



On April 18, 2017, Logan County Deputy Sheriff David Wade was shot at approximately 8:30 a.m. as he attempted to serve an eviction notice at a residence near the intersection of CR 66 and Midwest Boulevard, outside of Mulhall, Oklahoma. One of three subjects he encountered at the scene opened fire on Deputy Wade, striking him multiple times in the face and body. Wade was able to radio for backup after he was shot. He was flown to a hospital in Oklahoma City, where he was pronounced dead.

The suspect, later identified as Nathan Aaron LeForce, allegedly stole Deputy Wade's patrol truck and fled the scene. He then abandoned the vehicle and carjacked a citizen in a nearby town. LeForce was taken into custody several hours later. He is being charged with Murder in the First Degree-Malice Aforethought, Larceny of Motor Vehicle, AFCF and Armed Robbery in the First Degree, AFCF.

Logan County District Attorney Laura Austin Thomas states a bill for the death penalty will be filed, identifying three aggravators; he killed a law enforcement officer in performance of his duties, is a continuing threat to society, and the death was particularly heinous, obstructus and cruel.

Deputy Wade served three years with the Logan County Sheriff's Office. He was a U.S. Army veteran, survived by his wife and three children. Wade, pictured above (center) with Logan County deputies Antonio Valencia and Pete Wagner, was an active member of the OK IAI.

## OTHER FORENSIC SCIENCE NEWS2KNOW

- 📄 OK IAI proposes Amendments to the By-laws.
- 📄 OK IAI board member and officer positions open.
- 📄 Scholarships available through UCO Forensic Science Center and OK IAI.
- 📄 IAI Conference dates set for August 6-12 in Atlanta, Georgia. Registration is now open. Go to [theiai.org](http://theiai.org).
- 📄 IAI increases certification/recertification fee by \$100, stops \$50 division payouts effective January 1, 2017, to help cover costs associated with ISO accreditation.
- 📄 April 10, 2017, Attorney General Jeff Sessions to end the Forensic Science Commission. In-house advisor and internal committee to be appointed by Sessions.