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GREETINGS PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS AND PRIVATE FIRE INVESTIGATORS:



**CHARLES R. GIESSING,
CHAIR OF COMMITTEE**

I am proud to serve presently as Chairman of the Missouri Board of Private Investigator and Private Fire Investigator Examiners. My background is in the field of fire investigation for 40 years and I was appointed to the Board by then Governor Nixon in 2011.

I want to dedicate this newsletter to a long-time past Board member Mr. Dwight McNeil. Starting in the late 1990's he saw a need to create statewide licensing of private investigators, so he started a discussion with others in his profession across Missouri about licensing. Through tireless effort and with the members of the then MAPI (Missouri Association of Private Investigators) over the eight years where he served as its President, he created the push to license private investigators. In 2007 the state legislators passed and then Governor Matt Blunt signed into law Senate Bill 308 that requires private investigators to meet certain professional standards and be licensed to practice this profession in the State of Missouri. On March 4, 2008 Governor Blunt appointed Dwight to the first Board that was created to oversee the implementation of the licensing process. Once the Board met, he was appointed its first chairman and remained the chairman until 2017. Board Members Doug Mitchell and Kenneth McGhee were also appointed to the first board and according to Doug, Dwight was the obvious choice to be Chairman.

The efforts of Dwight meant the licensing measures raised the level of professionalism of private investigators across the state of Missouri and makes them accountable to their clients. I want to personally thank Dwight for his time spent on the Board and his efforts to see that private investigators and private fire investigators be held to a higher standard in the State of Missouri.

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In 2011 the board's scope was expanded to include licensing of Private Fire Investigators. The Board's name was changed to the Missouri Board of Private Investigator and Private Fire Investigator Examiners. The Board was expanded to include two private fire investigators. Dwight was Chairman of the Board when I was appointed. I was happy to educate him and the other Board members about the fire investigation profession.

I want to add that Missouri is the only state that requires the licensing of private fire investigators as a separate profession. Many states license fire investigators as private investigators with no separate distinction. Fire investigators do not perform the same work as private investigators as their efforts are towards the origin and cause of a fire loss. Missouri was the first and only state to see that licensing of fire investigators separately in their own profession was proper.

We had hoped to take the Board meeting back on the road again to different parts of the state to reach out to the licensed professionals to obtain their input and help everyone to better understand the responsibilities of the Board. Presently COVID-19 has curtailed this. We hope in the future this will change and we can again do the "outreach" effort.

GREETINGS CONTINUED

I will remind the private investigators that you need to meet your educational credits prior to any renewal period. Private fire investigators must maintain a current certification from the Missouri Division of Fire Safety as a Fire Investigator prior to any renewal period. All this information is available on the website.

The Board and staff have worked hard to make the licensing and renewal processes as simple as possible. We welcome input from you either by email, letter or attending the meetings of the Board. Meeting notices and locations are posted on the website.

We have a wonderful staff and an outstanding Executive Director, Ms. Pam Goose. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact them at the division office in Jefferson City. As always, we welcome you to attend any Board meeting. It is my pleasure to serve on the Board to help better the private investigator and private fire investigators profession in Missouri.

Best regard,
Charles R. Giessing

CE REMINDER

Please submit your Continuing Education hours to the Board office as soon as you complete them. This helps us to stay current on your file, and it helps us to better serve you. Waiting until renewal time to submit the CE hours slows down the process and delays us in getting the license processed. Thanks for your assistance in making this process run more smoothly.

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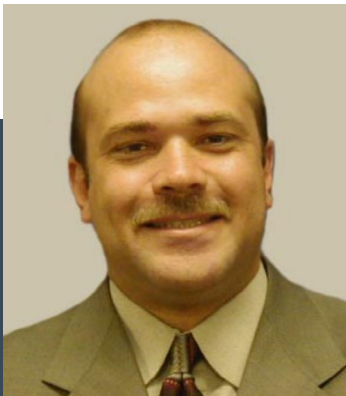
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WEBSITE WONDERS

The Division of Professional Registration Board of Private Investigator and Private Fire Investigator Examiners is here to help you in any way we can. Feel free to give us a call whenever you have questions. Our website, <https://pr.mo.gov/pi.asp>, is also here to help you and provides a multitude of information. Check it out.

Are you interested in attending a future board meeting or want to know what's been discussed at a past meeting? The Meeting Information tab in the Board Section of our home page will tell you everything you need to know. Future meeting dates are listed, as well as the agenda for the open meetings. Once the minutes are approved at the next meeting, the minutes of the open meetings are also posted in order to keep you informed.

Have you misplaced your copy of the Rules and Statutes? You can always access the Rules and Statutes by clicking the link on our home page. This is a good way to assure you are using the latest version.

Has your name, address, phone number, or e-mail address changed? This is especially important when renewals are coming up. We can only get your renewal reminder to you if we have your correct contact information. In order to update your information we must have a written copy of your update request; you may not just give us your information over the phone. To notify us of any name changes or to update your home or business address, e-mail, or phone number, just click on the Change of Address link in the Licensee section of the home page, complete the form, and submit.

Are you interested in finding opportunities for professional development or concerned about recent disciplinary actions taken by the board? All of this, and more, is available on our website and just a click away.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Board of Private Investigator and Private Fire Investigator Examiners offers our heartfelt thanks to all who have served professionally to help the citizens of Missouri. We'd like to recognize those of you who have reached a milestone as a licensed Private Investigator or Agency Investigator Employee in our state.

10 YEARS AS A LICENSED PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR – LICENSED IN 2010

JOE ADAMS, SAINT LOUIS, MO

MATTHEW ALLEN, SAINT LOUIS, MO

ROBERT ANDERSON, SAINT LOUIS, MO

PATRICK ANDREWS, DESTIN, FL

MICHAEL BARBIERI, SAINT LOUIS, MO

EVERETT BARGER, KANSAS CITY, MO

SHANNON BARRETT, ALPHARETTA, GA

CHRISTOPHER BENNER, QUINCY, IL

M SCOTT BIONDO, SAINT PETERS, MO

DANIEL BLACKWELL, GLADSTONE, MO

GREG BORDERS, FORT WORTH, TX

CALVIN BOX, CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO

TIMOTHY BRENNER, SPRINGFIELD, MO

KEVIN BURGDORF, SAINT LOUIS, MO

RODNEY BURK, SPRINGFIELD, MO

RANDALL CARPENTER, SAINT LOUIS, MO

GREGORY CHATTEN, BALLWIN, MO

ROBERT CIRTIN, NIXA, MO

ED COLVIN, KANSAS CITY, MO

DAVID CONDER, SAINT LOUIS, MO

ROBYN CORLEY, DES PERES, MO

AUGUSTUS COTTEN, SAINT LOUIS, MO

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SEAN DEES, NASHVILLE, IL

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DEREK DEROSSETT, CASTLE PINES, CO

STEPHEN DONNELLY, LENEXA, KS

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PETER DUFFEY, SHAWNEE MISSION, KS

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LEROY GREENE, KANSAS CITY, MO

WILLIAM GREGORY, THOMASVILLE, NC

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JAMES HISE, FARMINGTON, MO

10 YEARS AS A LICENSED PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR – LICENSED IN 2010

REVA HOLCOMB, TITUSVILLE, FL	DOUGLAS MITCHELL, WARRENSBURG, MO (BOARD MEMBER)
JOHN HOOGSTRATEN, SAINT LOUIS, MO	JAMES MURRAY, KEARNEY, MO
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GUY JOHNSTON, RAYMORE, MO	DOUGLAS PEARSON, OVERLAND PARK, KS
DANIEL KASTNER, TOPEKA, KS	BILL POWELL, OVERLAND PARK, KS
WILLIAM KATES, CHICAGO, IL	PATRICK REARDON, DANVERS, MA
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BICKELL LUND, KANSAS CITY, MO	JAMES SCAVATTA, SAINT LOUIS, MO
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JOHN MACKEY, GORDONVILLE, MO	GREGORY SEHER, OVERLAND PARK, KS
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LINDA MANASA, GREENWOOD, MO	MARK SMITH, SAINT LOUIS, MO
CURTIS MARTIN, O FALLON, MO	MICHAEL SOKOLOSKI, KANSAS CITY, MO
GREGORY MARTIN, WEST PLAINS, MO	ROGER SPEARMAN, SAINT LOUIS, MO
JOHN MCCARTHY, SAINT LOUIS, MO	STEVEN STARKEL, BEAVERTON, OR
PATRICK MCCARTHY, SAINT LOUIS, MO	RANDY STONE, ARBYRD, MO
KEVIN MCCLAIN, CENTRALIA, IL	ROBERT STOVER, GLADSTONE, MO
JEANEETA MCCLINTOCK, GODFREY, IL	ALAN SUITER, SPRINGFIELD, MO
JEFFREY MCDONALD, SPRING HILL, KS	VALERIE SUMMER, LIBERTY, MO
LARRY MCDOWELL, SAINT LOUIS, MO	NORMAN SWAFFORD, BERNIE, MO
J DWIGHT MCNIEL, OZARK, MO (PAST BOARD MEMBER)	

10 YEARS AS A LICENSED PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR – LICENSED IN 2010

RICHARD SWANK, OLATHE, KS

RICHARD TAFFET, SAINT PETERSBURG, FL

MARJORIE TAYLOR-RICHARDSON, BRIDGETON, MO

TIM THAYER, OVERLAND PARK, KS

CONNIE THOMPSON-SAMPLE, COLUMBIA, MO

DOUGLAS THOMS, ARMSTRONG, MO

ROBERT THOMURE, SAINT LOUIS, MO

BRIAN TRANCHILLA, SAINT LOUIS, MO

DALE TUCKER, WILDWOOD, MO

ZACHARY VOUDRIE, SAINT LOUIS, MO

MADISON WEBB, OVERLAND PARK, KS

JOSEPH WEBER, SALEM, MO

CHARLES WILLIS, OLATHE, KS

CONNI WILSON, SAINT JOSEPH, MO

JERRY WOLSEY, KANSAS CITY, MO

TIMOTHY WOODBURN, SAINT LOUIS, MO

NICHOLAS ZOTTI, O FALLON, MO

10 YEARS AS A LICENSED AGENCY INVESTIGATOR EMPLOYEE

MICHAEL BARNER, GILBERTS, IL

MARTIN BARNES, BALLWIN, MO

THOMAS BENNETT, LEES SUMMIT, MO

ROBERT BURKETT, CENTRALIA, IL

DAVID CHALFANT, SAINT LOUIS, MO

ROY COLE, JACKSONVILLE, FL

TIMOTHY DILLOW, NAPERVILLE, IL

RONALD DUNN, LAFAYETTE, LA

TOMMY FENTON, BURBANK, CA

AUDY FENTON, JACKSONVILLE, FL

TRACY FLORA, ELLISVILLE, MO

STUART FORD, OVERLAND PARK, KS

PATRICIA FREDERICK, SAINT LOUIS, MO

BRIAN GREEN, RALEIGH, NC

KEVIN HICKS, SAINT LOUIS, MO

ANTOINETTE KOVAR, SAINT LOUIS, MO

DANIEL LANE, OVERLAND PARK, KS

KELLY LARKIN, GILBERTS, IL

CATHRINE MACFARLANE, OVERLAND PARK, KS

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GREGORY WHITMORE, WOBURN, MA

CLAYTON WILLIS, SAINT LOUIS, MO

LISA WRIGHT, ALPHARETTA, GA

STATISTICS FY 14-20

PI STATISTICS	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20
PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR LICENSE	50	51	46	52	35	37	24
PI AGENCY LICENSE	10	20	6	14	9	9	6
PI AGENCY EMPLOYEE LICENSE	111	116	82	107	87	75	63
PRIVATE FIRE INVESTIGATOR LICENSE	16	16	9	6	3	4	1
FIRE AGENCY LICENSE	9	12	2	2	0	2	1
FIRE AGENCY EMPLOYEE LICENSE	13	44	10	16	5	11	3
COMPLAINTS OPENED	29	20	13	19	12	15	5
COMPLAINTS CLOSED	25	20	13	19	12	12	2
DISCIPLINES	2	6	4	5	2	3	0

COVID-19

Not that long ago, most of us had never heard of COVID-19. Today, however, COVID-19 is a household word, and we must be mindful of the possibility of sharing a sometimes life-threatening disease with friends and family, and with clients and co-workers. The decisions faced today are unprecedented and unsettling. As you do your best to make decisions that are best for your families and your communities, know that we here at the Board of Private Investigator and Private Fire Investigator Examiners office are doing the same thing. Whether we are working in the office or working remotely from home, we are doing our best to continue to serve you and the citizens of Missouri. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is something we can do to make this challenging time a little less chaotic.

CONGRATULATIONS GREG KELLERMAN



The Board would like to recognize Private Investigator Greg Kellerman, Kellerman Investigations. Mr. Kellerman was awarded “Investigator of the Year” at the 2020 Missouri Investigator Association Conference held August 31 through September 3, 2020 in Branson, Missouri.

Pictured on left, Greg Kellerman and on right, President, Larry Fish.

GOODBYE KIM!



On October 20, 2016, Kim Cox began working at the Division of Professional Registration with the Board of Private Investigators & Private Fire Investigators. Since then, she has worked diligently and joyfully to help our investigators and agencies get licensed, stay up to date on CE's, and get renewed on time. It has been her cheerful voice on the phone when anyone has a question regarding Private Investigators and Private Fire Investigators. It has been her quick response to e-mails that has helped investigators to be able to do their jobs. She has gone above and beyond to take care of her investigators like family. On February 26 we will bid her goodbye and best wishes for a wonderful retirement. Thank you, Kim, for your dedication and friendship.