



**MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF
PROFESSIONAL INVESTIGATORS**

Up-Close

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MCPI MISSION STATEMENT: The Michigan Council of Professional Investigators (MCPI) is an organizational network of investigators from across the State of Michigan founded on integrity, professionalism, and high industry standards. Our organization will strive to provide investigators with education, legislative support, business opportunities, and synergistic forums to gather and exchange ideas. The MCPI members maintain the highest standard of this and confidentiality to promote trust and support amongst our clients and colleagues.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jim Schoenherr

Good Day to all Members,

As we begin the process of transitioning to our Autumn and Winter routines I hope everyone will take a moment and thank the Board of Directors (BOD) for all of their hard work this past year.

The BOD has established outstanding programming and strategic partnerships that allow our members to continue their education in person and on-line. We continue to give back by reaching out to the new generation of investigators as they move through their education.

Our Membership has grown and it appears that participation is increasing at a steady rate.

Please make note that our BOD Member at Large, Wayne Bisard, is now chairing the newest version of the MCPI Legislative Committee. Please look for upcoming announcements as the committee moves forward to monitor and lobby to protect the interests of MCPI Members.

Elections of MCPI Board Members are held every two years, and this year will be in October. Everyone will be able to vote for a new BOD on-line. When the election period is open, an email invitation to vote will be sent to all MCPI members. For those unable to vote electronically, paper ballots will be available at the annual meeting held on October 19. Election results will be announced at the Conference on October 19.

Don't forget to register for the October 19th Fall Conference on-line, the Conference is coming up soon!!!

Be safe everyone!

Jim Schoenherr

What's New??

The Michigan Council of Professional Investigators is proud to announce the formation of a new **Legislative Committee**, set to usher in a renewed focus on monitoring bills and for fostering interactions with the legislature. Taking the helm as the Legislative Chair is Wayne Bisard. Alongside him, the Committee boasts a dynamic team, including: **Dewey Powell, Carl Clatterbuck, Brian Peebles, and Gene Butler.**

The committee's inaugural meeting will be scheduled in **October, 2023** with the primary agenda being to establish a streamlined process for monitoring bills and laying the groundwork for meaningful interactions with the legislature. This initiative emphasizes the Council's commitment to staying ahead of legislative changes and ensuring the professional investigative community in Michigan remains informed and influential. We eagerly anticipate the positive strides this Committee will make for our members and the broader investigative community.

WELCOME to our newest Members:

Josephine Cleland, Andrew Fias, Jim Furstenberg,
Howard Hanft, Michele Harris, Steven Kaufman,
Bruce Paris, Rick Rafferty, Cheryl Savage,
Reid Straith, Titus Myers.

2021 - 2023 MCPI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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MCPI COMMITTEES

Unlicensed Activity (UAC):

Chair: Mike Cook, Sgt-at-Arms

Program and Events:

Co-Chairs: Cheri Gelnak
Sue Hardesty

Newsletter:

Chair: Jim Kelly
Cheri Gelnak

Legislative:

Chair: Wayne Bisard

Technical/Website:

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2023 Fall Conference

Join other professional investigators
for Training & Networking

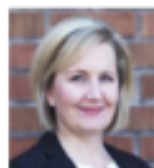
SPEAKER LINEUP



Kelly Riddle

Topics: *Making Your Vehicle Covert and Investigating Frauds & Scams*

- How to make your surveillance vehicle covert to help you conduct better surveillance. Get some new tricks and tools of the trade!
- The different types of fraud and scams currently permeating our society, what to look for and how to investigate this fraud.



Jennifer Brown, JD, CLI

Topic: *The Use of Genealogy for Investigations*

- New innovations have led to enhancing investigations through the use of genealogy. Genealogy tools and sources can prove to be valuable assets in many investigations.



Lori M. Hinkley

Topic: *FOIA Requests*

- Help you understand all of the laws surrounding Michigan's Freedom of Information Act, exemptions, common request issues, and how to handle denials.

OCTOBER 19, 2023
8:00am – 5:00pm



MSU Henry Center for Executive Development
3535 Forest Road
Lansing, MI 48910



Candlewood Suites

MCPI has arranged a courtesy room block at the adjoining hotel. The group room rate does not include applicable state and local taxes.

Candlewood Suites-East Lansing
3545 Forest Road, Lansing, MI
517-351-8181

Studio Suite	\$ 95/night
1-Bedroom Suite	\$135/night



Registration Fees

MCPI Members:	\$150
Non-Members:	\$165
Affiliate PI Associations:	\$150

Registration includes continental breakfast and buffet lunch.

WHY ATTEND

- ✓ Earn CEU's
- ✓ Discover Strategic Takeaways
- ✓ Advance Your Professional Development
- ✓ Expand Your Business Network



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2023 FALL CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 19, 2023

Henry Center for Executive Development, Lansing, MI

Time	Agenda
8:00am – 9:00am	Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:00am – 9:30am	Welcome & Introductions President's Address to Members Begin Voting for MCPI Officers
9:30am – 9:45am	Platinum Sponsor Presentation– Advantage Investigations
9:45am – 10:00am	Networking Break
10:00am – 12:00pm	Keynote Speaker: Kelly E. Riddle Topics: Making Your Vehicle Covert and Investigating Frauds & Scams <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to make your surveillance vehicle covert to help you conduct better surveillance. Get some new tricks and tools of the trade!• The different types of fraud and scams currently permeating our society, what to look for and how to investigate this fraud.
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch & Networking <i>Buffet Lunch will be provided</i>
1:00pm – 2:45pm	Speaker: Jennifer Brown, JD, CLI Topic: The Use of Genealogy For Investigations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New innovations have led to enhancing investigations through the use of genealogy. Genealogy tools and sources can prove to be valuable assets in many investigations.
2:45pm – 3:00pm	Platinum Sponsor Presentation – El Dorado Insurance Agency
3:00pm – 3:15pm	Networking Break
3:15pm – 4:30pm	Speaker: Lori M. Hinkley Topic: FOIA Requests <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Help you understand all of the laws surrounding Michigan's Freedom of Information Act, exemptions, common request issues, and how to handle denials.
4:30pm – 4:45pm	Platinum Sponsor Presentation – The Campbell Group
4:45pm – 5:00pm	Closing Remarks MCPI Board Member Election Results Prize Drawings

SAVE THE DATES:

Thursday, October 19, 2023 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

2023 MCPI Fall Conference

Location: MSU Henry Center, Lansing, Michigan

Tuesday-Thursday, October 24-26, 2023

Criminal Defense Investigation Training

Location: MSU Henry Center, Lansing, Michigan

INSTRUCTOR: Brandon A. Perron, CCDI, CFI-FTER

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Webinar (3rd Tuesday of every Month in 2024)

Sign up now our website: www.mcpihome.com

Challenge Coins



MCPI challenge coins are available for purchase via the online *Store* on our website. Cost is \$10 per coin.

Challenge Coins will also be available for sale at the Annual Conference.



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Brandon A. Perron, CCDI, CFI-FTER



THE COMPONENT METHOD

A Comprehensive Approach to Conducting Criminal Defense Investigations

The Component Method was developed to provide public defender investigators and private sector investigators with a formula for conducting successful and comprehensive criminal defense assignments.

This course presents the Component Method of Criminal Defense Investigation in a comprehensive format designed to address the training needs of new or experienced investigators. The philosophy and analytical methodology of criminal defense investigation and theory of investigative critical thinking are examined, as is the concept of reasonable doubt.

A copy of the book *Uncovering Reasonable Doubt: The Component Method* by Brandon A. Perron will be provided to all attendees.

COMPONENTS

- Investigative Case Review & Analysis
- The Defendant Interview
- Crime Scene Examination, Diagrams & Photography
- Victim / Witness Background Investigations
- Witness Interviews & Statements
- Report of Investigations & Testifying

Successful completion on this course combined with experience prerequisites will allow you to apply for the expert designation of nationally recognized Board *Certified Criminal Defense Investigator (CCDI)*.

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8:00am – 6:00pm



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PARTICIPATION IS LIMITED - REGISTER NOW - www.mcpihome.com

Criminal Defense Investigation Training Agenda

THANK YOU!!! to **Huron Galley Gun Range** in New Hudson for hosting our event in August, and especially to our **Guest Speaker Jolene Hardesty** from the Michigan State Police. Jolene provided an excellent presentation with resources and tips for helping with Missing Persons, Child Abduction, and Human Identification cases.



THANK YOU to our Sponsors:



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