



**MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF
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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

by Jerry Hardesty

Members,

I hope everyone is having a great Summer!! Your Board of Directors has been working hard to put the final touches on our upcoming Fall Conference, on Thursday, September 12, 2024. We are returning to Lansing at the MSU Henry Center for Executive Development again this year because of the central location, great food and amenities. Registration is open on the website, so please login and sign up today! We are excited to host another outstanding line up of Speakers covering the topics which are most relevant to our industry and the most requested by our Membership.

We also have our next Quarterly Dinner Meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 15, 2024 at the Frankenmuth Brewery in Frankenmuth. There is only room for 30, so please register now as I anticipate this venue will fill up quickly. This is Michigan's oldest Brewery, founded in 1862. We have a private room reserved which overlooks the Cass River. The view is spectacular, and the food is quite good too. Attorney John Freeman will give us a Legal Update Presentation following dinner. The Legal Update is important for all of us to participate in, and was the #1 requested speaker topic by our Membership, so I am looking forward to seeing a lot of you in Frankenmuth next month!

Our Membership has been growing and I am also excited to introduce a new Ambassador Program in the Fall so that existing Members can help to welcome, mentor, and develop relationships with our new Members as our organization continues to expand. I will have more to share on this program at our Dinner meeting and the Fall Conference.

I also wanted to thank our Legislative Committee for their diligence throughout the year on keeping us informed and tracking any news or changes in Legislation.

Jerry Hardesty

President

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IMPORTANT DATES:

Thursday, August 15, 2024 — 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Dinner Meeting: Legal Update with Attorney John Freeman

Location: The River View at Frankenmuth Brewery

Visit the MCPI Website to Register: www.mcpihome.com

SAVE THE DATE:

Thursday, September 12, 2024: MCPI Fall Conference

Location: MSU Henry Ford Center for Executive Development, Lansing, Michigan

2024 MCPI LISTSERV RULES & GUIDELINES:

One of the great benefits for MCPI Members has been our **listserv**. Every month we see outstanding communication, networking, shared ideas, help with locating experts, and referrals to cases around the State. This service provides us with an opportunity to meet and work with other PI's who we may not have previously known, to support each other, and to share our knowledge and experiences. As we continue to interact and support each other through the listserv, please also remember the importance of our listserv Rules and Guidelines:

This listserv is owned by MCPI and is a privilege to its members. Posts are not moderated and do not necessarily reflect the opinion or endorsement of MCPI. Please follow these rules:

- The listserv shall only be utilized by current MCPI members, in good standing.
 - The listserv may only be used as a means for discussion, networking, Q&A, and/or to otherwise further professional development within the professional investigation industry.
 - No reposting of other member's messages without their approval.
 - No flaming, profanity, obscenity, blatant advertising or libelous comments will be tolerated.
 - No personal attacks of any kind are allowed.
 - An identifying email signature is required on all posts.
 - Posts to this listserv are to concern areas of interest to MCPI and/or the field of professional investigators (PIs). This list is professional and business oriented.
 - No use of this listserv to address disputes with a member, non-member, or the MCPI.
 - No disseminating of messages from, or on behalf of, those that have been removed from the listserv or those that are not current MCPI members.
- **Any violation of these rules could result in a suspension or removal from the listserv and/or MCPI. Disciplinary Action for offenders will be acted upon at the discretion of the MCPI Board of Directors.

Thank you for your support of MCPI!

WELCOME to our newest Members:

Patrick Santangelo, Joshua Goodrich,
Gail English, Rivka Morgan-Sherman,
and Henry Bonga!!

FEATURED SLEUTH

By Russ Rheaume



Tyler James Adams of Arms Group MI is our current Featured Sleuth. Tyler was born in Kalamazoo Michigan, descendants of a historical founding family, large public service-oriented family of police chiefs, fire chiefs, MD's, RNs, and military. Tyler graduated from Kalamazoo Central High School in 2008, where he was fluent in 5 programming languages, CompTIA A+ technician, Net+ and security+ certified with 18 college credits already, After graduation, Tyler obtained a job as an entry level night watchman for US Security Associates where he worked for almost 6 years. He obtained the distinguished service award for his work during a structure fire at a retirement community.

Wanting to serve his country and community following his family's history, Tyler unfortunately due

to medical reasons, could not join the military. So, in 2008, he changed his degree from CIS to Public safety. Tyler graduated from Kalamazoo Public Safety Fire Academy with a 99 percent on the state exam, He then obtained his Medical First Responder, then EMT, working approximately 4 years for several rural ambulance companies.

Tyler spent a year in occupational health as a Medical Administrator, where his job was to assess, diagnose and treat injuries in the workplace working under indirect medical authority of an MD; establishing treatment and rehab plans; coordinating with insurance companies, visits, follow ups etc. He is working for the Kalamazoo County Sheriff Department in a support role for the emergency management division where he was sponsored to obtain his Professional Emergency Management designation through the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (MSP-EMHSD). He has a total of 12 years so far in pre-hospital emergency care, and patient treatment.

FEATURED SLEUTH (cont.)

By Russ Rheume

With experience since 2008, Tyler has held numerous roles including line level supervisor for numerous firms: Security Manager for Deja Vu Inc, Sr. Area Manager/ Investigation Manager for MSO Security/PRMG: Operations Manager for DK Security and Security Manager for Gatsby Cannabis.

On the side, Tyler has worked 17 years with animal rescue. He enjoys volunteering at food banks and

is currently heading the investigation division for a nonprofit that focuses on human trafficking investigations, and rehabilitation.

Tyler has built his whole career as a dedicated, driven and determined man with integrity, who will stop at nothing to continue to grow and accomplish his objectives. Adams Risk Management Group, Tyler's firm, specializes in anything medical related on the investigation side, white collar/criminal cases, emergency operation planning, risk management, and intelligence gathering.

Tyler is also a Ham radio operator, SHARes Operator, and US Air Force Military Auxiliary Radio Service program operator. Personally, he loves helping people, He has a strong passion to learn, and always is working on something to better himself. He loves German shepherd dogs. His current dog is a Sabine Wren Keeper Grimm. He works with her daily, with her nose, agility and biting. He plays hockey as a goalie and has been skating since he was four years old. Tyler is single, no children and enjoys nature and lakes.

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armgroupmi@gmail.com. Tyler Adams is definitely an asset to our Organization.

Legislative Engagement

By Wayne S. Bisard

Why MCPI Members Should Engage with Local Legislators During the Off-Season

As professional investigators, our work is influenced by legislation and public policy. While we often focus on immediate tasks and casework, it's crucial to recognize the value of engaging with our local legislators, especially during the off-season. Building relationships with policymakers can significantly impact our profession, ensuring our voices are heard when it matters most.

The Importance of Legislative Engagement:

Legislators make decisions that affect our industry, from licensing requirements to privacy laws and regulations that govern investigative practices. By reaching out to them during the off-season, when they have more time to engage with constituents, we can:

1. **Educate Lawmakers**: Many legislators may not fully understand the scope of our work or the challenges we face. By providing them with accurate information, we can help shape informed policy decisions that support our profession.
2. **Influence Policy**: Personal relationships with legislators can lead to a greater influence on policy-making. When lawmakers know us and understand our concerns, they are more likely to consider our perspective when drafting and voting on legislation.
3. **Advocate for Our Profession**: Engaging with legislators allows us to advocate for the interests of professional investigators. Whether it's lobbying for beneficial laws or opposing detrimental ones, our collective voice can make a significant difference.

Effective Ways to Engage:

Engaging with legislators can be done in various ways, including attending town halls, scheduling meetings, and participating in community events. Here are some effective strategies:

1. **Attend Town Halls and Public Meetings**: These events provide a platform to ask questions, express concerns, and introduce yourself to your representatives. It's an excellent opportunity to make your presence known and establish a rapport.

Legislative Engagement (cont.)

2. **Schedule One-on-One Meetings**: Personal meetings can be highly effective. Prepare to discuss specific issues affecting our profession and offer solutions or recommendations. Providing written materials can also be helpful.

3. **Participate in Community Events**: Many legislators attend local events and community gatherings. Attending these events allows for informal conversations and relationship building.

4. **Join Legislative Committees or Advocacy Groups**: Being part of a committee or group that focuses on legislative issues can amplify your voice and provide additional resources and support for your advocacy efforts.

The Long-Term Benefits:

Building relationships with legislators during the off-season has long-term benefits for the Michigan Council of Professional Investigators and our members. It helps ensure that our concerns are considered in legislative processes and that we have allies in policymaking positions. Additionally, it fosters a collaborative environment where we can work together to advance the interests of our profession.

In conclusion, engaging with local legislators during the off-season is a strategic and necessary effort for MCPI members. By taking the time to educate, influence, and advocate, we can help shape a legislative environment that supports and enhances our profession. Let's make our voices heard and ensure that the needs and interests of professional investigators are well-represented in the halls of power.

For more information on how to get involved and resources to assist you in these efforts, please contact the MCPI Legislative Committee.

Warm regards,

Wayne S. Bisard, MSA

CEO Wayne Bisard Investigations

Criminal Defense Investigation Training Council, Criminal Defense Specialist; MCPI Board of Directors, Member At Large



Michigan Council of Professional Investigators

2024 Fall Conference

Join other professional investigators to advance your professional development, network, and earn CEU's.

September 12, 2024
8 AM - 5 PM

Location:

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



Guest Speakers:



Keith Elliott

- AI and Investigation Considerations for ChatGPT & Other Platforms



Ruben Roel

- Building Visibility: Marketing Strategies for Modern Investigation Agencies



Ryan Robison

- Solving the Mystery of Missing Person Brendan Santo
- The Increase in Cyber Crimes

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Conference Schedule

8:00am – 8:45am	Registration & Breakfast <i>Continental Breakfast will be provided</i>
8:45am – 9:30am	Welcome & Introductions President's Address to Members MCPI Business Meeting
9:30am – 9:45am	<i>Platinum Sponsor Presentation</i>
9:45am – 10:00am	<i>Networking Break</i>
10:00am – 12:00pm	Keynote Speaker: Keith Elliott, CII - CFE Topic: AI & Investigation considerations for Chat GPT and other platforms
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch & Networking <i>Buffet Lunch will be provided</i>
1:00pm – 2:30pm	Speaker: Ruben Roel Topic: Building Visibility: Marketing Strategies for Modern Investigation Agencies
2:30pm – 2:45pm	<i>Platinum Sponsor Presentation</i>
2:45pm – 3:00pm	<i>Networking Break</i>
3:00pm – 4:30pm	Speaker: Ryan Robison, CFE Topics : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Solving the Mystery of Missing Person Brendan Santo</i> • <i>The Increase in Cyber Crimes</i>
4:30pm – 4:45pm	<i>Platinum Sponsor Presentation</i>
4:45pm – 5:00pm	Closing Remarks Raffle Prize Drawings

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