

ASSE Mobile Chapter  
Regular monthly meeting 11:30 A.M. December 16, 2009  
White-Spooner Construction Co. 2110 S Beltline, Mobile, AL

The fourth meeting of the 2009-2010 ASSE Mobile Chapter was called to order at 11: 40 A.M., a list of those in attendance is attached, and there was a quorum present.

The guest speaker for this month was Mobile PD Lt. Joseph Rose & his presentation was Crime Scene Investigations. Lt. Rose is a graduate of the Troy State with a BS in Criminal Justice and the National Forensic Academy. He is a Certified IAI Senior Crime Scene Analyst & POST Certified Instructor in Crime Scene Preservation, collecting evidence, fingerprints, & police communications.

Lt Rose's presentation on Crime Scene Investigations began with an overview contrasting reality with popular television shows. His power point presentation was more dramatic and real than Hollywood which sums it up what we learned today is real. His power point included both real CSI and their training program. The structure of the CSI Unit is comprised of both Sworn Officers & civilian personnel and has three major functions: preservation, documentation, & physical evidence. First, preservation of the CS or for Safety Professionals the accident scene depends on proper preservation and the importance of established policies procedures, & practices can best be illustrated with examples of proper preservation and poor preservation. We all have experienced incomplete incident investigations because site preservation was not practiced. Second, documentation, to begin with this includes notes, sketches, & photography. The primary difference between CSI & incident investigation is Safety knows who is involved and is trying to determine what, why, & how it happened. CSI usually has less information, they may know who, but they can't tell CSI what happened, or won't. At this point questioning the injured, witnesses, supervisors, and others immediately & later with a follow-up is of the utmost importance as are their statements. Third, physical evidence, including search methods & collection which takes two paths: admissibility issues & integrity issues. CSI & incident investigation differ here too, but we have all wanted for physical evidence for various reasons to complete an incident investigation.

Other functions are fingerprint examinations & providing training for Academy recruits. Finally there is case review. The CSI must be worked thoroughly & systematically, the same is true for the incident scene. One difference is that the incident investigation needs to be shared with all levels of management, and with personal information redacted all employees as a learning opportunity to make changes that will eliminate hazards.

After questions were answered the meeting was again called to order and a motion was presented by the Chapter President Torrey Garrison to increase chapter dues from \$15.00 annually to \$20.00 annually, it passed, he then adjourned the meeting at 12:40 P.M. The next meeting will be at the same time & place and feature attorney Buzzy Riis with Hand Arendall the topic being "What to do when OSHA knocks"

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