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Annual Live Burn Seminar

H&A conducted their annual live burn seminar on June 19th, 2009. This exercise provided simulated accidental and intentional vehicle and structure fires, providing invaluable information to investigators, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and claims personnel. The 2009 event was an overwhelming success, with approximately 180 attendees from the United States and Canada. This year, demonstrations included the burning of one fifth-wheel travel trailer, one snow mobile, one wave runner, one speed boat, and five free standing automobiles. Additionally, two H&A employees built a two car garage, with drywall and siding, functional electrical outlets, overhead lights, as well as an insulated garage door with an electric opener. Two automobiles were located inside of the garage and three fire scenarios were conducted ultimately resulting in complete destruction of the garage and vehicles.



Pictures from the event are available on the H&A website. Click [here](#) to view the slide show. Additionally, H&A will be releasing a training DVD from the event on behalf of the Michigan Arson Prevention Committee (MAPC). Please email a request to lisa@herndon-assoc.com to be on the mailing list, and we will send you a copy of the DVD when it is available.

Thank you for your support!!

H&A would like to thank the The Auto Salvage Auction in Davison, MI for hosting the event, and State Farm, Citizens, Allstate, Nationwide, AAA, and Farmers for donating the mobile property.





Immobilizer System Investigations

H&A recently increased their auto theft investigation capabilities through the purchase of a new universal key reading tool. This tool provides additional assistance in the investigation of automobiles equipped with immobilizer systems. This tool provides information for several vehicles sold under the Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, Mazda, Volkswagen, Audi, Cadillac, Nissan, Infinity, Mitsubishi, Toyota, Lexus, Honda, Chrysler, Kia, and Amanti brand names.

