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OK-IAI HAS A NEW FACE AS THE VICE PRESIDENT!!!

MEET JASON SALYARDS!



Property Crime Specialist Jason Salyards has been with the Oklahoma City Police Department for almost 13 years. PCS Salyards started his career with OCPD as a dispatcher. After two years, he was accepted into the Property Crimes Unit. His primary role is investigating and documenting various property crime scenes where forensic evidence is potentially present. He was also previously assigned to the Crime Scene Unit as a Crime Scene Investigator. He currently volunteers with the OCPD Wellness Unit. PCS Salyards has an associate degree in Police Science from Oklahoma State University.

In 2005, he was a member of Kenyon Emergency Services and deployed to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. He served as a Team Leader collecting the remains of deceased individuals primarily from the Lower 9th Ward and St. Bernard's Parrish.

He was previously employed as a Police Officer with the Dyersburg City Police Department in Tennessee from 1994-2001. During his time with the department he was a Field Training Officer and member of the Special Response (Tactical) Team.

PCS Salyards is a Veteran of the United States Army and was deployed to Iraq during Desert Storm as an Armor Crewman on the M1A1 Abrams Main Battle Tank.

He is married to his wife, Joy. They enjoy spending time together, taking trips, and cheering for their beloved Boston Red Sox.

OK-IAI HAS POSITIONS OPEN!

The following Officer and Board Member positions are open:

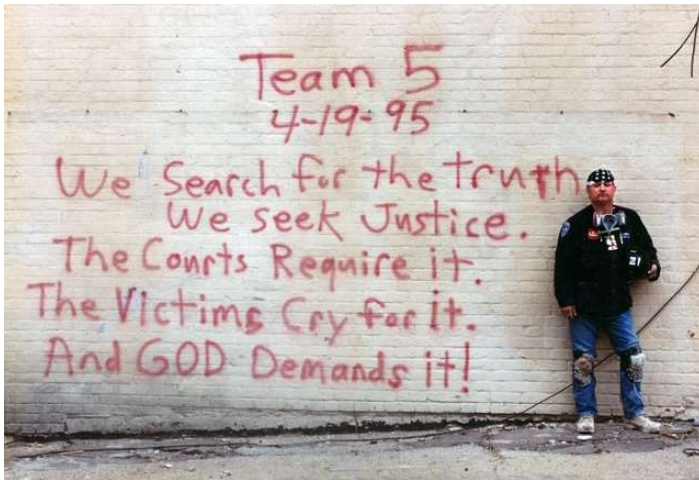
- **President** (2 year term)
- **Sergeant at Arms** (2 year term)
- **(3) Board Members** (2 year term)

If you are interested or want to nominate an awesome person who is wanting to make a difference and be involved more within the OK-IAI organization... scan the QR Code below:

OK-IAI 2025 Position Nomination Form



ROCKIE YARDLEY TO PRESENT ON THE OKLAHOMA CITY BOMBING, 4/19/1995.



ABOUT THE PRESENTER:

Rockie Yardley was employed for 39 years at the Edmond Oklahoma Police Dept. as a Technical Investigator, Bomb Disposal Technician, and Dive Team Instructor. He retired in 2019.

Rockie instructed for the U.S. State Department's Anti-Terrorism Assistance Program where he taught Bomb Disposal, Post-Blast Investigation, and Target Vulnerability to foreign national law enforcement personnel.

He is the developer and Chief-Instructor for the Underwater Explosive Recovery Specialist Course. This program taught Law Enforcement and Military Personnel, who were already Scuba Divers and Bomb Disposal Technicians, how to safely recover or render safe underwater explosives or IED's.

Rockie was one of two Technical Investigators for the Edmond Post Office Massacre on Aug. 20th, 1986, where an employee killed 14 fellow employees, then himself.

Prior to joining the Edmond PD in 1980, he was a Paramedic Supervisor for EMSA in OKC.

During the 1995 Oklahoma City Bombing aftermath, he arrived within minutes at the site and spent every day during the duration of investigation assisting the FBI and ATF in victim and evidence recovery. After the implosion of the building, he was selected to be part of a hand-picked small group of investigators and specialists to recover the last three victims.



OK DIVISION OF IAI MAINTAINS GROWTH

Oklahoma Division of the International Association for Identification continues to grow with 272 members total, including the Lifetime Members. 22 new members that have joined since May 2024 are:

Jolean Hadley- UCO
Jenna Harper- OHP
Timothy Gocha- OCME
Sara Getz- OCME
Elaina Kropelin- OCPD
Susana Saravia-Rodas- OCPD
Travanna Williams- OCPD
Andrea Garcia- OCPD
Kristen Waldman- OCME
Arden Cavitt- OSBI
Collin Woodruff- OSBI
Addison Wormington- OSBI
Dennis Honeycutt- CO Bureau of Investigation
Jessica Malan- OSU
April Neill-OCPD
Jennifer Jackson- OCPD
Jillian Frazee- OCPD
Molly Cushway- OCPD
Traci Fickling- OCPD
Trudie Taylor- OSU
Amy Hall- Tulsa Police Department

Applications for student, active and associate memberships can be found on the division's website, okiai.org, and submitted to the division secretary. The application does require the signature of a current "recommending" member and a membership fee/application fee.

OK-IAI 58TH ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE IN 2024



89 members attended the OK Division IAI 58th Annual Educational Conference, held May 22-24, 2024 at the UCO Forensic Science Institute, Edmond, Oklahoma.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WHO HELPED MAKE THE 59TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE POSSIBLE:

Board Members:

Chairman of the Board:
Samantha "Sami" Richardson

Board Members:
Carlos Zambrano, Jeremy Engel, Candace Brown, Amanda Gilson, Audrey Moon, and Lindsay Nowlin

Officers:

President- Travis Smiddy, Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation

Vice President- Jason Salyards, Oklahoma City Police Department

Secretary- Katelyn "Kate" Millar, Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation

Treasurer- Stacy Hirschman, Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation

Sergeant at Arms- Trevour Story- Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation

Historian/Editor- Torrey Rowe, Edmond Police Department

2025 OK-IAI Conference Info:

The 59th OK-IAI Annual Educational Conference will be held at the University of Central Oklahoma FSI June 3rd through June 5th, 2025. The business meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 5th, at noon and lunch will be provided to attending members. A social gathering is planned for Wednesday evening, June 4th, at Main Event in Oklahoma City, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Additional information about the conference, including the conference brochure, can be found on the official website: www.okiai.org.

DON'T FORGET TO BUY RAFFLE TICKETS AND CHALLENGE COINS!!



2025 CONFERENCE VENDORS:



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OTHER FORENSIC SCIENCE NEWS2KNOW:

-OK-IAI proposes Amendments to the By-laws.
-OK-IAI board member and officer positions open.
-Scholarships available through the OK-IAI.
-109th IAI Conference set for August 10th through August 16th, 2025 at The Rosen Shingle Creek in Orlando, FL. Registration is now open. Go to www.theiai.org for more information.