

# THE OK-IAI EXAMINER

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## OK-IAI HAS A NEW FACE AS THE PRESIDENT!!! A WORD FROM OUR BRAND NEW PRESIDENT, TRAVIS SMIDDY

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Fellow Members of the OK-IAI,

As I approach the end of my 9<sup>th</sup> year with the organization, I would like to take a moment to reflect on my time here. I attended my first OK-IAI conference in 2015. Over the years, I have had the pleasure of serving as a Presenter, a Board Member, and most recently, as President.

I always look forward to our annual training conference. Aside from the training, my favorite aspect is the sense of community we all share. With everyone working heavy loads across the State, our conference gives us a moment to take a break, meet new faces, reconnect with old friends, and forge new relationships. Those relationships, in my opinion, are the most valuable accomplishment of this organization.

I would like to thank each member, from those who were here before me, those who welcomed me when I attended my first Oklahoma IAI Conference in 2015, to those currently here today. Thank you for sharing your wisdom, kindness, and friendship.

I would especially like to thank the members of the 2023-24 Board. Thanks to each of you for your support and guidance on both a professional and personal level. It has been a privilege to work with you and the team. I've learned so much from each of you as we addressed opportunities and challenges along the way.

I am so grateful for the opportunities and training I've received. It has been a pleasure to contribute to the tremendous work the Oklahoma IAI does on behalf of our forensic community.

I am proud of our work and look forward to seeing the organization's success well into the future. I wish the best for all of you and look forward to seeing the Oklahoma IAI grow.

Best Regards,



Travis Smiddy  
President 2024-2025

**EDMOND POLICE DEPARTMENT TO  
PRESENT "THE MURDER OF SAWYER  
ENGLISH & TWO TRIPS TO THE BEACH"  
AT 2024 OK-IAI CONFERENCE**

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**ABOUT THE PRESENTERS:**

**Detective Sergeant F. Marion Cain IV**



Det. Sgt Cain has been with the Edmond Police Department for over 25 years. He was assigned to Patrol Division for 10 years and was promoted to Detective in 2009. Since that time he has worked several major cases to include homicides, arsons and explosive related cases. Det Sgt Cain has been a certified public safety bomb technician for over 20 years and serves at the Bomb Squad's Assistant Team Leader. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from The Citadel, and a Master's Degree in Forensic Science with an emphasis in fire and explosive investigations from OSU. He expects to earn his Doctorate in Forensic Science in December, 2024. He is married to his wife, Dr. Laura Cain, and they share six children.

**Lieutenant Brenton Brown**



Lt. Brenton Brown has been with the Edmond Police Department for over 11 years. He was assigned to the Patrol Division for 5 years and was promoted to Detective in 2018. While assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division, he was responsible for investigating major crimes including homicides and Officer involved shootings. Lt. Brown was promoted in 2023 to his current role as a Patrol Supervisor. He has a Bachelor's Degree and MBA in Leadership and Organizational Development from Oklahoma Christian University. He is married to his wife, Allie, and they have four children.

**OK DIVISION OF IAI MAINTAINS GROWTH**

**Oklahoma Division of the International Association for Identification continues to grow with 243 members total, including the Lifetime Members. 20 new members that have joined since May 2023 are:**

Bradley DeLozier, OSBI  
Justin Joyce, Edmond PD  
Scott Dallas, Mayes County SO  
Richard Aschoff, Tulsa PD  
Steven Boren, Tulsa PD  
Torrey Butler, Tulsa PD  
Joe Campbell, Tulsa PD  
Troy DeWitt, Tulsa PD  
Ross Hall, Tulsa PD  
Tom McLain, Tulsa PD  
Cassandra Moore, Tulsa PD  
Josh Reed, Tulsa PD  
Rashena Smith, Tulsa PD  
Richard Urban, Tulsa PD  
Kevin Warne, Tulsa PD  
Patrick Yerton, Tulsa PD  
Natalie Ramirez-Mosier, Tulsa PD  
Darryl Beebe, OK State Fire Marshal  
Trent Bryan, El Reno Fire Department  
Justin Howard, Oklahoma City Fire Department

Applications for student, active and associate memberships can be found on the division's website, [theokiai.org](http://theokiai.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 57<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE IN 2023**



*74 members attended the OK Division IAI 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Educational Conference, held May 23-25, 2023 at the UCO Forensic Science Institute, Edmond, Oklahoma.*

### **SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WHO HELPED MAKE THE 58<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE POSSIBLE:**

#### **Board Members:**

##### **Board of Directors**

Samantha (Sami) Richardson  
*Chairman of the Board*

##### **Board Members**

Francia Thompson, Jason White, Carlos Zambrano, Jeremy Engel, Jason Salyards, Candace Brown

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Travis Smiddy, Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation  
**President**

Katelyn Millar, Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation  
**Vice President and acting Secretary**

Paige Bray, Oklahoma City Police Department  
**Treasurer**

Stacy Hirschman, Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation  
**Sergeant at Arms**

Torrey Rowe, Edmond Police Department  
**Historian/Editor**

## **2024 OK-IAI Conference Info**

The 58<sup>th</sup> OK-IAI Annual Educational Conference will be held at the University of Central Oklahoma on May 22<sup>nd</sup> to May 24<sup>th</sup>. The business meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, at noon and lunch will be provided to attending members. A social gathering is planned for Thursday evening, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, at Chicken ‘N Pickle 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.theokiai.org](http://www.theokiai.org).

**DON'T FORGET TO BUY RAFFLE TICKETS!!**



### **2024 CONFERENCE VENDORS:**



**LYNN PEAVEY COMPANY**

### **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.

107<sup>th</sup> IAI Conference set for August 11<sup>th</sup> through August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at Peppermill Resort in Reno, NV Registration is now open. Go to [theiai.org](http://theiai.org) for more information.