

Investigations Committee

# NEWSLETTER

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#### Investigations Committee Members

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Upcoming Meeting: June 20, 2007 (10:00 a.m.) at the ITC Building (Room 839) in Washington, D.C.

#### IG Academy Curriculum Review Committee Meets

The following members of the IG Academy's Permanent Curriculum Review Committee (CRC) participated in a Curriculum Review Conference, April 24-26, 2007 at FLETC/Glynco, to revise the Inspector General Investigator Training Program (IGITP):

- Nancy Kennedy, IG Academy/SSA OIG
- + Joan Dwyer, FDIC OIG
- · Anthony Crook, DOJ OIG
- · Mark Montevidoni, HHS OIG
- Pat Casey, VA OIG
- + Dave Tobin, Education OIG
- + Mike Riddick, USDA OIG
- + Brian Hess, NSF OIG
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- + Veronica Bucci, NRC OIG

Their efforts resulted in a new proposed model schedule for IGITP in FY 2008. Beginning at that time, IGITP will no longer be an immediate

follow-on to the Criminal Investigator Training Program. Many of the modifications made to the IGITP during the curriculum review were as a result of that decision. The IG Academy greatly appreciates the assistance and support of the Permanent Curriculum Review Committee members and their agencies for allowing their participation. Appreciation is also extended to IG Pat O'Carroll and Assistant IG Stephanie Hall, SSA OIG and Special Agent (SA) Al Kobylanksi, HHS OIG, and the many FLETC personnel who also attended the conference.

At the suggestion of the CRC, the IG Academy is going to plan an OIG-wide training officer meeting in the D.C. area before the end of the fiscal year. More information will be distributed as plans are finalized.

# Mutual Notification Requirement Update

On June 5, 2007, Rich Rohde, AIGI, SSA/OIG; Mike Little AIGI, HHS/OIG; Gary Cantrell, Director of Information Management, HHS/OIG; John Dupuy, AIGI, DOI/OIG; Glenn Powell, SAC, DOJ/OIG; Jeff Vasey, ASAC, DOJ/OIG; and Bill Tebbe, AIGI, Railroad Retirement Board/OIG met with Michael Anderson and Lou Valez, FBI/Public Corruption/Government Fraud Unit.

The group discussed the MOU requiring OIGs and the FBI to notify each other of open cases under their jurisdiction and the requirement to send this notification within 30 days of opening their respective cases. There is also a requirement to send the notification to the individual FBI SAC in the district where the offense occurred.

The FBI and OIG members at this meeting agreed that this paper system is archaic and

needs to be revamped. AIGI Rohde provided the FBI members with a computer disk and excel spreadsheet that contains all the necessary requirements of the MOU to provide open cases. All agreed that it is more efficient to send this information electronically on a monthly basis to a central location within the FBI, preferably the Public Corruption / Government Fraud Unit.

Mike Anderson will discuss the proposal with his Assistant Director and the encryption issues with his technical security unit at the FBI. He does not believe it will be necessary to amend the language in the MOU between the FBI and the OIG community, since he will distribute the open case information provided by the IGs to the various FBI offices around the country.



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# Acknowledgement of IG Academy Facilitators

The IG Academy routinely utilizes facilitators who act as mentors during training programs and assist students in the overall learning process. These individuals are experienced criminal investigators from the OIG community whose agencies have agreed to support the IG Academy's training programs. The experience is beneficial to the facilitator, the students and the IG Academy staff. The Academy would like to recognize the following OIGs for providing facilitators during FY 2007 to support the 3-week IG Investigator Training Program and the 2-week Basic Non-Criminal Investigator Training Program:

- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- · Department of Education
- Department of Energy

- Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
- General Services Administration
- · Health and Human Services
- Department of Labor
- National Science Foundation
- Department of Transportation
- + Small Business Administration

The IG Academy funds the facilitators' travel costs. Some agencies use this opportunity as a developmental supervisory assignment. Facilitators should have 7 or more years of criminal investigator experience and at least 5 years in an OIG. If your agency is interested in supporting the IG Academy by providing facilitators, please contact SA Nancy Kennedy at 912-280-5122 or email her at: nancy.b.kennedy@ssa.gov.

# IG Academy Graduation Held

We are pleased to announce that IGITP 703 graduated on May 22, 2007. SA Patrick Smith, HUD OIG, was selected by IG Academy staff and facilitators to win the William R. Barton Award for demonstrating professionalism and integrity throughout

the training program. The Academic Honor Certificate winner was SA Carrie Jackson, Education OIG, who received the highest academic score in the training program.