



Investigations Committee

NEWSLETTER

November 2007

Academy Award Winners

The IG Academy's William Barton Award is named for the Honorable William R. Barton, former Inspector General of the General Services Administration, who was instrumental in founding the Academy. Now an established tradition, the Award is given by the IG Academy to the student in the IG Investigator Training Program (IGITP) who best demonstrates the personal attributes that exemplify the ideals of the IG community and the Academy, such as integrity, professionalism, and leadership. The recipient is chosen by the IG Academy staff and facilitators. The IG Academy also awards an Academic Honor Certificate to the student in IGITP who achieves the highest academic score.

This year's award winners were:

William Barton Award ~

SA Dewey Powell, HHS OIG, IGITP 702
SA Patrick Smith, HUD OIG, IGITP 703
SA Bruce Quintero, DOT OIG, IGITP 704
SA Steve J. Rinaldi, HHS OIG, IGITP 705

Academic Honor Certificate ~

SA Julie Wilson USAID OIG, IGITP 702
SA Carrie Jackson, Education OIG, IGITP 703
SA Rene Olivas, HHS OIG, IGITP 704
SA Lee Dahlgren, DOL OIG, IGITP 705

Training Officer Meeting

The IG Academy staff hosted a Training Officer meeting at the FDIC Seidman Center in Arlington, VA, October 11-12, 2007. Training Officers from 26 OIGs were introduced to the IG Academy staff and provided with information on the current state of the IG Academy and its training programs. Executive Director Angela Hrdlicka updated the group on ongoing changes at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC), including the reduced availability of advanced training programs this fiscal year and the 6-day work week at the Glynco training facility. She also gave a presentation on the Federal Law Enforcement Training Accreditation (FLETA) initiative. Program Assistant Vivian Dahl

explained new registration procedures and policies. Ms. Dahl is the IG Academy's newest employee, and is currently handling both IG Academy and FLETC registrations for the OIG community. Program Manager Nancy Kennedy explained the facilitator program and encouraged agencies to consider supporting the IG Academy by providing facilitators for the 3-week IGITP and the 2-week Basic Non-Criminal Investigator Training Program. Training Officers were impressed by the facilities at the FDIC Seidman Center, which is the IG Academy's new training site in the Washington area. FDIC Seidman Center staff provided a short briefing and tour of the lodging facilities.

Accreditation Update

FDIC OIG has agreed to support the IG Academy by allowing SA Joan Dwyer to act as the Academy's part-time Accreditation Manager. She recently completed FLETA Assessor Training and Accreditation Manager Training, offered by FLETA Office of Accreditation staff. Program Assistant Vivian Dahl also completed the same training in October.

SA Dwyer and Ms. Dahl will participate in a

FLETA assessment in December, an assignment that will provide both with additional training and insight into the accreditation process.

After the first of the year, a planning meeting will be held to determine the IG Academy's course of action toward achieving accreditation. This is a long-term goal for the IG Academy, as there is a great deal of work to be done before Academy Accreditation can be achieved.

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Upcoming Meeting:
Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2007
at 10:00 a.m.



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Availability of Essential Legal Refresher Training Reduced in FY 2008

Due to much higher than expected training projections received by FLETC for FY 2008, the IG community only received approximately 34%, on average, of its projected need for FLETC's advanced training this FY. The IG community did not receive any allocations for the popular legal refresher training, Continuing Legal Education Training Program (CLETP), and according to FLETC's Legal Division Chief, they will not have the manpower to provide export training as they have done in the past.

Unlike CLETP, which is focused on the legal training needs of traditional law enforcement agents, the IG Periodic Refresher Training Program (IG-PRTP) was specifically designed to meet the training requirements established in the *Attorney General Guidelines for Offices of Inspector General with Statutory Law Enforcement Authority* and the *PCIE/ECIE Quality Standards for Investigations*. Some of the instructors in the IG-PRTP are Assistant U.S. Attorneys, a U.S. magistrate judge, an attorney from the Dept. of Justice Constitutional Torts Division, attorneys from

various OIG general counsels, and a defense attorney who has represented many Federal employees in administrative and criminal investigations, MSPB appeals, EEOC hearings and trials in U.S. District Court, among others. IG-PRTP is offered three times this year at FLETC/Glynco and once in Arlington, Virginia.

Another option for agencies to more broadly meet the specified periodic training requirements is the IG In-Service Training Program (IG-ISTP). In addition to legal refresher training, it also meets training requirements in the following areas: defensive tactics, arrest techniques, use of force, intermediate weapons, and firearms training. IG-ISTP will only be offered by the IG Academy once this fiscal year. Agencies are encouraged to send their criminal investigators to either IG-ISTP or IG-PRTP once every three years. Additional information on both training programs can be found at the IG Academy's website: www.ignet.gov/igcia/index.htm.

Peer Review Guide Update

As reported previously, a working group of six AIGIs was formed last year to update the investigation community's peer review guide, which had been issued in September 2004. The requirement for peer reviews was established in *Attorney General Guidelines for Offices of Inspectors General with Statutory Law Enforcement Authority* issued in December 2003. The objectives of peer reviews are to: (1) ensure general and qualitative standards adopted by OIGs comply with the requirements of the *Quality Standards for Investigations*; and (2) ascertain whether adequate internal safeguards

and management procedures exist to ensure that law enforcement powers are properly exercised.

The working group initiated the update process by meeting with OIG representatives who led investigative peer reviews over the past 3 years. Using their valuable insights, the group subsequently issued a draft to the AIGI community and received feedback. The next step is for the reworked draft to be distributed to the entire IG community.

Committee Updates

A working group of three AIGIs has been assembled to get the Undercover Review Committee activity moving forward. They are:

- Steve Hardgrove—Interior OIG
- Joe McMillan—NRC OIG
- Bill Hamel—Education OIG

A group of three AIGIs and one Deputy AIGI will convene for an initial meeting in Washington D.C. on Wednesday, November 14 to discuss the development of **policies and practices relating to the discipline of students at the IG Academy**. The Academy currently does not have a policy in place and this group is being formed to address this shortfall. Members requested and received documents from the IG Academy and FLETC regarding policies and will be using those documents during their initial discussions. Participants in the workgroup include:

- Bill Tebbe - AIGI, Railroad Retirement Board/OIG
- Burt Vint - AIGI, OPM/OIG
- Karen Ellis - AIGI, Department of Agriculture/OIG
- John Dupuy - DAIGI, Department of the Interior/OIG