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## Iowa Association of Private Investigators

Founded 1985

## 33rd Annual Conference

September 13-14, 2018

Holiday Inn and Suites (Northwest)  
4800 Merle Hay Road, Des Moines, Iowa  
515-278-4755

## Agenda

### Thursday, September 13

- 7:30 am Registration
- 8:00 am Color Guard and Opening Remarks  
Jay Forget - Tracers
- 8:50 am Break/Vendors
- 9:00 am Paul Powers - Iowa GPS Laws
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- 10:00 am Paul Powers - Iowa GPS Laws
- 12:00 pm Lunch – Introductions/Specialties
- 1:00-4:30 pm Wes Bearden - Surveillance/Privacy/  
Courtroom stories
- 6:00-9:00 pm Networking Night lower level conference  
room sponsored by **Per Mar Security**

### Friday, September 14

- 8:00 am Mark Gillespie - PI & Criminal Defense  
Forensics
- 8:50 am Break/Vendors
- 9:00 am DCI - Intelligence Gathering
- 9:50 am Break/Vendors
- 10:00 am Mark Gillespie - PI & Criminal Defense  
Forensics
- 10:50 am Break/Vendors
- 11:00 am Karen Alderson - Adoption Reunions and  
Background Resources
- 12:00 pm Lunch - Best Practices Round Table
- 1:00 pm Karen Alderson - Adoption Reunions and  
Background Resources
- 2:00 pm Break
- 2:15 pm IAPI Annual Membership Meeting with  
Election of Officers

Please note speakers and times may change.

Please visit the vendors during the breaks. Their presence provides professional growth opportunities you may not experience otherwise.

**Karen Alderson**, Cedar Rapids, has a Bachelor of Arts Degree (summa cum laude) with majors in mathematics and library science from Upper Iowa University, a Master of Arts Degree in Librarianship from the University of Denver (CO), and more than thirty years of experience working in school, college, public, and special libraries. She obtained Iowa private investigator licensing in 1990 after locating (in less than 3 hours of work) the birth mother of an adoptee born in California in 1947. The client had originally asked for “genealogical research.” Her first case after obtaining PI licensing was locating the birth father for the same client.

Karen will train on searching for birth relatives separated by adoption, especially when the name of the subject of the search is not known at the beginning. An annotated list of resources will be provided and explained.



**Mark Gillespie's** previous career was spent as special agent for the Air Force Office (AFOSI). He is skilled at conducting a broad range of tasks ranging from homicide investigations and personal threat assessments to counterespionage. After retirement from the Air Force he served as the Director of Forensic Science for the Austin Police

Department. In later years Mark carried his passion for forensic science and teaching at St. Edwards University where he was responsible for developing their forensic science undergraduate degree program.

He also contributed seven years as a board member (last two as President) for The Texas Association of Licensed Investigators (TALI), one of the largest and top P.I. associations in the nation. He is one of under 40 in the state that has achieved the distinction of being a “Texas Certified Investigator (TCI)”. He is also licensed in Alabama and Louisiana. Mark has a genuine passion for safety and security awareness and education — helping individuals and institutions become less vulnerable and more aware of potential risks and threats so they can improve the safety and security of their surroundings.



**Wes Bearden** is not your stereotypical investigator. Because most of his clients are lawyers and law firms, he went to law school so that he could better understand what his clients need. He is an active attorney licensed in Texas and Louisiana. He understands what is discoverable and what is admissible in court. He knows how to handle

witnesses appropriately and ethically, and he can work more easily on investigations that cross into other states.

“People – lawyers – come to me with their client’s problems, and I love solving them,” Mr. Bearden, CEO and Chairman of

Bearden Investigative Agency says. “Our clients get a lawyer-led team of dedicated investigators who will fight for them. We uncover the facts they need and work toward the resolution they want.”

Mr. Bearden is proud to lead a full-service agency that has the resources and know-how to respond quickly and effectively to critical situations.



**Paul M. Powers** joined Betty, Neuman & McMahon in 2013 where his practice focuses largely on workers’ compensation and insurance defense. He is a graduate of the University of Iowa and Western Michigan University where he received his law degree, magna cum laude, and served as the Editor-in-Chief of the Homeland and National Security Law Review. Paul

also holds an LL.M. in Homeland and National Security Law. He is a member of the Order of Sword and Shield and a Freemason with Davenport Lodge #37. Paul is proud to have served in the Peace Corps in Senegal, West Africa, and he currently serves as a Board of Director for the Humane Society of Scott County.

Paul was born and raised in Davenport where he currently resides with his wife, Elizabeth. In his free time, Paul enjoys travel and cheering on the Chicago Cubs and Iowa Hawkeyes.

**Mitch Mortvedt** (Assistant Director – Field Operations Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation) attended the University of Northern Iowa where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology. He was hired in 1994 by the Iowa DCI where he was assigned to the Gaming (Casino) Bureau for four years. In 1998 he transferred to the Major Crimes Unit, Council Bluffs. In that assignment he investigated a wide variety of crimes including homicides and child deaths, sexual assaults, kidnappings, bank robberies, corruption by public officials, officer-involved shootings, embezzlements and any felony level criminal act. He also serves as the DCI representative on the Iowa Child Death Review Team. Mitch was promoted in 2009 to the rank of Special Agent in Charge and was the supervisor of the Zone 2 - Western Iowa Major Crime Unit (MCU) covering 29 counties. In 2014 he was promoted to Assistant Director of the DCI’s Field Operations Unit. In this assignment, he oversees the DCI’s Major Crime Unit, Sex Offender Registry Unit, and the Cyber Crime Unit.

**Kevin Winker** attended the 13th Iowa Department of Public Safety Academy in 1988 and upon graduation started his career with the Department as a Trooper in the Iowa State Patrol. Kevin transferred to the Division of Narcotics Enforcement in 1990 and has held a number of positions within the investigative divisions of the department since then.

In 2005, Kevin was promoted to the rank of Special Agent in Charge in the Division of Criminal Investigation and in 2008 was promoted to Assistant Director and supervised the Field Operations Bureau which included the Major Crime Unit,

Missing Persons Unit and Cyber Crime/ICAC Unit. In 2010 he transferred back to the Division of Narcotics Enforcement as their Assistant Director and on September 1, 2013 was assigned to the Division of Intelligence and Fusion Center. Kevin has served as the Director of the Iowa Fusion Center since 2014. In 2018, Kevin was promoted to Director of Investigative Operations for the Department of Public Safety. He currently has oversight of the Department’s Division of Criminal Investigation, Division of Narcotics Enforcement, State Fire Marshal Division, and Division of Intelligence and Fusion Center.

Kevin is a graduate of Mount Mercy College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa where he obtained a B.A. in Criminal Justice Administration. In 2008 he attended Northwestern University’s School of Police Staff and Command and in 2011, attended the 244th Session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Kevin is the current President of the Iowa Death Investigators Association, a member of the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s National Academy Associates and a member of the Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies (ASCIA).

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- Contact the Holiday Inn at 515-278-4755 to make reservations. Be sure to mention IAPI to get the discounted rate. [www.holidayinn.com/desmoinesia](http://www.holidayinn.com/desmoinesia) Use Group Code **API** when making your reservations.
- IAPI reserved a block of rooms at the discounted rate of \$89 plus tax per night for King (1 bed) or Queen (2 beds) rooms. The hotel’s regular cancellation policy (by 6 p.m. day of arrival) applies. The association has received special rates for the hotel’s suites.
- These rates are guaranteed through August 23rd. (Discounted rates may not be available at Holiday Inn’s toll-free national reservations number. Call this Holiday Inn directly.)
- Special Offer: The Holiday Inn will put the names of all attendees registered at this hotel by August 14, 2018, into a drawing for one future free night’s stay at this Holiday Inn. The winner will be announced at the conference. You must be at the conference and staying at this hotel to win.
- For every sleeping room rented for this conference, **IAPI receives credit toward the cost of the meeting rooms.** You are making a difference by staying at our host Holiday Inn. More convenient, too!
- Directions to this Holiday Inn: Exit Interstate 80/35 at Merle Hay Road (Exit #131). Travel one block south. Hotel is on the right. Bennigan’s is directly in front of it.
- Conference registrations can be made and paid for using PayPal at [www.iowa-investigators.com](http://www.iowa-investigators.com) OR mail form with check to Attn: Dan Conroy, 1910 E. Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA 52807.

**\*\*Copy One Form for Each Attendee. Clip and Mail, Postmarked by Wednesday, August 23, 2018**

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Attendee \_\_\_\_\_ \$     150      
 New Full Member/Renewal Dues for 2018 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$75 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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