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### ***Pyrophilia: A Profiling Analysis of Individuals Exhibiting Sexual Arousal to Fire***

**Presenters: Jerrod Brown, Ph.D. and Eric Hickey, Ph.D.**

**Date: Friday, September 4, 2020 Time: 9:00 am CST to 12:00 pm CST 3.0 CEUs**

#### **Training Description**

Pyrophilia is a type of paraphilia involving heightened sexual arousal associated with fire, fire-setting, and arson. The potential for harm caused by a person compelled to set fires to satisfy psycho-sexual cravings can be greater than other forms of criminal paraphilia. Due to misuse of terms such as *pyromaniac*, many myths have developed surrounding the phenomenon of Pyrophilia. This compulsive behavior is found on a spectrum of motivations for fire-setting and arson. While males are the most common offenders, cases also exist of female offenders. As an investigator or mental health provider, understanding social, behavioral, and psychological profiles of *pyrophiliacs* can facilitate in their apprehension, diagnosis, and treatment.

This advanced training is especially designed for law enforcement, fire safety and prevention specialists, forensic psychologists, attorneys, social workers, marriage and family therapists, victim specialists, victim advocates, and mental health practitioners. Participants will examine definitions, current research and literature, etiology, social dynamics, cognitive processing, behavioral profiles, and case studies of Pyrophilia. Best practices for professionals and future areas of research will be explored.

#### **Training Objectives**

1. Acquire definitional and applied understanding of pyrophilia and other related terminology (e.g., fire fetishism, pyrolagnia, and sexual arson)
2. Examine psycho-social and demographic differences between *pyrophilia* and *pyromania*; *fire-setting* and *arson*.
3. Review current social and behavioral factors related to pyrophilia
4. Explore the etiology of pyrophilia including biological and environmental factors
5. Review case studies of pyrophilia and their criminal profiles
6. Review empirical research on pyrophilia and areas for future research
7. Examine best practices for criminal investigations and treatment of pyrophilia

#### **Presenter Biographies**

**Jerrod Brown, Ph.D.**, is an Assistant Professor for Concordia University, St. Paul, Minnesota and has extensive experience teaching courses at the undergraduate and graduate level. Jerrod has also been employed with Pathways Counseling Center in St. Paul, Minnesota for the past seventeen years. Pathways provides programs and services benefiting individuals impacted by mental illness and addictions. Jerrod is also the founder and CEO of the American Institute for the Advancement of Forensic Studies (AIAFS) and the Editor-in-Chief of Forensic Scholars Today (FST). Jerrod has completed four separate master's degree programs and holds graduate certificates in Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Other Health Disabilities (OHD), and Traumatic-Brain Injuries (TBI). Jerrod is also certified as a Youth Firesetting Prevention/Intervention Specialist, an Anger Resolution Therapist (CART), a Thinking for a Change (T4C) Facilitator, a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Trainer, an Autism Specialist, and a Mental Health Integrative Medicine Provider (CMHIMP).

**Eric Hickey, Ph.D.**, is a professor and core faculty member in Walden University's Forensic Psychology graduate program. As the former Dean of the California School of Forensic Studies at Alliant International University and Professor Emeritus at California State University, Fresno, Dr. Hickey has taught many courses involving the psychology of crime. Some of the topics explored include serial and mass murder, criminal paraphilia and sexual predators, crime scene investigations, psychopathy and criminal personalities, arson and fire-setting, threat assessment and risk management, school and workplace violence prevention and victimology. He has also taught seminars at several universities and colleges, as well as for jail and prison staff trainings and supervises theses and dissertations involving forensic psychology. Dr. Hickey has considerable field experience working with the criminally insane, psychopaths, sex offenders and other habitual criminals. He consults with private agencies and testifies as an expert witness in both criminal and civil cases involving sex crimes against children and adults, criminal paraphilia, stalking, homicide, domestic violence and serial crimes. A former consultant to the FBI's UNABOM Task Force, Dr. Hickey assists local, state, and federal law enforcement in training and investigations as well as assisting in the review of cold case files. His seminars for law enforcement and mental health practitioners focus on profiling, investigation, classification and prevention of sex crimes, arson, robbery, homicide, stalking, workplace violence and domestic terrorism. He has worked with California's Peace Officer Service Training (POST) in developing course material and job aids for investigators. Dr. Hickey has also provided Independent Contractor services for Robson Forensics, Atrium Services, ForensisGroup and Avante Behavioral Health.

<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b>This event is a 3-hour virtual, live stream training event with participants joining via Zoom.</b>
<b>COST:</b>	<b>\$69.00 (Individual Rate)</b>
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9:00 am: Introductions  
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12:00 pm: Adjourn

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