

TO ALL MEMBERS OF NSWAFI

You are invited to attend a members-only Education Night run by the NSW Association of Fire Investigators Inc., on the subject of:

Courtroom Testimony – through the eyes of an expert witness

A presentation by Station Officer Phillip Etienne AFSM. Phil has given expert testimony in over 100 instances. This will be a unique opportunity to listen to the stories of the court room experience – the pitfalls, the pain and the theatre.

Phillip Etienne is employed by the Fire & Rescue NSW where he has been for the past 27 years, holds the position as Team Leader Canine Coordinator/handler within the Fire Investigation and Research Unit. Mr Etienne is on call 24 hours a day 7 days a week providing canine response capabilities for the State of NSW and has attended over 800 incidents with the Canine's. Phil was involved in a joint PhD study with Dr Sonia Casamento (now Taflaga) and UTS comparing primary accelerant screening tools of fire debris for sampling. In 2006 Mr Etienne lectured in the United States at the International Association of Arson Investigators and spent time training and assessing with the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATFE) in Front Royal, VA, USA and with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Arson Detection Teams, Quantico, VA, USA. Mr Etienne has selected, trained and imprinted five operational canines for Fire & Rescue NSW. Mr Etienne has given evidence in all levels of courts and has established the Accelerant Detection Canine (ADC) program and its evidence being admitted within the NSW Judicial System.

In 2015 Phil was awarded the Australian Fire Service Medal (AFSM) for his recognition as a world leader in the training and use of accelerant detection canines.

VENUE: RFS Headquarters

ADDRESS: Mountain Ash East room at 15 Carter Street, Lidcombe

WHEN: Thursday, 6th April 2017 TIME: 18:30 hours

RSVP: 31st March 2017

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