



Dallas Area Chapter



President's Letter

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Dallas Area Members:

The February 12th meeting will be a special event for us as the President of the entire ACFE organization, Jim Ratley, will be our guest speaker. We are also hosting University Day and will be inviting local university accounting and criminal justice students and teachers to attend this special luncheon.

It was a little over 20 years ago that Jim Ratley joined Joseph Wells as they formed the ACFE and Mr. Ratley became the first Program Director for the ACFE. In the past 20 years the ACFE organization has grown into an international

organization with over 35,000 members. The Dallas Chapter was active almost from the beginning, as it was the third chapter to be formed. Mr. Ratley received his Bachelor's Degree from UTD. He is a dynamic speaker and this is your chance to meet him in person! Please mark your calendars and plan on attending his presentation on Thursday, February 12th. Your RSVP is requested by Monday, February 9, as we must guarantee CityPlace for the number of attendees.

In March we will be holding a joint meeting with the Dallas Chapter of the IIA (Institute of Internal Auditors). The joint meeting will be on March 5th, and you will be able to

receive 3 hours of CPE if you attend all sessions. More information will be sent to you before the March meeting.

Also, please mark your calendars for our all day training event for the Annual Fraud Seminar hosted by the Dallas and Ft. Worth Chapters of the ACFE on Friday, May 8th. The focus will be on detailed fraud investigations and we will be sending out notices announcing the speakers and topics in the next few weeks.

We hope to see you at the February 12th meeting for Jim Ratley's "Report to the Nation"!

- Jean Manuel,
Chapter President



CityPlace
2711 North Haskell Ave.
Dallas, Texas 75204

LUNCHEON REMINDER

Thursday, February 12, 2009

11:30 A.M.—1:00 P.M.



TOPIC:
"Report to
the Nation"

by
Monday, February 9th
at
www.dallasacfe.org



January Luncheon Highlights

Former FBI Special Agent Parks Stearns was the speaker for the January luncheon. His topic, "INSURANCE FRAUD In Times of Economic Downturn" was captivating and timely. Parks also mentioned that the FBI are looking for professionals. Be sure to read the information in another section of this newsletter.

Our February luncheon will present Jim Ratley, President of the National ACFE. The topic, "Report to the Nation" details the survey results of Certified Fraud Examiners throughout the US on Occupational Fraud & Abuse. You will need to register online by February 9th.



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Spotlight on our February Luncheon Guest Speaker



JAMES D. RATLEY, CFE
President
Association of Certified
Fraud Examiners
Austin, TX

James D. Ratley graduated from the University of Texas at Dallas, with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. In 1971, he joined the Dallas Police Department as a police officer.

Mr. Ratley was assigned to several police department divisions including vice, child abuse, and internal affairs. He was a member of numerous department task forces which concentrated on major fraud cases.

In 1986, Mr. Ratley left the police department to join Wells & Associates, a forensic accounting practice, where he was in charge of fraud investigations. He handled investigations regarding internal frauds, conflicts of interest, and litigation support. In 1988, he was named Program Director for the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners and oversaw all aspects of the ACFE's training and education programs.

In 2006, Mr. Ratley was named President of the ACFE. In this role, he works to promote the ACFE to the public and

other professional organizations and continues to assist in the development of anti-fraud products and services to meet the needs of ACFE's members. In addition, he is a member of the ACFE's faculty, and teaches regularly at workshops and conferences on a variety of fraud-related subjects.

In 2005, Mr. Ratley was awarded the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners' Cressey Award. The Cressey Award is the ACFE's highest honor. It is bestowed annually for a lifetime of achievement in the detection and deterrence of fraud.

Mr. Ratley is a member of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, Austin Chapter and a member of the Board of Advisors for the Institute for Bank Director Education. He was also a Visiting Scholar at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. In addition, he has been certified as a Master Peace Officer by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education.

He puts the "VP" in "Very Stupid"

In these hard, trying economic times, it's not very comforting to know that some of the people who put us in this mess might be the ones who profit most from it. At least we can take a small bit of comfort knowing that some of these golden parachutes will have a hole or two in them.

Dailytech.com reports that one company executive got busted for embezzlement when he left the evidence sitting on his desk for all of the world to see.



In this case, the executive, the vice president to be exact, worked for Fry's Electronics. He was not only taking money from the company, but also getting huge bribes from suppliers in the form of money and free trips to Las Vegas to gamble and win more money, which doesn't just make him greedy. It makes him a whole new level of greedy. It's a level

of greedy that greedy has never seen. It's a greed that make the late Kenneth Lay go "Daaaamn!"

He got caught when he left some spreadsheets on his desk detailing the bribes he was receiving. This makes him the first man in the history of white collar crime to leave a physical paper trail for the authorities to find. The only way it could be sweeter is if one of those pieces of paper was stuck to the bottom of his shoe.

www.dumbcriminsals.com

The Bulletin board



This is where you will find all sorts of odds & ends. Since we're living in one of the most exciting and challenging times for the information industry, we would like to use this section to further disseminate valuable information to you. Check us out!

You can register online at www.dallasacfe.org and click on Calendar of Events.

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National ACFE e-Fraud
Training in Dallas**

EVENT DATE
February 9-10, 2009

EVENT LOCATION
Hilton Anatole

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ACFE Members: \$695
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additional \$95!**

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COURSE LEVEL
Basic



RECOMMENDED PREREQUISITE**

- Principles of Fraud Examination
- Conducting Internal Investigations
- Investigating by Computer
- Introduction to Digital Forensics
- Fraud Prevention

**Payment must be received by
January 9, 2009 to receive
discounted rate.*

*** The ACFE has established
recommended prerequisites to serve
as general guidelines. ACFE courses
are open to anyone who wishes to
register.*

WANTED BY THE FBI

Talented Professionals to Serve the Nation

DESCRIPTION

Attention job seekers: The FBI is looking for a few good men and women to fill a variety of mission-critical roles within our organization. Well actually, we're looking for a few *thousand*—just over 2,100 professional staff employees and 850 special agents, to be precise—in one of the largest hiring blitzes in our 100-year history.

The reason behind our mega hiring initiative: According to Assistant Director John Raucci of our Human Resources Division, it's to bring more people on board with skills in critical areas, especially language fluency and computer science. "But," explains Raucci, "we're also looking for professionals in a wide variety of fields who have a deep desire to help protect our nation from terrorists, spies, and others who wish us harm."

All 2,100-plus jobs are now posted on our redesigned FBI Jobs website, www.fbijobs.gov. The positions are located throughout the nation—in virtually every FBI field office and at our Headquarters in Washington, D.C. You must be a U.S. citizen to apply.

Who we are looking for: Besides those skilled in computers and foreign languages we also need experts in:

- Finance and accounting
- Security
- Intelligence analysis
- Compliance/quality assurance
- Training and education
- Records management
- Fingerprint examination
- Information technology
- Nursing and counseling
- Physical surveillance
- Electrical engineering
- Physical/natural/social sciences
- Administrative/clerical processes
- Automotive mechanics
- Management/program analysis

The process: On the FBI Jobs website, www.fbijobs.gov, take a look at available positions. If you see a job you think you're qualified for, read our "How To Apply" page, and then fill out the online application. Applications will be vetted, and best qualified candidates will be contacted for interviews. We will arrange regional "mega career invitationals" to speed up that process—all selected candidates will gather at designated locations to be interviewed. Those who are ultimately offered a conditional job will be scheduled for their polygraphs, drug screenings, and employment briefings. Candidates who make it past that stage are then ready for the final step—their background investigations.

Our pre-employment background investigations are, by necessity, very thorough and take some time, but we hope to have everyone hired and onboard by **September 30, 2009**. A hiring initiative of this magnitude requires a massive in-house response to quickly process the deluge of applications we expect to receive, so we're reallocating personnel who will be dedicated exclusively to this initiative.

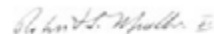
If you aren't offered the specific job you have applied for but still meet the hiring criteria, your application will be kept on hand for possible consideration at a later time.

Interested in becoming a special agent? We also continue to recruit and process agent candidates. Since October 1, we have hired nearly 180 agents and plan to hire a total of 850 by the end of the fiscal year.

Like our professional staff applicants, we're looking for agent candidates with foreign language fluency (especially in Middle Eastern and Asian dialects) and computer science backgrounds, and also those with skills in certified public accounting or tactics training. And we also need agent candidates with expertise in intelligence, law enforcement/military, engineering, law, and science. Read our "Become A Special Agent" web page, www.fbijobs.gov/11.asp, for more information.

REWARD

The reward is immeasurable.



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The Dallas Chapter supports the international mission of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners through its educational programs and seminars, which promote an enhanced awareness of fraud prevention, detection and investigation techniques among its membership and throughout the business and law enforcement communities. At the same time, program attendees are provided an opportunity to earn their annual continuing education credits and network with a diverse group of professionals in related fields.

