

## About PSSI

*In 1993, eighteen professional investigators from various insurance companies in the Puget Sound area came together to address the growing issue of insurance fraud. That group formed a local chapter of the International Association of Special Investigation Units and the chapter was named the **PUGET SOUND SPECIAL INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION (PSSI)**.*

*Since that time, our organization has grown to include members from law enforcement, the National Insurance Crime Bureau, and representatives of the Special Investigations Unit of the State of Washington Office of Insurance Commissioner.*

*We are actively engaged in the fight against insurance fraud and work to reduce the impact this crime has on our citizens. In addition, it is our goal to educate the public about the issue of insurance fraud in all its forms, including identity theft and medical provider fraud.*

*We remain available to assist any person seeking information on our efforts and the issue of insurance fraud.*



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Date: October 14, 2009

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
(Registration begins at 7:45 a.m.)

Place: Carco Theater, 1715 Maple  
Valley Hwy, Renton WA

- 8:30 Opening Remarks
- 8:45-9:15 Mitch Barker, OIC SIU Updates
- 9:30-11:30 — Gary Nolte, Silent Violence – Criminal Gypsies & Travelers
- 11:30-12:30 — Lunch by Jimmy Mac's Roadhouse
- 12:30-4:30 — Gary Nolte, Silent Violence – Criminal Gypsies & Travelers
- 4:30-5:00 — Raffle & Closing Remarks

## Mitch Barker, OIC SIU

Mitch Barker was hired as the Director of the OIC Special Investigations Unit on February 1, 2009. This followed over thirty years of municipal law enforcement experience in Washington State. After 18 years with the Des Moines (WA) Police Department, Mitch served as the Chief of Police in Gig Harbor for eight years before moving to the Vancouver Police Department. He served there as the Assistant Chief of Police with oversight of operations, including the investigations division. Mitch has a BA from Central Washington University and received his MA in Public Administration from the University of Washington. He is a graduate of the 200<sup>th</sup> Session of the FBI National Academy.

## Gary Nolte, Gryphon Training

The founder of Gryphon Training is Detective Gary Nolte (Ret.) from the Skokie, IL Police Department, located in Chicago's North Shore suburbs. He retired from the police department in 2006. He is nationally recognized as one of the leading authorities on Transient Crimes and self-proclaimed Gypsies and has been qualified as an expert on this topic by four (4) state courts. Det. Nolte assisted police agencies in 30 states, INTERPOL, agencies in Canada and most levels of the federal government including Homeland Security.

The Chicago Crime Commission used Det. Nolte's knowledge and experience in their publishing of: *The New Faces Of Organized Crime- 1997*.

He has spoken to agencies such as LAPD, NYPD, Boston PD, Phoenix PD, SFPD since 1997 and was awarded the Paul Chapman National Award in 2003.

This group has close ties with The National Association of Bunco Investigators (NABI). Together, with NABI, we have the best training and professionals available to help educate officers as to the ways of the con artist and the transient criminal.

The Gryphon Training Group has contacts nationally with officers who are experts in different areas of this dreaded crime.

## Registration

You may also register on line at  
[www.waiasiu.com/register.htm](http://www.waiasiu.com/register.htm)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Area of Specialization: \_\_\_\_\_

PSSI Member:

Non-Member:

Commissioned Law Enforcement:

## Fees

PSSI Members — \$75.00 After 9/30 — \$100.00

Non-Members — \$100.00 After 9/30 — \$125.00

Commissioned Law Enforcement

& Prosecutors — \$25.00

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