

council more than 40 years ago. The Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis is but another testament to this spirit of cooperation.

Current membership requirements require prospective members to be of good character and reputation, and:

- If employed by a local or state enforcement agency, hold the rank of Detective Sergeant (Supervisor) or above.
- If employed by an investigative or security department, hold a management position and supervise others in an investigative capacity.
- If employed by a financial institution be in a supervisory security position in which the duties involve the detection of thefts or wrong doing on the part of employees or others and the follow-up investigation thereof.
- If employed by a federal law enforcement agency, hold the rank of supervisory agent or above.
- If employed full time by a professional investigative firm, hold a management position and supervise others in an investigative capacity. The firm must offer investigative services as one of its major products and not conduct investigations on a part time basis.

Persons who meet all other qualifications for membership, but who are not in a supervisory or executive capacity, may apply and be granted full membership with unanimous approval of the Board of

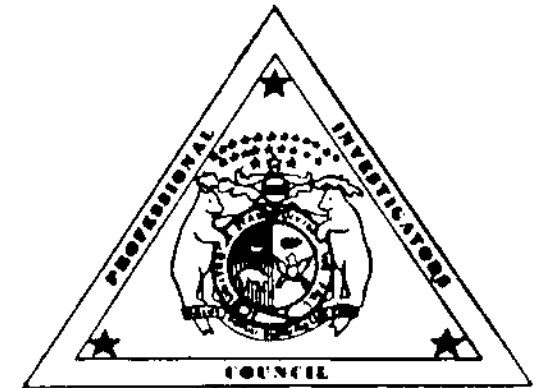
Directors and approval by the General Membership.

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Membership Benefits

***Do you qualify as a
Member?***

The Professional Investigators Council of Greater St. Louis - Established 1957

In June 1957, a meeting was held at the Congress Hotel in St. Louis which was attended by 17 interested investigators from all major fields of employment. This meeting was the origin of the Professional Investigators Council of Greater St. Louis.

Support for such an organization was recognized as being needed and was given unanimous approval. That nucleus of participants busied themselves to develop a formal organization.

On September 13, 1957, a formal organizational meeting was held at which time officers were elected, a constitution was approved and various committees appointed. Within the first three years, the membership swelled to 60, representing a cross section of public and company investigators from the St. Louis Area.

The original purpose for the formation of the organization was to provide a private forum in which the members could exchange information on investigative techniques and experiences as an aid to one another. Confidentiality and trust among the members was accorded the highest respect. This concept was clearly evident in these excerpts from an original

prospectus to illustrate the objectives of the council.

- To determine from its members the investigative methods which have proved to be the most successful by actual test and to make these available to all in the profession.
- To keep its members up to date on changing techniques, conditions and problems and to provide a forum for mutual discussion among its members.
- To conduct meetings at which its members might hear speakers of outstanding achievement discourse on subjects of special or general interest to its members.
- To promote friendship and cooperation among its members for their common benefit.
- To work for the adherence of all members to high professional standards of conduct in their chosen field.
- To provide an organization within whose framework members may freely exchange information of a confidential nature, enabling each member to discharge his/her duties more efficiently.

The prospectus also stated, "It has been the policy of the Board of Directors that everything should be done to prevent the council from becoming a social

organization as such. In like manner, the council has not become involved actively in the sponsorship of legislation of any character, as we are aware of some evils attendant on the position of that type."

Conditions and times have changed over the past 40 odd years. The original council of 17 has now grown to over 150 members. Private investigators, once barred from membership, are now active participating members. Training academies, seminars, workshops, and conferences have all contributed toward the education and profession of the investigator. Science and technology available to the investigator today was unheard of 40 years ago. Liaison between public, corporate and private investigators is an open reality.

Once parochial sentiments between federal, state, county and municipal law enforcement agencies have blended into a spirit of cooperation. This cooperative spirit has also extended into the judicial system of the courts. Some examples are the crime labs, forensic science, computers, citizens against crime, court watchers, neighborhood watch programs and other community crime prevention and awareness programs.

Several recent noteworthy convictions have demonstrated the cooperative spirit and liaison between investigative agencies. None of these significant achievements could have been realized without some of the original objectives outlined for the