



Maine Chapter IAAI

International Association of Arson Investigators

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17th Annual Peter J. Simard Benefit Golf Tournament To benefit the Joseph Menezes Scholarship Fund

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Dear possible sponsor,

On behalf of the Board of Directors for the Maine Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI), I'd like to pass along information for our 17th Annual, Pierre (Pete) J. Simard Golf Tournament to be held on Thursday, June 11, 2026 at the Poland Spring Golf Club.

The Maine Chapter's mission is to provide quality updated training for agencies and personnel in the fire and explosion investigations field at a professional level. The Chapter is comprised of fire and explosion investigators from federal, state, local and private sectors. Our local resources and affiliation with the International IAAI and other federal agencies allow our Chapter to present valuable training opportunities at reasonable cost to seminar attendees.

The Maine Chapter has run the annual Peter J. Simard Benefit Golf Tournament for the past fifteen years with 100% of the money raised going into the Joseph Menezes Scholarship Fund. Investigators Simard and Menezes were long time members of the organization beginning as Charter members and original Board of Directors for the Chapter. Both passed on while employed as investigators with the State of Maine Fire Marshal's Office and after serving in their local emergency communities for many years. The tournament, in their memories, supports the scholarship fund that provides educational assistance to students in the Fire Science Technology, Emergency Medical Services and Law Enforcement disciplines. The Chapter has presented an average of three scholarships in past years throughout the State of Maine.

The Maine Chapter-IAAI would greatly welcome you as one of our sponsors (hole sponsorship is \$100.00) or any donation will be used as gifts to be handed out to participants as awards for their golf successes, or failures, during the tournament.

If you, any individual players or a team(s) are interested in participating and/or you'd like to support the cause, please let me or Steve Simard know and we'll forward the information packet to you via e-mail.

I can be contacted by calling (207)446-4733 or e-mail; g157simard@roadrunner.com. Steve can be reached at (207)754-1815 or srs382@yahoo.com.
Best regards,

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