



This Month at the WFO

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Former Chief of Remington, Virginia, Fire Department Sentenced for Fraud and Embezzlement

Douglas “Bo” Taylor, of Remington, Va., the former Chief of the Remington Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department (RVFD), was sentenced this month to 24 months incarceration for his role in a wire fraud scheme that defrauded the RVFD and the Prince William County School System (PWCS) and the filing of false individual income tax returns. Taylor served as the Chief of the RVFD from 1994 through 2011, during a time when the RVFD fire station underwent major renovations and reconstruction with funding, in significant part, from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Taylor, a licensed master electrician, offered to do some of the renovations at the fire station and only seek reimbursement for his out of pocket expenses. Taylor then submitted false invoices which contained charges for materials he did not purchase and charges for labor that, at times, was never performed or was inflated from the hours that were actually performed. Taylor also used a PWCS credit card to purchase some of the materials used at the fire station project (and elsewhere). In total, Taylor defrauded RVFD of more than \$80,000 and PWCS of approximately \$60,000.

WFO Announces 2013 Director’s Community Leadership Award Recipient



This month, Assistant Director in Charge Valerie Parlave presented Joseph Donovan with a certificate naming him a recipient of the [2013 Director’s Community Leadership Award \(DCLA\)](#). This award was created in 1990 as a way to honor individuals and organizations for their efforts in combating crime, terrorism, drugs, and violence in America. Donovan has worked to help create strong liaison partnerships between private sector companies, the FBI, and the Department of Homeland Security by being a driving force behind and a creator of a network in the D.C. region called Touchstone. Through his involvement in outreach to the FBI on behalf of private sector businesses, Donovan has drawn on his valuable experience to help the FBI

assemble a group of executives from key stakeholders whose goal it is to keep our communities and neighborhoods safe. This Touchstone network allows for the sharing and receiving of valuable information which has made a significant impact on security awareness of private facilities in the D.C. region, and the nation.

ConvergEx Group Subsidiary and Two Employees Plead Guilty to Securities and Wire Fraud

A brokerage subsidiary of ConvergEx Group LLC agreed to plead guilty this month to charges of wire fraud and conspiracy to commit securities fraud and wire fraud. ConvergEx Group has also agreed to pay \$43.8 million in criminal penalties and restitution as part of a deferred prosecution agreement with the Department of Justice. In addition, Jonathan Daspin, the head trader at the brokerage subsidiary, and Thomas Lekargerren, a sales trader at a different ConvergEx subsidiary, both pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit securities and wire fraud. In this scheme, ConvergEx and the two traders hid the fact that they were secretly earning millions of dollars by deliberately fabricating transaction reports which were provided to clients with false details regarding their orders. [Read the full press release](#) and the charges against ConvergEx.

Former Teacher Pleads Guilty to Production of Child Pornography and Other Charges

Five years ago this month, Eric Justin Toth, a former private school teacher and camp counselor, was indicted for production of child pornography. This month, he pled guilty to three counts of production of child pornography and other felony charges following an investigation that began in June 2008 with the discovery of pornographic images on a school camera that had been in his possession at a private school in D.C., where he had been teaching. Toth remained at large until he was finally apprehended in Nicaragua in April 2013.

Ringleader of Multi-Million Dollar Home Equity Line of Credit Fraud Scheme Sentenced to Prison

In March, we told you about Tobechi Onwuhara, a fugitive wanted by WFO and the U.S. Secret Service who, after more than four years on the run, was arrested in Australia and was extradited to the U.S. This month, Onwuhara was sentenced to 70 months in prison for conspiracy to commit bank fraud, conspiracy to commit money laundering, and computer fraud. These charges were in relation to a home equity line of credit fraud scheme that attempted to steal more than \$38 million and caused approximately \$13 million in losses. [Read more](#) about this fraud scheme.

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