



Middle Tennessee Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

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President's Notes

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The Examiner



We are off to a great start for this chapter year! I want to thank Herman Statum for sharing his knowledge with us at the September luncheon; he did an excellent job. I know this is a busy time of year so go ahead and mark your calendar for our Member Benefit Day. It will be held on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at the Williamson County AG Center - look for registration information to be coming out soon! Space will be limited so reserve

your spot as soon as possible.

Don't forget to keep track of your points for a chance to win an all expense trip to the 27th Global Fraud conference in Las Vegas. Look for information in the newsletter on how to earn points.

We have a full year planned so make sure your contact information is up to date on the website - we don't want you to miss any important information!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the October 15 luncheon. Remember October is cyber security month so passwords are like underwear - change them often! Don't share them with friends; the longer the better; be mysterious; and don't leave it laying around.

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Calendar of Events

Our 2015 – 2016 CFE luncheons will be held at the Scarritt-Bennett Center located at 1008 19th Avenue South in Nashville. You will find this year's calendar below. All luncheons will begin at 11:30 am. The event dates remaining for this year are:

Luncheon – October 15, 2015
 Luncheon – November 19, 2015
 Christmas Social – December 17, 2015*
 Member Benefit Day – January 20, 2016
 Joint Luncheon with AGA – February 1, 2016
 Annual Conference – March 7 & 8, 2016
 Luncheon – April 21, 2016
 Luncheon – May 19, 2016
 Social – June 9, 2016*

* member-only events



CFE Prep Courses and Scholarships

The Middle Tennessee Chapter, ACFE, has a drawing each year to give away a CFE Exam Prep Course, valued at \$745 (member price) to a chapter member who is not yet a CFE. For more information, contact us at info@middletennesseecfe.org.

We also give away thousands of dollars in scholarships each year to deserving students. Please see our website at <https://middletennesseecfe.wildapricot.org/Scholarships> for more information.

CPE Certificates

How do attendees to events get a CPE certificate? Certificates are emailed out after the event. If you did not get a certificate, it may be that you did not pay or gave a wrong email address. Please remember to update your information on the new chapter website to ensure that you will receive your certificate promptly.

Please email info@middletennesseecfe.org to request a copy of your CPE certificate.



Important Meeting Information

Luncheons are \$10.00 for members who make their reservations by COB on Wednesday prior to the luncheon. For members making their reservations after COB on the Wednesday before the luncheon, and for members who make a reservation but do not attend or call to cancel, the cost is \$20.00. Individuals who attend without making a reservation will also be charged \$20.00.

Adopted Policy @ \$21.09 per plate cost		
	Luncheon Fee	Chapter Cost
Member w/ Reservation	\$10.00	\$11.09
Member w/o Reservation	\$20.00	\$1.09
Member No-Show	\$20.00	\$1.09
Non-Member	\$20.00	\$1.09
1st Time Visitor	Free	\$21.09

Please note that luncheon fees may vary occasionally due to special events, such as special speakers or joint meetings with other professional organizations.

Luncheon Reservation/Cancellation Policy—Please Take Note!



Please be sure you make reservations for the luncheons prior to attending. We need the reservations to plan appropriately for our attendees and to eliminate confusion at the luncheons. You will receive a confirmation email after you submit your reservation.

Any cancellations (after we have submitted the number of attendees to the facility) or no-shows will be invoiced for the full cost of the meal: \$20.00. Payment of invoices will be due within 60 days of date of invoice. Any unpaid invoices after the 60-day period will result in any reservation for future luncheons being **CANCELED, and you will not be allowed to attend Chapter luncheons or take advantage of member benefits until your outstanding invoices are paid.**

We typically have a waiting list for our events, so if you must cancel your reservation, you must notify the reservationist, Mary Cole (mary.c.cole@cot.tn.gov), by the deadline listed in the reservation email, which is usually one week prior to the luncheon, or you may have someone attend in your place and avoid being invoiced for the luncheon. If you have someone take your place, you must notify the reservationist or have the substitution notify the reception/sign-in table at the luncheon when signing-in.

Other exceptions may apply in **extreme situations** (i.e. death of a family member) and will be reviewed on a case by case basis at the discretion of the Chapter Board. If you have any questions concerning the luncheon costs or the Chapter’s cancellation policy, please feel free to contact Mark Ingram, Chapter Treasurer at mark.ingram@tn.gov.

Members, if you are inviting nonmembers to attend who are not first time attendees, please be sure that they are fully aware of their costs and our cancellation and invoicing policy. **First-time** guests eat free. After a guest’s first visit, he or she will be charged \$20.00 according to the non-member fee schedule. **No Free Guests are allowed** at joint luncheons, due to elevated costs, or Member Benefits Events, such as the December Luncheon or January Member Benefit Training Day.

Important New Information Regarding CPE Suspensions



According to the ACFE's website at <http://www.acfe.com/myannouncements.aspx>, beginning January 1, 2015, CFEs with five or more years of CPE suspensions will be placed into Associate member status. Should these individuals want to reinstate the CFE credential they will be required to take the CFE Exam. If you have any questions about this new requirement, contact the ACFE at 1-800-245-3321. If a CFE does not certify compliance on an annual basis, their credential will be placed into suspension. Suspended status prohibits individuals from representing themselves as CFEs to the general public and using the credential in any form.

New CFEs

Congratulations to Monica Meeks, Danielle Gwin, Mary Cole, and Brian Storey, who received framed CFE certificates in September!



Monica Meeks, left photo, and Danielle Gwin, right photo, receive their certificates from chapter Vice President Jason Conner.



Mary Cole, left photo, and Brian Storey, right photo receive their certificates from chapter President Nathan Abbott.



October Luncheon

We will hold our October luncheon on Thursday, October 15, 2015, at 11:30 am at the Scarritt-Bennett Center in the **Raintree Room**. Scarritt-Bennett is located at 1008 19th Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37212. Directions are available at

<http://www.scarrittbennett.org/about/maps-directions/>

Scarritt-Bennett visitor parking is available in Parking A or Parking B. Please be aware that parking can be limited due to other events held on the same day as ours. Other parking options include the Wesley Place Garage on Scarritt Place between 19th and 21st Avenues or the meters along 19th Avenue. Approximate prices are \$1.00 per half hour and the parking meters are \$1.50 per hour in the Central Business District. Members may want to consider carpooling or bringing cash or change to pay for parking if necessary.

October Luncheon Speakers

Our October luncheon speakers are Ron Hughes from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and Madeline Marcenelle from the Tennessee Fusion Center. They will be presenting a homeland threat brief.



Mr. Ron Hughes, an Intelligence Operations Specialist, joined the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Office of Intelligence and Analysis in October 2009 to become the first DHS Liaison deployed to the Tennessee Fusion Center.

He is charged with providing intelligence support to law enforcement, public safety and private sector partners in Tennessee and the Tennessee Governor's Office of Homeland Security.

Prior to joining DHS, Mr. Hughes worked for the Department of Justice. He served as an Intelligence Specialist at the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Tennessee. Mr. Hughes was a full-time member of the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force in Nashville and a key member of the district's Anti Terrorism Advisory Council

Mr. Hughes is retired from the United States Air Force. During his military career, he functioned as a Signals Intelligence Analyst supporting military operations in Southwest Asia, the Balkans, the Caribbean, and Korea.

Mr. Hughes holds a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Maryland University College.

Upcoming Free Training Opportunity from ACFE



For a limited time, the ACFE is offering chapter affiliates free access to the webinar *Anti-Money Laundering in the Digital Currency Environment* (\$149 value). Earn 2 CPE credits and learn about emerging issues in digital currency with this course.

To sign up, visit www.ACFE.com/ChapterWebinar. Registration ends October 31, 2015.

Middle Tennessee ACFE Chapter Library

Did you know that the Middle Tennessee Chapter has a library of fraud-related books that are available to members? To check out books, contact Suzanne Smotherman, chair of the Library Committee, at (615) 253-2020 or Suzanne.Smotherman@tn.gov. The library is currently housed on the 16th floor of the James K. Polk building.



Member Spotlight Volunteers Needed



The Newsletter Committee is looking for volunteers to be featured in the Member Spotlight! If you would like to volunteer, please contact a member of the Newsletter Committee. It's a great way to introduce yourself to the chapter!

Speaker Search

Our chapter is always on the lookout for speakers for luncheons, the Member Benefit Day, and the Annual Fraud Conference. If you know of someone who might be willing to speak, please contact the chapter Training Director, Suzzie Singleton, at Suzzie.Singleton@cot.tn.gov.



September 17, 2015 Luncheon Minutes and Photos



President Nathan Abbott called the meeting to order. He noted that the chapter had a new website, which would allow for better and faster communication with the membership. He announced that the Member Benefit Day would take place on January 20, 2016 at the Williamson County Ag Center. Attendance would be limited to 275 people. Members would still attend for free, and non-members would pay \$40. The chapter will be providing lunch from Jason's Deli.

Nathan also announced that the annual conference would take place on March 7 and 8, 2016. Nathan asked that any suggestions for lunch or conference speakers be given to the chapter training director, Suzzie Singleton. Nathan then asked all board and committee members to stand up and be recognized. Nathan introduced guests, and then he asked members to introduce their guests. Fred Pasteur introduced the luncheon speaker, Herman Statum, Lt. Colonel (ret) US Army. Mr. Statum spoke about information security for fraud examiners. Nathan then presented framed CFE certificates to Mary Cole and Brian Storey. Anna Mote won the door prize. Nathan reminded everyone that the next chapter meeting would take place on October 15, 2015. The meeting was then adjourned.



National Conference Contest Points System



Congratulations to Melinda Crutchfield, who won an all-expense paid trip to the 2015 national conference, which was held in Baltimore, Maryland. Start compiling your points for the 2016 national conference, which will be held in Las Vegas! To be eligible for the contest, you must be a member of MTACFE, in good standing, for at least 12 months, and you must have attended a prior MTACFE annual fraud conference. Submit a breakdown of your total points earned between January 2015 and December

2015 to mark.ingram@tn.gov by February 15, 2016. Please have supporting documentation available for your points.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Points</u>
Attending Monthly Chapter Meeting	1 point per meeting
Publish Article in Chapter Newsletter	2 points
Sponsoring a New Member	2 points per new member
Publish member profile in Chapter Newsletter	1 point
Contribution to “Been There, Said That, Done That”	1 point/contribution/month
Publication of Case Results	2 points
Participating as a speaker in the Chapter Speaker’s Bureau	2 points per engagement
Publication of an article in the Association’s <i>Fraud Magazine</i>	3 points
Attending the Chapter’s 19 th Annual Conference	2 points
Service on Chapter Committee	2 points





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Newsletter Articles



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