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"In A Few Words"

A message from the Managing Editor

Welcome everyone to Volume 2, Number 3, November (Fall) 2010. In this issue I have published two articles and a book review. I am confident you will find all of these informative and well worth the read.

The first article presents the results of research regarding **Fired Cartridge Case Ejection Patterns from Semi-Automatic Firearms**. The leader of this research team was William J. Lewinski, Ph.D., Force Science Institute and Minnesota State University - Mankato, Mankato, MN. While using eight different weapons most frequently used by policemen the results highlighted significant inconsistency of the cartridge casing patterns. This research will be extremely helpful to those tasked with reconstructing shooting incidents.

In the second article Robert Chisnall presents a very interesting perspective on the **Basic Principles of Forensic Knot Analysis: A Qualitative Study of Tying Behavior.** This is an exceptionally interesting read about a topic that is infrequently discussed within the forensic world. I am sure everyone will enjoy this article and the information it provides.

Lastly, a Book Review conducted by Gregg O. McCrary, of the book **Tactical Crime Analysis: Research and Investigation**, written by Derek J. Paulsen, Sean Bair and Dan Helms. It was published in 2010 by CRC Press, Taylor & Francis Group, LLC. For those of you interested in crime analysis, this becomes an excellent addition to your library.

The next issue of The Investigative Sciences Journal is scheduled for the spring of 2011 (April-May 2011). Please submit your research, writings, case studies, etc. to www.investigativesciencesjournal.org or to me at Editor@InvestigativeSciencesJournal.org.

Thank you.

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