

# STATUS

## NAME

The name of the Association is : **Forensic Institute Of Physical Security**  
**Abbreviated : FIOPS**

## GOALS

This association has the following goals :

- Connecting security professionals, locksmiths, policemen, forensic examiners, technical examiners among each others and themselves with manufacturers and distributors of locksmithing and forensic supplies, and with end enquirers (individuals, companies, administrations).
- Create reliable and reproducible procedures in the field of physical security forensics that ensure a fair outcome and that can be verified by others.
- Offer education and certification based on these procedures and protocols to its members. The goal is to all be working with the same methodology and create verifiable reports.
- Keeping its members up to date and trained on (new) tools and techniques
- Guaranty to final enquirers that members of FIOPS will bring them a quality service, according to the Institute values, thanks to strict and regular tests.
- Create a trusted environment where members can speak freely about the profession and ask for advice.
- Organize meetings / seminars where members can meet
- Creating a library of national and international information useful for practicing Physical Security Forensic that is accessible to the members
- Setting up Interlaboratory Tests aimed at Forensic Laboratories around the World.
- Increase the average knowledge level of the general population by proposing analysis tools
- Offer paid services and goods in relation with Locksmithing and Forensic fields.

## COMPOSITION

The association is composed by

a) Founder Members

Natural persons that actually create the association at the prefecture.

Founder members constitute the Bureau.

They can participate to Certifications.

b) Active Members

Natural persons wishing to actively participate to the life of the association, namely accepted by the Bureau during a General Meeting.

They constitute the Board of Administration.

They can participate to Certifications.

c) Adherent Members (or Full Members)

Natural persons or Legal Entities wishing to participate to events organized by FIOPS and benefit from FIOPS information sharing.

Natural persons can participate to Certifications, Legal Entities can designate a representative that can participate to Certifications.

d) Honorary Members

Natural persons or Legal Entities having rendered useful recognized help to the association.

They don't pay any fee.

They are designated during a General Meeting and cannot vote.

Every Natural persons or Legal Entities can be designated as Honorary Member, including an existing member.

e) Free of Charge Members

Natural persons or Legal Entities wishing to access the restricted part of the website and stay in touch with FIOPS.

They cannot participate to Certifications, they cannot participate to private events organized by the association.

## ADMISSION

In order to become an adherent member or a free of charge member, the member-to-be must be authorized by the Board which decides during every meeting about the presented demands. A moral validation stage can be required.

Contact details of the prospect member will be mailed to all current members to ask if anyone has objections against that person becoming a member.

In order to become an active member, the member to be must be authorized by the Bureau which decides during every meeting about the presented demands.

An actual active participation must be proven.

## MEMBERS – SUBSCRIPTIONS

Are considered as actual members those who engaged themselves to pay the annual subscription. Every member category can have a different subscription. The amount of subscription is listed in the Rules and Regulation document and a discount can be granted by the Board in case of exceptional service rendered to the association.

## CANCELLATION

Member quality is lost in the following cases:

- a) Resignation;
- b) Death;
- c) Cancellation pronounced by the Bureau for absence of subscription payment one month after the due date.
- d) In case of gross misconduct.

Those concerned being invited by the Bureau by a registered letter to give explanations in person in front of the Board of Administration or by a written letter.

Exclusion for absence of payment is not open to defense nor needs a registered letter to be notified.

## COMPENSATIONS

All duties are performed voluntarily, including by the Bureau and Board of Administration members. Only costs engaged to perform their job can be compensated with proper justification.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

A Rules and Regulations document can be redacted by the Board.

It states for day to day association working, when it's not already in the Status.

## DISSOLUTION

In case of dissolution, the assets of the association are to be offered to an association with similar purposes.