

# MEET PARAFPI



## A Study In Paranormal Research Evolution In Denver, Colorado

by Baxter

**J**ust to give you a bit of background, I was once a part of FPI. I joined back in 2002 and I would have to say that it was clearly a different FPI than the ParaFPI you will find today. It was being run by two very nice women, Drea Penndragon and Nicole Farr. The group was really more of a camera club with a bunch

of pseudo-psyhic drama added in for flavor. We ran around cemeteries with cameras and tape recorders basically scaring each other into thinking something was actually there to be photographed or recorded.

Well, I had this terrible little habit of applying logic and science and ultimately, I debunked most of their evidence.

Consequently, I was booted from the group within one month of joining.

Needless to say, I wasn't sure what I would find when meeting with



the “new” ParaFPI for this article.

I walked into the local diner where we had planned to meet. I saw a smiling gentleman near the rear of the restaurant stand up and wave. I smiled and hurried my pace to their table. Here I met Brannon Osborne and Wade Wilson. Two founders of the new ParaFPI. We shook hands, seated ourselves and then proceeded with just a bit of small talk to get comfortable with each other. That didn't take long, they were very open and kind gentlemen.

**H**aving a military background and possessing a quick, analytical mind, Brannon tends to lean much more to the science approach to investigating while still keeping a strong respect for the talents of the “sensitives.”

Wade, on the other hand, considers himself more of a resource than an investigator. Being a “sensitive” himself, he knows that his findings in an investigation will never be conclusive on their own merits so he offers his

talents as a “tool” for the scientific members of the team. This mindset seems to come from the fact that

today. Many changes have occurred since his arrival. There actually was a name change although it was



Founder Brannon Osborne and his beautiful family

he started out as a scientific investigator and discovered his abilities along the way.

I started out asking how they even could consider themselves “founders” if they were not even in the group when I was back in 2002.

Brannon explained to me that when he joined in late 2002, the group was very different than what it is

very subtle. The FPI in ParaFPI used to stand for the original founders' initials. Now, they stand for “Front range Paranormal Investigations.” This change happened about four years ago when one of the original founders left the group along with the adding of “Para” to the name. This is a much more organized and efficient



Founder Wade Wilson

group than the one that started out with the same name.

There also was a bit of confusion surrounding the group's T.A.P.S. Family status. It had been previously reported that ParaFPI joined the T.A.P.S. Family back in 1999. However, there was no T.A.P.S. Family at that point. Other reports have them joining in 2002 although that was never mentioned when I was a member. Brannon once again brought some needed clarification. When the T.A.P.S. Family formed in 2002, ParaFPI joined at that time. However, the founder of the original FPI had an alleged relationship with

Al Tyas and Jason Hawes that started back in 1999.

**I** asked them how they approach an investigation when someone contacts them for help.

Wade explained how initially, emails come into a central email account that all of the founders have access to. This reduces

the amount of time it takes to get the email answered or put into the correct hands.

After the initial phone interview with the client,

an investigator is sent out to the location to do a site survey. During this site survey further interviewing is done, the investigator is introduced to the environment that will be getting investigated and notes will be taken about what equipment and how many investigators will be needed. The initial base readings for EMF are also done at this time.

When the team is assembled for the first investigation, they are only told necessary and relevant information about the case so as not to contaminate the investigation with pre-conceived expectations. The original investigator that does the site survey does not go on the first investigation, again, to keep any contamination to a minimum.

During an investigation, sensitives are generally paired up with a scientific investigator. All pairs on

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the investigation are kept separate from each other so as not to create cross-contamination. Personal conclusions are kept quiet and evidence is not shared until the investigation is

over. Historical research is also done afterwards to prevent pre-conceived expectations during the investigation.

The investigations are done in two parts:

1. Walk throughs and base EMF readings are done. Remote equipment (video, audio, and temperature) is set up for part two of the investigation.

2. Remote investigation. The group actually leaves the residence for between one and three hours to let the remote equipment record with no contamination from the group. They eliminate the “human factor.”

When possible, it is preferred that ParaFPI conduct more than one

investigation at a location. Not only can you gather twice the data, but it is well known that “ghosts” do not perform on command and additional visits will increase the chances that paranormal activity can be captured as evidence.

Unfortunately, many home owners don’t want a group to do multiple visits these days.

**P**araFPI has really undergone many changes and overcome many obstacles in this past year. They are slowly becoming more and more of what these two founders had envisioned.

Watching and experiencing the competition, poor investigation techniques,

the lack of ethics, and lack of training in this field, Brannon and Wade look forward to a new day where different groups actually work together to turn this field into a respected one. A day when most groups actually follow a distinct universal set of protocols and procedures. A day when being a “paranormal investigator” isn’t just another way to pretend that you are a rock star but is real respectable work helping people in need. This field of research is also going to pave the way to a new understanding of ourselves here and on the other side. Unlike many who sit and wait, they intend to lead by example.

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