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Experience:

I have over twenty-three years experience in fire service specifically in fire suppression, training, and investigation. In addition, over eleven years experience as a private investigator working with and supervising engineering firms in origin and cause investigations for the insurance industry and attorneys. My area of expertise includes product failure analysis, subrogation, fire and explosion investigations in residential and commercial structures, vehicle fires including automobiles, commercial, and recreational vehicles and marine.

Specialties:

- Licensed Private Investigator – License Number 1558
- Qualified in state and federal courts as an expert witness in fire and explosion investigation
- Certified Fire Investigator – International Association of Arson Investigators
- Certified Fire Investigator – North Carolina Department of Insurance
- Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator – National Association of Fire Investigators
- Experienced Subrogation and Liability Consultant – failure analysis and product defect evaluation
- Collegiate Instructor – Fire Investigation, Fire Protection/Prevention, and Criminal Justice
- Instructor for the National Fire Academy – Fire/Arson Detection course
- Certified Continuing Education Instructor for insurance adjusters dealing in property & liability claims – NC Department of Insurance

Education:

- Eastern Kentucky University – Bachelor of Science Degree in Arson Investigation
- Jefferson Community College – Associate in Applied Science Degree in Fire Science Technology
- Kentucky State Police – 160 hour Fire/Arson Investigation training course
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms – Successful Prosecution of Arson-for-Profit Investigations
- Barker & Herbert Analytical Lab – Investigation of Gas & Electric Appliance Fires

Professional Affiliations:

National Association of Fire Investigators ☐ Board of Directors
International Association of Arson Investigators ☐ Training and Education Committee
North Carolina Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators
Kentucky Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators ☐ Past First Vice President
Kentucky Arson Task Force ☐ Past President
Society of Fire Protection Engineers ☐ Affiliate Member
National Fire Protection Association ☐ Member
Raleigh Claims Association ☐ Affiliate Member
North Carolina Insurance Crime Information Exchange ☐ Member
National Academy of Expert Witnesses ☐ Member