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Professional Summary:

Mr. Crede has over thirty-three years of experience in the fire service and thirty years of experience in Fire Origin and Cause Investigations. He has investigated a variety of fires including incendiary, fatalities, and large loss fires as both a public and private sector investigator. Prior to joining EFI Global as a full time fire investigator, he completed a 25 year career with the Pennsylvania State Police serving as a part time Assistant Deputy Fire Marshal and a full time Deputy Fire Marshal. He served as an Assistant Deputy Fire Marshal for the Pennsylvania State Police Troop D Butler barracks from 1992-2000. In 2000 he became a full time Deputy Fire Marshal for the Troop D Butler area. As a full time Deputy Fire Marshal he was responsible for the investigation of fires and explosions in Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Lawrence, and Mercer Counties in Western Pennsylvania. In 2001 he was promoted to the rank of Corporal and supervised the Troop D Butler Fire Marshal Unit until his retirement in October 2012. He is a past Fire Chief (18 years) and Life Member of the Penn Township Volunteer Fire Department in Butler County, Pa. He is a member of the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI), The National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI), and The Pennsylvania Association of Arson Investigators (PAAI). He has served on the Pennsylvania Association of Arson Investigator's (PAAI) Board of Directors from 2019-Present. He has been employed as a Senior Fire Investigator with EFI Global from October 1, 2015 to present. On April 1, 2022 he was promoted to District Fire Principal for the Pennsylvania Region in the Northeast District. He oversees and manages the fire teams in the Pittsburgh and Philadelphia Offices.

As a fire investigator with EFI Global Mr. Crede has investigated over 900 Origin and Cause fire investigations involving both residential and commercial properties. Through EFI Global he has worked for several insurance companies including Travelers, Allstate, AAA, Donegal, QBE, BiBerk, MMG, Lititz Mutual, and The Hartford. In addition to insurance companies, he has also worked for several law firms including The Law Offices of Robert Stutman, White and Williams, Cozen O'Conner, and Deluca Levine.

Areas of expertise include:

- Fire Origin and Cause
- Fire Incendiarism
- Fire Failure Analysis
- Fire Liability
- Fire Subrogation
- Vehicle Fires

Licenses and Certifications:

IAAI-CFI, #29-022415

NAFI-CFEI, #8678-9567

NAFI-CVFI, #8678-9567v

National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications Certificate, #306552

State Certified Fire Investigator, Pa State Fire Commissioner's Office, #80

Private Investigator, PA

Private Investigator, WV

Private Investigator, Ohio

Project Experience:

Nationwide Insurance Company, Pittsburgh, PA Incendiary Fire

An origin and cause investigation for a fire that heavily damaged an automobile repair garage. The owner/insured was subsequently arrested by the Pennsylvania State Police for arson and the insurance claim was denied by the insured's insurance company.

Nationwide Insurance Company, Pittsburgh, PA Vehicle Fire

An origin and cause investigation for a vehicle fire that damaged the insured's 2015 Ford Fusion Hybrid vehicle. After the site examination the insured withdrew his claim with his insurance company.

York Claims Service, Pittsburgh, PA Accidental Fire

An origin cause investigation that occurred in a three-story multi-unit apartment building. The site inspection revealed that a tenant in one of the apartments left a stove burner on the gas range upon leaving the apartment. The lit burner subsequently ignited a pan of oil left on the burner. The fire heavily damaged the entire apartment building.

Court Qualifications/ Depositions:

Mr. Crede has testified and been deposed in both State and Local Courts in the performance of his duties as a law enforcement officer. A trial list is available upon request.

Professional Experience:

EFI Global, Zelienople, PA, Senior Fire Investigator, Oct. 1, 2015 - Present
Director of Public Safety, Borough of Greenville, PA, Jan. 2, 2014 - Sept. 30, 2015
Fire and Safety Investigations Consulting Co., Bridgeport, WV, Oct. 2012 - Jan. 2014
PA State Police, Troop D Butler, Feb. 1992 - Oct. 2012
PA State Police, Troop B Findlay, Dec. 1987 - Feb. 1992
PA State Police Academy, June 1987 - Dec. 1987
Penn Township Police Department, Penn Township, Butler County, PA, Nov. 1985 – June 1987
Slippery Rock Borough Police Department, Slippery Rock, PA Oct. 1983 – Oct. 1985

Specialized Education:

2023 Annual PAAI Jack Christmas Training Seminar, 12 hrs. Tested Training, State College, PA
2023 Radiation Safety Training Program for X-Ray Equipment, NEO Nuclear Education Online
2022 Radiation Safety Training Program for X-Ray Equipment, NEO Nuclear Education Online
2022 Annual PAAI Jack Christmas Training Seminar, 14 hrs. Tested Training, State College, PA
2022 Lithium Battery Training Seminar, 6 hrs. Geneva College, Beaver Falls, PA
2022 Annual PAAI Arson Seminar, 19.5 hrs. Tested Training, State College, PA
2021 Annual PAAI Arson Seminar, 24 hrs. Tested Training, State College, PA
2021 Radiation Safety Training Program for X-Ray Equipment, NEO Nuclear Education Online
2021 Matterport Training for Fire Investigations

2019 Annual PAAI Arson Seminar, 24 hrs. Tested Training, State College, PA
2018 Annual PAAI Arson Seminar, 21 hrs. Tested Training, State College, PA
2017 Vehicle Fire/Arson Investigation, PATC 20 hr. Tested, Hands-On Training Program, Monroeville, PA
2017 National Association of Fire Investigators Certified Vehicle Fire Investigator Certification, Monroeville, PA
2016 Annual PAAI Arson Seminar, 32.5 hrs. Tested Training, State College, PA
2015 - Present 190 earned credit hours through the IAAI CFITrainer.net online training program
Arson Detection and Fire Investigation, PA State Fire Academy
Fire and Arson Investigation – Electrical, PA State Fire Academy
Building Construction, Wood and Ordinary, PA State Fire Academy
Building Construction, Non-Combustible and Fire Resistive, PA State Fire Academy
Advanced Arson Detection and Fire Investigation, PA State Fire Academy
Fire and Arson Investigation – Electrical II, PA State Fire Academy
Advanced Post Blast Investigation, PA State Police, Ft. Indiantown Gap, PA
Clandestine Lab Investigations, Multijurisdictional Counterdrug Task Force, Tionesta, PA
Fire/Arson Investigation, National Fire Academy, Emmitsburg, MD
Concepts of Fire Dynamics, PA State Police, NWTC, Meadville, PA
Arc Mapping, PAAI, Allegheny County Fire Marshal's Office, Pittsburgh, PA
Juvenile Fire Setter Seminar, PA State Fire Academy, Butler County Community College
Hero to Zero Firefighter Arsonist Training, PAAI, Allegheny County Fire Academy

Education:

Bachelor of Arts Degree, Criminal Justice, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 1982
Associate of Arts Degree, Criminology, Butler County Community College, 1979

Affiliations:

International Association of Fire Investigators (IAAI)
National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI)
Pennsylvania Association of Arson Investigators (PAAI)
South Butler Volunteer Fire Department, 2013 - 2016
Penn Township Volunteer Fire Department, Life Member, 1986 - 2013
Penn Township Volunteer Fire Department, Fire Chief, 18 years, 1995 - 2012
Penn Township Emergency Management Coordinator, 18 years, 1995 – 2012

Honors and Awards:

Camp Hill Prison Riot Service Ribbon, PA State Police, 1989
Flight 427 Service Ribbon, PA State Police, 1994
Letter of Commendation, PA State Police, 1996
Commissioner's Award for Auto Theft Proficiency, PA State Police, 1997
Letter of Commendation, PA State Police, 1998
Letter of Appreciation, PA State Police, 1999
Promotion to the Rank of Corporal, PA State Police, 2001
Letter of Appreciation, PA State Police, 2001
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Outstanding Alumni Award, Butler County Community College, 2007