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Professional Summary:

Mr. Autio has over 42 years of combined experience in fire service and the insurance investigation field as a line firefighter, paramedic and fire inspector. Conducted in excess of 1,500 fire origin and cause investigations. Attended and instructed special training in fire investigation, evidence handling, court preparation, and hazardous materials for public and private sector. Certified Fire/Explosion Investigator, Certified Fire Safety Inspector, Certified Fire Instructor, Certified Live Fire Instructor, Certified Hazardous Materials Technician, Certified Hazardous Materials Incident Command and Licensed Private Investigator. Court-qualified expert in the area of origin and cause in state and federal courts in the State of Ohio.

Licenses and Certifications:

Certified Fire Investigator, IAAI, #22-084

Certified Fire Scene Investigator, Miami Valley Regional Crime Laboratory

Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator, NAFI, #5523-1512

Certified Firefighter, OH, F-1288-0787

Certified Fire Service Instructor, Ohio Fire Academy, #0031955

Certified Fire Inspector, Ohio Fire Academy, #0031955

Certified Fire Inspector Instructor, Ohio Fire Academy, #0031955

Certified Paramedic, OH, #0031955

Certified Hazardous Materials Technician, OH

Certified Hazardous Materials Incident Command, Cleveland State University

Certified Professional Insurance Investigator, Investigative Resources Global

Private Investigator – Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia

Project Experience:

Confidential Client, WV Fire Investigation

Conducted origin and cause investigation in regard to a fire in a single-family dwelling. Investigation resulted in determining that the fire was intentionally set by the insured by pouring flammable liquids in the kitchen. Case resulted in a arson conviction.

**Confidential Client, MS
Hazardous Materials Fire Investigation**

Conducted origin and cause investigation in regard to a fire an explosion at a commercial chemical facility. Investigation resulted in determining that the fire was intentionally set by an unidentified person (s) by igniting flammable liquids and allowing the fire to spread to nearby tanker trucks and rail cars. Cas is pending.

**Confidential Client, OH
Fire Investigation**

Conducted origin and cause investigation in regard to a fire in a single-family dwelling. Investigation resulted in determining that the fire was intentionally set by the insured and also resulted in the discovery of several fraudulent insurance claims. Case resulted in an extortion conviction.

**Confidential Client, OH
Vehicle Fire Investigation**

Conducted origin and cause investigation in regard to a fire in a passenger vehicle. Investigation resulted in determining that the fire was accidental, and the damage was identical to damaged in recalled vehicles. This vehicle has not been included in the recall. Cas resulted in manufacturer honoring recall.

Court Qualifications/ Depositions:

Litigation CV available upon request.

Professional Experience:

EFI Global, Inc, Lexington, KY, 1996 – Present,
Senior Fire Investigator/Haz Mat Team Coordinator,
2005-Present Fire Investigator, 1996-2005
Miamisburg Fire Department, Firefighter/Paramedic/Inspector/Investigator/Haz
Mat Technician, 1990-1997
Ohio Valley Fire Protection, Sprinkler Design Engineer, 1996-1997
Moraine Fire Department,
Firefighter/Paramedic/Inspector, 1987-1990 Huber
Heights Fire Department, Firefighter/Paramedic, 1985-
1987 United States Air Force, Budget Analyst, 1983-1987
Beavercreek Fire Department 1981 - 1985
Lieutenant/Paramedic, 1983-1985
Firefighter/EMT, 1981-1983

Specialized Education:

Discovery in Civil Cases, CFI Trainer, 2022
Discovery in Criminal Cases, CFI Trainer, 2022
Fire Protection Systems, CFI Trainer, 2022
Legal Aspects of Investigating Youth Set Fires, CFI Trainer, 2022
Ethics and the Fire Investigator, CFI Trainer, 2022

Updates to NFPA 921, Miami Valley Fire Investigators, 2021
Respirator Protection, EFI Global, 2020
Ohio Building Code Academy Training, Inspector Track, Ohio 2019
Fire Alarm Plans and Testing, Miami Valley Building Officials Council, OH, 2019
Ohio Building Code Academy, Plans Examiner Track, Ohio, 2019
Asbestos Awareness, Texas Continuing Education, Houston, Texas
Restaurant Fire Suppression Systems, Southwest Ohio Fire Safety Council,
Dayton, Ohio Fire Computer Modeling, National Association of Fire
Investigators
Fire Investigation Scene Safety, CFITrainer.net, IAAI
Computer Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEO), EPA, Dayton,
Ohio Hazwoper & Site Supervisor, OSHA, Escanaba, Michigan
Fire Dynamics, National Association of Fire Investigators, Richmond,
Kentucky Explosives: Low & High Order Damage, International Association of
Arson Investigators Incident Command System Instructor, Ohio Fire
Academy, Reynoldsburg, Ohio
Confined Space Rescue, Miamisburg FD, Miamisburg, Ohio
Design & Installation of Sprinkler Systems, Ohio Fire Academy,
Reynoldsburg, Ohio Fire/Arson Investigation, Ohio Fire Academy,
Reynoldsburg, Ohio
Fire Service Management, Ohio Fire Academy, Reynoldsburg, Ohio

Education:

Master's Degree, Urban Administration, Wright State University, Dayton OH, 1996
Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 1982
Associates Degree, Fire Science Technology, Sinclair Community College, 1989

Affiliations:

International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI)
International Association of Firefighters (IAFF)
International Society of Fire Service Instructors (ISFSI)
National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI)
National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators (NSPII)
National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

Courses Instructed/ Guest Lecturer:

Firefighter Tactics, Sinclair Community College
Basic Fire Investigation, Ohio Fire Academy & Bowling Green State
University
Advanced Fire Investigation, Bowling Green State University
Incident Command System, Ohio Fire Academy
Fire Science Technology, Sinclair
Community College Fire Inspection,
Sinclair Community College Hazardous
Materials Technician, EFI Global, Inc.