

Lee DeVries | Fire Investigator, IAAI CFI, CFEI

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Professional Summary:

Mr. DeVries has over 7 years' experience in private fire investigation. He had over 33 years in fire service. He was a fire service Fire Investigator, Lieutenant, Captain, Code Inspector, Firefighter. Since 1999 he has focused on Fire Investigation, determining origin and cause of numerous fires. He has worked closely with many State Fire Marshalls and municipal Fire Officials across the upper Midwest. Mr. DeVries is a certified Fire Investigator and continues to study and train in all aspects of fire investigation.

Licenses and Certifications:

Certified Fire Investigator, IAAI, #16-080801
Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator, NAFI, #13996-7178
Certified Fire Investigator, NBFSPQ, #258946
Haz-Mat Operations
PI licensed in MN, IA, NE, WI

Project Experience:

Terminal Building, Lincoln, NE
Structure Fire
Structure fire on the 8th floor of a 10 story building. Lead investigator for tenant of the 8th floor.

Waste collection company, Kasota, MN
Structure Fire
Fire in a large business building involving several garbage trucks.
Lead Investigator

Meat processing company, Albert Lea, MN
Structure Fire
30-million-dollar loss. Investigator on the origin and cause team.

Professional Experience:

EFI Global, Edina, MN
2011 - Present
Fire Investigator

Albert Lea Fire Department, Albert Lea, MN
1999 - 2016 Fire Investigator
2005 - 2016 Fire Shift Captain
2000 - 2005 Fire Lieutenant
2000 - 2005 Fire Code Inspector
1989 - 1999 Firefighter
1982 - 1988 Volunteer Firefighter

Specialized Education:

- 2019 IAAI MN March 2019. 20 hrs. tested
- 2018 MN IAAI Annual Fire Investigation Conference, 20 hours tested
- 2018 IAAI Fire Chemistry, CFI Trainer, 3 hours tested
- 2018 IAAI Accreditation, Cortication and Certificates, CFI Trainer, 3 hrs. tested
- 2018 IA IAAI NFPA 1033 For Fire Investigators, 18.5 hours tested
- 2018 IA IAAI Training Conference, 18.5 hrs tested
100a, Evidence collection, Investigation methodology, Hazmat, Fire science,
Fire investigation technology
- 2018 MN IAAI Training Conference, 20 hrs tested
Tablet use, Youth fire setting, Drones, CFI requirements, Preparing CV,
Cancer, BATF electrical, Basic investigation, Fire dynamics, Electric appliances, Report writing, Incendiary devices
- 2017 IA Fire Service Training Bureau, 4 hrs
Evidence Collection, Latent Prints and DNA
- 2017 MN IAAI Training Conference, 20 hrs tested
1033, Digital evidence, Public/Private interaction, Case law,
NFPA 921, Expert testimony, Financial aspects of fire investigation,
MN SFM resources, Post fire survey of electrical wiring, Social media
- 2017 Grinnell Mutual Training, 8 hrs
Alternative Fuel Vehicle Fires
- 2016 MN IAAI Training Conference, 20 hrs tested
1033, Drones, Apps, Electric Fires, Codes and Standards,
Explosions, Fire Protection Systems, Vehicle Fires,
Wood Stove Fires
- 2016 IA NASP Burn Cell Training, 4 hrs
- 2015 MN IAAI Training Conference, 20 hrs tested
Diagrams, Human Remains, Gas Leaks, 1033,
Electrical Fires, Vehicle Fires, Lithium Batteries
- 2015 IA IAAI Training Conference, 19 hrs tested
Technology, Methodology, Fire Analysis, Haz-Mat
- 2014 IAAI ITC Training, 40 hrs tested

- Station Nightclub, Expert Testimony, Serial Arsonist, 921/1033, Ventilation, Explosions
- 2013 1033 for Fire Investigators, 16 hrs
IRIS Fire Investigations
- 2013 IA IAAI Training Conference, 19.5 hrs tested
Report writing, Fire Debris Analysis, Negative Corpus, Fire Behavior, Burn Patterns
- 2013 Insurance Fraud Training Seminar, 14 hrs
IA – NE IASIU

- 2013 EFI Global Asbestos Awareness, 2 hrs
- 2011 MNIAAI Burn to Learn Seminar, 14 hrs
Flashover-Post flashover live room burns, Arc mapping, Live fire tests with various combustibles

- 2011 MNIAAI Conference, 20 hrs, tested
Post flashover fires, Evidence collection, Vehicle fires, Case studies, Best practices in fire investigation

- 2011 Haz Mat Ops Refresher, 8 hrs, tested
- 2011 Kinesic Interview Techniques, 6 hrs
MN IASIU
- 2011 NIMS 300, 18 hrs, tested
- 2011 Fire Behavior in Single Occupancy, 2 hrs, tested
UL University
- 2011 CFITrainer.net series, 28 hrs, tested
Building construction, Explosion dynamics, Wildland fires, Electrical safety, Interviewing, First responder impact, Search and seizure, DNA,
- 2011 Public Information Officer Training, 7 hrs
MN Department of Public Safety

- 2010 EFI Global Live Burn Seminar, 16 hrs
Fire Investigation for the Insurance Industry
Live structure burns / investigation

- 2010 MNIAAI Conference, 20 hrs, tested
Hot topics, Hybrid vehicles, Fire fatalities, Fire myths, Lightweight construction, Fire scene photography, CSST
- 2010 Engineered Lumber in Fires, 2 hrs
UL University
- 2010 Pipeline Emergency Response, 2 hrs, tested
CAER
- 2010 CFITrainer.net series, 23 hrs, tested
Determining arson responsibility, Effective testimony, Arc mapping, Marine fires, Hazwoper standard, Evidence
- 2009 Response to Terrorist Bombings, 32 hrs, tested
New Mexico Tech EMRTC

- 2009 School Bomb Incidents, 4 hrs, tested
New Mexico Tech EMRTC
- 2009 TWGFEX Investigation Symposium, 8 hrs
- 2009 Post Blast Investigation, 40 hrs, tested
National Center for Forensic Science
- 2009 CFITrainer.net series, 8 hrs, tested
Impact of ventilation, Managing complex investigations
- 2009 Haz Mat Ops Refresher, 8 hrs, tested
- 2009 NIMS 700a, 4 hrs, tested
- 2008 MNIAAI Quarterly Training, 2 hrs
Burning characteristics of plastics
- 2008 MNIAAI Burn to Learn Seminar, 14 hrs
Live Burns, Scene processing, Accelerant tests
- 2008 MSFCA Annual Conference, 6 hrs
FSC Cigarettes, E-85 Characteristics
- 2008 MNIAAI Quarterly Training, 2 hrs
Asbestos Awareness
- 2008 CFITrainer.net series, 36 hrs, tested
Documentation, Physical evidence, Critical thinking, Fire dynamics, NFPA
1033 and 921, Candle experiments, Vacant buildings, Post flashover
fires, Fatal fires
- 2008 MNIAAI Conference, 20 hrs, tested
Test burns, Post flashover fires, Investigator safety, Fire deaths,
Juvenile fire setters, Digital reports, Investigator roles on scene

Education:

AAS, Fire Science, Columbia Southern University

Affiliations:

International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI)
National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI)
Minnesota Chapter (MNIAAI)
Iowa Chapter (IAIAAI)