

## Norman “Van” Presson | Branch Manager, IAAI-CFI

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### Professional Summary:

Mr. Presson has over twenty-five years of experience in fire origin and cause investigations. He has a combined total of over thirty-eight years of firefighting, law enforcement and fire investigation experience. Van has to date personally investigated or managed more than 3500 fire and explosion scenes across Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana.

### Licenses and Certifications:

Certified Fire Investigator, International Association of Arson Investigators, Certificate No.: 40-026 Expires: 2023

Private Investigator, Louisiana License #5739-051804-LA, Expires: 2020

Expert Witness Testimony Course, Instructor, 2001

Fire Service Instructor 1041 I-II, State of Mississippi Fire Academy, 2000

Fire Investigator 1033, State of Mississippi Fire Academy, 1997

### Project Experience:

Extensive investigative background in the origin and cause of fire and explosion events for the insurance industry, manufactures and the legal profession

### Professional Experience:

EFI Global, Senior Branch Manager 2017 – present

EFI Global, Senior Fire Investigator 2005 – present

Crawford Investigation Services, Fire Investigator 2003 – 2004

Presson & Associates, Owner/Fire Investigator, 1997 – 2003

City of Jackson Fire Department 2003 Deputy Fire Chief, Fire Loss Management

City of Jackson Fire Department, 1998 – 2003, Chief Investigator/Division Fire Chief, Arson/Internal Affairs Division

City of Jackson Fire Department, 1998, Senior Fire Investigator/Captain, Arson/Internal Affairs Division

Berry & Associates, Fire Investigator, 1995 – 1997

Jackson Fire Department, 1995 – 1998, Investigator II, Arson/internal Affairs Division

Jackson Fire Department 1993 – 1995, Investigator/Relief Driver Operator, Arson/Internal Affairs Division

Jackson Fire Department 1984 – 1993, Relief Driver/Operator, Emergency Medical Technician Basic, Intermediate and Paramedic, Rescue Unit #7

Jackson Fire Department 1981 – 1984, Relief Driver/Operator, Emergency Medical Technician Basic, Ladder Truck #7

Jackson Fire Department 1980 – 1981, Fire Fighter II, Emergency Medical Technician Basic, Ladder Truck #7

### Specialized Education:

Mississippi Fire Investigators Association

April 3-5, 2019 tested course, passed

October 10-12, 2018 tested course, passed

March 29-31, 2017 tested course, passed

April 8-10, 2015 tested course, passed

March 19-21, 2014 tested course, passed

October 23-25, 2013 tested course, passed

May 8-10, 2013 tested course, passed

October 24-26, 2012 tested course, passed

March 21-23, 2012 tested course, passed

October 26-28, 2011 tested course, passed

March 30 – April 1, 2011 tested course, passed

October 27-29, 2010 tested course, passed

April 7-9, 2010 tested course, passed

May 6-8, 2009 tested course, passed

April 2-4, 2008, tested course, passed

International Association of Arson Investigators CFI Trainer.net

August 11, 2016 Understanding Fire Through the Candle Experiments

August 10, 2016 Accreditation, Certification and Certificates

August 10, 2016 Residential Electrical Systems

August 10, 2016 Documenting the Event

January 24, 2013 The Scientific Method for Fire and Explosion Investigation

November 4, 2009 Preparation for the Marine Fire Scene

June 30, 2009 Motive, Means and Opportunity

August 24, 2009 Arc Mapping Basics

Louisiana Association of Arson Investigators

May 4, 2012 Courtroom Testimony Preparation, non-tested

April 15, 16, 2009, tested course, passed

September 30, October 1 & 2, 2009 Marine Fire Investigation, tested course, passed

### Education:

University of Mississippi School of Health Related Professions

Emergency Medical Technology Program: Paramedic Certificate 8/16/91

Hinds Community College

High School Equivalency Diploma 1977

#### Affiliations:

International Association of Arson Investigators  
Mississippi Fire Investigators Association-Central Region Vice President  
Louisiana Association of Arson Investigators

#### Courses Instructed/ Guest Lecturer:

IAAI Expert Witness Testimony Course Facilitator 2019 – 1 Class  
IAAI Expert Witness Testimony Course Facilitator 2018 – 1 Class  
IAAI Expert Witness Testimony Course Facilitator 2017 – 2 Classes  
IAAI Expert Witness Testimony Course Facilitator 2016 – 2 Classes  
IAAI Expert Witness Testimony Course Facilitator 2015 – 1 Class  
IAAI Expert Witness Testimony Course Facilitator 2014 – 3 Classes  
IAAI Expert Witness Testimony Course Facilitator 2013 - 4 Classes  
State of Mississippi Fire Academy, 1033 Classes – Origin and Cause/Bridging the Gap Between Public and Private Fire Investigators  
Fire Origin and Cause, M.F.I.A. Fall Seminar 2012  
Fire Origin and Cause, M.F.I.A. Fall Seminar 2009  
Handling Potential Biohazards, M.E.M.A. Conference 2003  
Fire Origin and Cause Investigation, County Fire Investigators, 2001

\*\*Litigation CV available upon request.