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Professional Summary:

JD Stewart worked for Portland Fire & Rescue and was part of Portland Firefighters Local 43 for 31 years. He started as a firefighter and spent time as a hazardous materials technician at the operations level; Paramedic; Trainer in the Training Division; Safety committee member; EMS Training Division; Tactical Medic for the Portland Police Bureau Tactical Team. His last ten years was assigned to the Fire Investigation Unit in which he worked as an Oregon DPSST certified Police officer. He retired in May of 2015 and made the move to the Private sector as a Fire investigator. He is currently working as the fire Investigator Team Lead for the Southwest Region Denver Office.

Licenses and Certifications:

Private Investigator License WA20123435, Washington

Private Investigator License R-2020-15597, Nevada

Private Investigator License 1002661, Oregon

Private Detective License D-5837, Kansas

Plain Clothes Investigator License 1208, Nebraska

Certified Fire Explosion Investigator, National Association of Fire Investigators, 2016

Certified Vehicle Fire Investigator, National Association of Fire Investigators, 2016

Certified Fire Investigator Instructor, National Association of Fire Investigators, 2016

Certified Fire Investigator, w/ Motor Vehicle Endorsement, International Association of Arson Investigators, 2014

Evidence Collection Technician, International Association of Arson Investigators, 2014

State of Oregon Certified Police Officer, 2008

Fire Inspector II, International Code Council, 2006

Fire Investigator I, National Fire Protection Agency, 2005

Fire Inspector I, National Fire Protection Agency, 2005

Fire Instructor I, National Fire Protection Agency, 2005

Uniform Fire Code Inspector, 1999

Hazardous Materials Emergency Responder, Operations, 1989

Project Experience:

EFI Global, Inc., Denver, Colorado
Fire and Explosion Investigation

Worked as an Investigator in a multiparty scene investigation of an explosion that involved a fatality, scene processing and evidence documentation and collection.

EFI Global, Inc., Littleton, Colorado
Fire Investigation

Worked as an Investigator in a multiparty scene investigation of a fire that involved a fatality at a high-rise senior condominium complex.

EFI Global, Inc., Cheyenne, Wyoming
Fire Investigation

Worked as the lead Investigator in a multiparty scene investigation and lab examination of a fire that involved two fatalities in a single-family dwelling.

Portland Fire & Rescue, Portland, Oregon
Fire Investigation

Worked as Lead Investigator in a Five Alarm Structure Fire in an apartment under construction. Coordinated multi-jurisdictional Scene investigation involving the ATF, Portland Police Bureau, Oregon State Police and private fire investigators covering 35 exposure buildings and vehicles.

EFI Global, Inc./ Unified Investigations & Sciences, Inc., Fire Investigator/Team Lead, 2016 to Present

Unified Investigations & Sciences, Inc., Fire Investigator, 2015 - 2016

Portland Fire Bureau, Fire Investigations Unit, Lieutenant Fire Investigator, 2006 - 2015

Portland Fire Bureau, 1988-2006

- Lieutenant Engine/Truck Company

- Fire Inspector

- Training Division

- Hazardous Materials Team

- Tactical Paramedic

- Dive Team

- Safety Committee Member

Gresham Fire Department 1984- 1988

- Firefighter

- Oregon EMT 3

- Hazardous Materials Team

Specialized Education:

Vehicle Fire Investigation – Basic Concepts, CFI Trainer, IAAI, 2019- Tested May 16, 2019 (16 Hours)

UT IAAI ATC - February 24-27, 2019 – Tested March 15, 2019 (20 Hours)

What the Insurance Professional Needs to Know About Fire Investigation, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2019

Understanding Undetermined, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2019

Fire Investigation for Fire Officers, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2019

Charting Your Career Path In Fire Investigation, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2019

Using 921 to Meet the Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigators in NFPA 1033, NFPA, 2018

Understanding the Fire Investigator's Job: A Guide for Non-Investigators, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2017

Thermometry, Heat, and Heat Transfer, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2017

Motor Vehicles: Transmission, Exhaust, Brake, and Accessory Systems, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2017

Ethical Duties Beyond the Fire Scene, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2017

Oregon Chapter 31, IAAI Annual Training Conference, 2017

Unified Investigations & Sciences, In-Service Webinar Series, Essentials of NFPA 1033, 2016- 2017

Discovery in Civil Cases, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2017

Fire Chemistry, CFITrainer.net/IAAI 2017

MagneTek: A Case Study in the Daubert Challenge, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2017

Introduction to Fire Dynamics and Modeling, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2017

Introduction to Evidence, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2017

The Scientific Method for Fire and Explosion Investigations, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2017

Investigating Fire and Explosion Incidents Involving a Line-of-Duty Death, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2017

Knowledge 1 Motor Vehicle Fires Tier 1, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2017

Motor Vehicles: The Engine and the Ignition, Electrical, and Fuel Systems, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2017

The Deposition Part 2: Questioning Tactics and Effective Responses, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2016

The Deposition Part 1: Format, Content, and Preparation, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2016

Introduction to Youth-Set Fires, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2016

Legal Aspects of Investigating Youth-Set Fires, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2016

Accreditation, Certification, and Certificates, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2016

Specialized Education (Continued):

Residential Electrical Systems, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2016

Residential Natural Gas Systems, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2016

Process of Elimination, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2016

Residential Electrical Systems, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2016

IAAI, Montana 2016 Training Conference, Fuel Air Explosions, 2016

NAFI, International Fire, Arson & Explosion Investigation Training Program, 2016

New Mexico Tech Energetic Materials Research & Testing Center, Homemade Explosives – Awareness Recognition and Response Program Performance Level Training Course, 2016

Unified Investigations & Sciences, OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1200 Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals, 2015

NAFI, Vehicle Fire, Arson & Explosion Investigation Science & Technology Seminar, 2015

Unified Investigations & Sciences, Forensic Investigation, 2015

NFPA 921 and 1033 2014 Editions: Important Revisions, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2015

Investigating Natural Gas Systems, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2015

Preparation for the Marine Fire Scene, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2015

Ethics & Social Media, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2015

Wildland Fires Investigation, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2015

Using Resources to Validate Your Hypothesis, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2015

Writing the Initial Origin and Cause Report, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2015

Specialized Education (Continued):

Basic Electricity, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2015

Search and Seizure, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2014

Fire Protection Systems, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2013

How First Responders Impact the Fire Investigation, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2013

The Potential Value of Electronic Evidence in Fire Investigations, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2013

Communicating the Value of Membership in the IAAI CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 201

The HAZWOPER Standard, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2013

NFPA1033 and Your Career, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2013

Cultural Competence in Risk Reduction, National Fire Academy, 2013

IAAI-FIT Test 2012

Charleston Sofa Super Store Fire, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2012

The Practical Application of the Relationship between NFPA 1033 and NFPA 921, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2012

Specialized Education (Continued):

DNA, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2012

Motive, Means, and Opportunity: Determining Responsibility in an Arson Case, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2011

Fundamentals of Interviewing CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2011

Fundamentals of Residential Building Construction, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2011

Explosion Dynamics, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2011

Evidence Examination: What Happens at the Lab? CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2011

Effective Investigation and Testimony, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2011

Electrical Safety, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2011

Arc Mapping Basics, CFITrainer.net/IAAI, 2011

Strengthening Relationships Between Public & Private Sector Fire Investigators, 2011

Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, Post Blast Investigative Techniques I, 2011

Oregon State Fire Marshal Fire & Life Safety I and II, 2011

Oregon Chapter 31, International Association of Arson Investigators Annual Training Conference, 2009

Basic Detectives Academy, State of Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, Salem, Oregon, 2009

Fire/Arson Origin and Cause Investigations, National Fire Academy, 2009

Education:

AAS (Pending), Fire Science, Portland Community College, Portland, Oregon

Certificate, Hazardous Materials Operations, Portland Community College, Portland, Oregon

Affiliations:

International Association of Arson Investigators

National Association of Fire Investigators

National Fire Protection Association

National Fire Academy Alumni Association

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

International Association of Arson Investigators, Colorado Chapter, Oregon Chapter



Courses Instructed/ Guest Lecturer:

Fire Pattern Recognition

Evidence Identification and Collection

Honors and Awards:

Unit Commendation - Portland Fire SERT Medics, Portland Police Bureau, May 8, 2006

Unit Commendation – Engine 4, Portland Fire & Rescue, 2005

***Litigation CV available upon request.