

Phillip C. Proctor | Senior Fire Investigator

IAAI-Certified Fire/Vehicle Investigator & Evidence Collection Technician
NAFI-Certified Fire/Explosion/Vehicle Investigator

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Professional Summary:

Mr. Proctor has 30 years of combined experience in the fire service and insurance industry where he has conducted in excess of 2500 fire & explosion investigations and has testified as an expert in civil and criminal proceedings. He has experience as a Fire Investigation Unit Commander, an Accelerant K9-Handler, an ATF Task Force Officer, an Insurance SIU Investigator, an Insurance Fire Unit Lead Fire Investigator, a Fire Inspector, a Firefighter, and a licensed Private Investigator. Mr. Proctor has extensive training in fire & explosives origin and cause determination, arson investigations, complex scene management, evidence collection & management and both fraud & subrogation investigations.

In addition, Mr. Proctor holds the designation of Certified Forensic Locksmith and is Certified in Automotive and General Forensic Locksmithing. Mr. Proctor conducts post-theft evaluations & key analysis where lock assemblies, keys, transponders and ignition systems are analyzed to determine whether locks or ignitions were bypassed or if keys were duplicated.

Mr. Proctor currently holds certifications with the International Association of Arson Investigators as a Certified Fire Investigator, with a Motor Vehicle Fire Credential Endorsement, and a Certified Evidence Collection Technician. Current certification with the National Association of Fire Investigators as a Certified Fire & Explosives Investigator and a Certified Vehicle Fire Investigator. Current certification with the Professional Locksmiths of America as a Certified Forensic Locksmith and a Certified Automotive and General Forensic Locksmith.

- Residential & Commercial Fire & Explosion Investigations
- Vehicle & Heavy Equipment Fire Investigations
- Vehicle Forensic Investigation
- Marine Fire Investigations
- Fraud Investigations
- Evidence Management
- Large Loss Resource Management

Licenses and Certifications:

Certified Fire Investigator, International Association of Arson Investigators, Certification #53-072932

Certified Motor Vehicle Fire Credential Endorsement, International Association of Arson Investigators

Evidence Collection Technician, International Association of Arson Investigators, Certification #245

Certified Fire & Explosion Investigator, National Association of Fire Investigators Certification #16225

Certified Vehicle Fire Investigator, National Association of Fire Investigators Certification #9485v

Certified NFPA 1033 Fire Investigator, National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications, Certification #387325

Certified NFPA 1031 Fire Inspector, National Board of Fire Service Professional Qualifications

Certified OSHA Operations & Maintenance Asbestos Worker, Certification #AOM06162020-5

Certified Automotive Locksmith I, Professional Locksmiths of America, Certification #ALI-20210611-05

Certified General Locksmith I, Professional Locksmiths of America, Certification #L-20210905-01

Certified Forensic Locksmith, Professional Locksmiths of America, Certification #FL-20210905-01

Certified Accelerant Detection Canine Handler, Maine Criminal Justice Academy

Private Investigator, Virginia License #99-223204 & Texas License #90232301

Fire Fighter I & II, International Fire Service Accreditation Congress

Fire Officer I & II, International Fire Service Accreditation Congress

Professional Experience:

EFI Global Inc., Senior Fire Investigator / April 2020 to Present

Travelers Insurance, Fire Investigator / April 2010 to April 2020

Travelers Insurance, SIU/Field Investigator Hybrid, June 2017 to April 2020

Travelers Insurance, Lead Fire Investigator / October 2012 to October 2015

District of Columbia Fire & EMS Department, Sergeant / Fire Investigations Unit Commander
June 2001 to April 2010

EFI Global Inc., Fire Investigator(part-time) / April 2008 to April 2010

ATF/DC Arson Task Force Group 4, Deputized US Marshal/Task Force Officer
June 2001 to April 2008

District of Columbia Fire & EMS Department, Office of Internal Affairs/Special Agent
April 2007 to April 2008

District of Columbia Fire & EMS Department, Accelerant Detection Canine Handler
May 2004 to April 2007

District of Columbia Fire & EMS Department, Arson Investigator
June 2000 to April 2010

District of Columbia Fire & EMS Department, Fire Inspector / December 1999 to June 2000

District of Columbia Fire & EMS Department, Fire Fighter/EMT / August 1992 to December 1999

United States Air Force, Fire Protection Specialist / June 1985 to June 1988

Specialized Education:

Door Hardware Overview, Associated Locksmiths of America – (16 hours) 2021

Photography for Locksmiths, International Association of Investigative Locksmiths – (8 hours)
2021

Investigative Locksmithing, International Association of Investigative Locksmiths – (16 hours) 2021
Certified Automotive Locksmith, American Center for Locksmith Training- (40 Hours tested) 2021
OSHA Operations & Maintenance, Aerosol Monitoring & Analysis, Inc. – (16 hours tested) 2020
Principles of Fire Investigation Multi-Program, IAAI CFI-Trainer – (67 hours tested) 2020
Fundamentals of Interviewing, IAAI CFI-Trainer – (4 hours tested) 2020
Insurance and the Fire Investigation, IAAI CFI-Trainer – (4 hours tested) 2020
Residential Electrical Systems, IAAI CFI-Trainer – (4 hours tested) 2020
Charting Your Career Path In Fire Investigation, IAAI CFI-Trainer – (4 hours tested) 2020
Asbestos Awareness, Safety Compliance Management – (2 hours tested) 2020
OSHA Hazwoper Training, Safety Compliance Management – (24 hours tested) 2020
Fire Dynamics, North Carolina Chapter IAAI 2019 – (8 hours tested) 2019
Vehicle Fire Investigations, Rhode Island Chapter IAAI/Carterson Public Safety Group (20 hours tested) 2019
Kitchen Hood Systems, Fire Alarms and Sprinkler Systems, Maryland Fire and Explosive Investigators Association/BFPE International (8 hours tested) 2019
Fire Origin Pattern Interpretation Training, Maryland Fire and Explosive Investigators Association/ATF (8 hours) 2018
International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI) CFITrainer.net
Critical Evaluation and Testing of Commonly Reported Accidental Causes (3 hours tested) 2019
KNOWLEDGE 1-Competency in Motor Vehicle Fires Tier 1 (8 hours tested) 2019
Motor Vehicles: The Engine and the Ignition, Electrical and Fuel Systems (3 hours tested) 2019
Motor Vehicles: Transmission, Exhaust, Brake and Accessory Systems (3 hours tested) 2019
Fire Chemistry (3 hours tested) 2017
Fundamentals of Residential Building Construction (3 hours tested) 2017
Residential Natural Gas Systems (3 hours tested) 2017
The Potential Value of Electronic Evidence in Fire Investigations (4 hours tested) 2017
Vacant and Abandoned Buildings: Hazards and Solutions (4 hours tested) 2017
Wildland Fires Investigation (5 hours tested) 2017
Writing the Initial Origin and Cause Report (3 hours tested) 2017
Electrical Safety (3 hours tested) 2016
Basic Electricity (4 hours tested) 2015
Ethics and The Fire Investigator (3 hours tested) 2015
Evidence Examination: What Happens at the Lab (4 hours tested) 2015
Introduction to Evidence (4 hours tested) 2015
NFPA 1033 and Your Career (2 hours tested) 2015
Physical Evidence at the Fire Scene (4 hours tested) 2015
DNA (3 hours tested) 2014
Effective Investigation and Testimony (3 hours tested) 2014
Investigating Motor Vehicle Fires (4 hours) 2014
Motive, Means and Opportunity: Determining Responsibility in an Arson Case (4 hours tested) 2014
NFPA 921 and 1033 2014 Editions: Important Revisions (3 hours tested) 2014
The Practical Application of the Relationship Between NFPA 1033 and NFPA 921 (2 hours tested) 2014

Affiliations:

International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI)

International Fire Service Training Association (IFSTA)
National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI)
National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA)
Maryland Fire and Explosives Investigators Association (MFEIA)
Associated Locksmiths of America (ALOA)
International Association of Investigative Locksmiths (IAIL)

Courses Instructed/ Guest Lecturer:

Fire Origin & Cause Investigations
Fire Investigations for the Company Officer
Fire Investigations & The Case Management
Photovoltaic and the Fire Investigation
Fraud & the Red Flags

Publications and Presentations:

Investigation Discovery/Forensic Files: "Playing with Fire – The Thomas Sweat Story." 2008
Netflix TV Series: "DC Burning." 2009

Honors and Awards:

Certificate of Appreciation – United States Department of Justice/Office of the United States Attorney - 2008: For Meritorious Service & Adherence to the Highest Standards of Law Enforcement

Bronze Bar Medal – District of Columbia Fire & EMS Department - 2007: For the Highest Degree of Ingenuity in Fire Investigations

Certificate of Appreciation – District of Columbia Fire & EMS Department - 2007: For the Highest Degree of Judgement & Zeal as a Fire Investigator

Certificate of Appreciation – The International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 36 - 2007: For Faithful Service

Certificate of Appreciation – United States Department of Justice/Office of the United States Attorney - 2004: For Meritorious Service & Adherence to the Highest Standards of Law Enforcement

Certificate of Graduation – Federal Law Enforcement Training Academy – 2000: Criminal Investigation Training Program