

Jason Horton | Fire Investigator, NAFI-CFEI, IAAI-FIT

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### Professional Summary:

Mr. Horton has more than 20 years of experience in the fire service, fire investigation, and related fields. He has experience evaluation fires for origin and cause, scene analysis and documentation, evidence collection, field testing, and multi-agency coordination. He has investigated over 100 fire and explosion scenes as a public and private investigator; he has also taught fire investigation courses and topics to his peers.

Area of Expertise – Structural Fire and Explosion Investigation

Area of Expertise – Vehicle Fire Investigation

Area of Expertise – Complex Fire Scene Management and Investigation

### Licenses and Certifications:

Private Investigator, State of Washington, License #WA 21013737

Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator (NAFI-CFEI) National Association of Fire Investigators

Fire Investigation Technician (IAAI-FIT) International Association of Arson Investigators

### Project Experience:

#### **Fruit Packers Supply, Yakima, WA Cardboard Box Manufacturer**

Lead Investigator on a commercial fire. The fire involved a large number of pallets of corrugated boxes and several pieces of heavy equipment with multiple federal and local agencies were involved.

#### **Residential Structure Fire, Yakima, WA Complex Fire Investigation**

Fire investigation assignment involving a structure and involving multiple points of ignition in multiple locations

#### **Residential Structure Fire, Yakima, WA Fire Death Investigation**

Fire investigation assignment of a residential structure involving the death of an occupant

#### **Residential Structure Fire, Yakima, WA Fire Arson Investigation**

Fire investigation assignment with Yakima Police and ATF involving several structures and leading to a conviction.

### Professional Experience:

EFI Global, Investigator, 2021 – Present  
City of Yakima Fire Department, Fire Fighter EMT/Fire Investigator, 2012 – Present  
City of Selah Fire Department, Fire Fighter EMT, 2001 – 2012

### Specialized Education:

NWCG FI-210 Wildland Fire Origin and Cause Determination, NW Fire Investigation Conf., 2023  
Writing the Origin and Cause Report, IAAI / CFI Trainer, 2023  
Fire Investigation for Fire Officers, IAAI / CFI Trainer, 2023  
How First Responders Impact the Fire Investigation, IAAI / CFI Trainer, 2023  
Electric Hybrid Vehicle Fires, IAAI / CFI Trainer, 2023  
Fire Flow Analysis, IAAI / CFI Trainer, 2023  
Critical Thinking Solves Cases, IAAI / CFI Trainer, 2023  
Documenting the Event, IAAI / CFI Trainer, 2023  
Arc Map Basics, IAAI / CFI Trainer, 2022  
Evidence Examination: What Happens at the Lab, IAAI / CFI Trainer, 2022  
Alternate Fuel Vehicles, IAAI / CFI Trainer, 2022  
The Deposition Part 1: Format, Content, and Preparation, IAAI / CFI Trainer, 2022  
Expert Witness Testimony Class, IAAI, 2022  
Lithium-Ion Battery Fires, IAAI / CFI Trainer, 2021  
Giving Stronger Deposition and Trial Testimony, IAAI / CFI Trainer, 2021  
The Scientific Method for Fire and Explosion Investigation, IAAI / CFI Trainer, 2021  
Digital Photography and the Fire Investigator, IAAI / CFI Trainer, 2021  
Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator, National Association of Fire Investigators, 2020  
Basic Electricity, IAAI / CFI Trainer, 2020  
Fundamentals of Interviewing, IAAI / CFI Trainer, 2020

Investigating Motor Vehicle Fires, IAAI / CFI Trainer, 2020

Critical Evaluation and Testing of Commonly Reported Accidental Causes, IAAI / CFI Trainer, 2020

Giving Stronger Deposition and Trial Testimony, IAAI / CFI Trainer, 2020

The practical application between NFPA 921 & 1033, IAAI / CFI Trainer, 2019

Ethics and the Fire Investigator, IAAI / CFI Trainer, 2019

Electrical Safety, IAAI / CFI Trainer, 2019

Fire Death Investigations, IAAI (Washington State Chapter), 2019

HAZWOPER Standard, IAAI / CFI Trainer, 2019

NFPA 1033 and Your Career, IAAI / CFI Trainer, 2019

Fire Investigator Scene Safety, IAAI / CFI Trainer, 2019

Practical Kinesic Interview & Interrogation, Public Agency Training Council, 2018

Youth Fire Setting Prevention and Intervention, National Fire Academy, 2015

Washington State Hazardous Materials Technician, Washington State Patrol, 2015

### **Education:**

Bachelor of Arts, Fire Administration, Western Oregon University, Monmouth, OR, 2016

Bachelor of Arts, Sociology, Washington State University, Pullman, WA, 1995

### **Affiliations:**

International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI), National membership #1403037

National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI), National membership #25453

### **Courses Instructed/ Guest Lecturer:**

Instructed Class in Basic Fire Investigation, Yakima Fire Department, 2020, 2022, 2023

### **Honors and Awards:**

Rusty Hauber Award (Fire Fighter of the Year), City of Yakima Fire Department, 2018