

Kevin Briggs | Senior Fire Investigator- IAAI-CFI

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Professional Summary:

Mr. Briggs has 26 years of experience in the fire service with over 10 years of experience conducting public fire investigations for the City of Grand Prairie, Tarrant County Fire/Arson Task Force, and the ATF. Investigations included explosive incidents, structural, vehicular, wildland, and nuisance fires. He has extensive advanced training in law enforcement, fire and arson investigations, courtroom testimony, hazardous materials, firefighting tactics and strategy, and building construction.

Licenses and Certifications:

Certified Fire Investigator (CFI), IAAI

Fire Investigation Technician (FIT), IAAI

Basic Peace Officer

Private Investigator, Texas

TCFP/IFSAC – Advanced Arson Investigator, Advanced Firefighter, Advanced Structure Firefighter, Advanced Fire Investigator, Instructor II, Advanced Fire Inspector

Licensed Paramedic, Texas

Court Qualifications/ Depositions:

Expert Witness Courtroom Testimony ATF

Courtroom Testimony, National Fire Academy

Professional Experience:

Grand Prairie Fire Department, Lieutenant, 2000 – current

ATF Task Force Officer/ATF Dallas Field Office Task Force 2015 - current

ATF Accelerant Detection Canine Handler 2015-2021

Pantego Fire Department, Firefighter, 1996-2000

Specialized Education:

Forensic Interviewing P.E.A.C.E.-40 hour tested

National Fire Academy Interviewing and Testimony- 80 hours tested

ATF Enclosure Fires and Fire Phenomena-40 hours tested

ATF Advanced Origin and Cause/Courtroom Testimony -88 hours tested

National Fire Academy: Fire Investigation Essentials-80 hours tested

Arc Mapping Basics-4 hours tested

Basic Electricity- 4 hours tested

Charting Your Career Path in Fire Investigation-3 hours tested
Critical Thinking Solves Cases- 4 hours tested
DNA-3 hours tested
Documenting the event- 4 hours tested
Effective Investigation and Testimony-3 hours tested
Electrical Safety-3 hours tested
Ethics and the Fire Investigator-3 hours tested
Evidence Examination: What Happens at the Lab-4 hours tested
Explosion Dynamics-4 hours tested
Fire Investigator Scene Safety-3 hours tested
Fire Protection Systems-3 hours tested
Fundamentals of Interviewing-4 hours tested
Fundamentals of Residential Building Construction-3 hours tested
Introduction to Evidence-4 hours tested
Introduction to Fire Dynamics and Modeling-4 hours tested
Investigating Fatal Fires-4 hours tested
Investigating Motor Vehicle Fires-4 hours tested
Investigating Natural Gas Systems-3 hours tested
MagneTek: A Case Study in The Daubert Challenge-2 hours tested
Managing Complex Fire Scene Investigations-4 hours tested
NFPA 1033 and Your Career-2 hours tested
NFPA 921 and 1033 2014 Editions: Important Revisions-3 hours tested
Physical Evidence at the Fire Scene-4 hours tested
Post flashover Fires-4 hours tested
Process of Elimination-3 hour tested
Residential Electrical Systems-4 hours tested
Residential Natural Gas Systems-3 hours tested
Search and Seizure-4 hours tested
The Deposition Part 1: Format, Content, and Preparation-3 hours tested
The Deposition Part 2: Questioning Tactics and Effective Responses-3 hours tested
The Impact of Ventilation in Building Structures on Fire Development-4 hours tested
The Practical Application of the Relationship Between NFPA 1033 and NFPA 921-2 hours tested
The Scientific Method for Fire and Explosion Investigation-3 hours tested
Thermometry, Heat, and Heat Transfer-3 hours tested
Understanding Undetermined-3 hours tested
Writing the Initial Origin and Cause Report-3 hours tested

Education:

Dallas County Community College and Tarrant County College, TX • 64 college hours

Affiliations:

Tarrant County Fire and Arson Investigators Association. Elected 2015 2nd Vice President
International Association of Arson Investigators
National Association of Fire Investigators
Texas Municipal Police Association

Achievements:

Responsible for the City of Grand Prairie Fire Department acquiring standardized 921 reporting
Member of the board for implementation of CAD and Fire RMS
Responsible for the City of Grand Prairie Fire Department acquiring and using BATS
Responsible for upgrades in weapons and body armor
Responsible for the City of Grand Prairie Fire Department joining the Tarrant County Fire/Arson Task Force