

Joseph Austin Conte | Fire Investigator, NAFI-CFEI, NAFI-CVFI

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Professional Summary:

Mr. Conte has over 19 years of experience in the fire service with the last 12 years serving as a professional firefighter in the City of Newark, New Jersey. Before being promoted to Captain in 2022, he served as a member of Rescue Company 1. During his time at Rescue 1, he worked as a certified Hazardous Materials Technician as well as a certified High Angle Rescue and Confined Space Rescue Technician. Mr. Conte also served 5 years as a member of Rescue Company 2- UASI, Urban Search and Rescue Team, responding to several large building collapses and explosions. He began his career in fire investigations in 2016, specializing in evidence recovery and leading 3rd party laboratory examinations where he has participated in over 200 investigations including residential, commercial, and large industrial losses. Mr. Conte holds a bachelor's degree from The College of New Jersey.

Licenses and Certifications:

- Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator (CFEI), NAFI, awarded 12-18-18
- Certified Vehicle Fire Investigator (CVFI), NAFI, awarded 12-15-22
- I.A.A.I. 96 Hour Basic Fire/Arson Investigation Course, completed 12-5-2018
- I.A.A.I. F.I.T. Certification, awarded 12-28-18 (renewal awarded 4-2022)
- Firefighter I and Firefighter II, City of Newark Fire Academy, completed 12-2011

Professional Experience:

- EFI Global, Fire Investigator, August 2022-present
- City of Newark, New Jersey, Captain, June 2022-present
- City of Newark, New Jersey Firefighter, October 2011-June 2022
- Evidence Collection Technology Worldwide, Senior Evidence Collection Technician, Oct. 2021-present
- F.E.R.A.S.CO., Senior Evidence Collection Technician, June 2016-January 2020

Specialized Education:

- International Association of Arson Investigators - Fire Protection Systems 3/2/2022
- International Association of Arson Investigators - Fundamentals of Residential Building Construction 2/27/2022
- International Association of Arson Investigators - Legal Aspects of Investigating Youth-Set Fires 2/27/2022
- International Association of Arson Investigators - Residential Natural Gas Systems 2/27/2022
- International Association of Arson Investigators - Residential Electrical Systems 2/27/2022
- International Association of Arson Investigators - Electrical Safety 2/27/2022
- International Association of Arson Investigators - Arc Mapping Basics 2/26/2022

International Association of Arson Investigators - Critical Evaluation and Testing of Commonly Reported Accidental Causes 2/26/2022
International Association of Arson Investigators - Electric & Hybrid Vehicle Design Basics 2/26/2022
International Association of Arson Investigators - Introduction to Youth-Set Fires 2/26/2022
International Association of Arson Investigators - Understanding Undetermined 2/26/2022
International Association of Arson Investigators - Emerging Technologies in Fire Investigation 2/25/2022
International Association of Arson Investigators - Fire Flow Analysis 2/25/2022
International Association of Arson Investigators - Ethical Duties Beyond the Fire Scene 2/25/2022
International Association of Arson Investigators - Fire Investigation for Fire Officers 2/25/2022
International Association of Arson Investigators - Preventing Occupational Exposures to Carcinogens at the Fire Scene 2/25/2022
International Association of Arson Investigators - IAAI-FIT Test 12/28/2018
International Association of Arson Investigators - Basic Electricity 9/9/2018
International Association of Arson Investigators - Fire Investigator Scene Safety 8/24/2018
International Association of Arson Investigators - Introduction to Fire Dynamics and Modeling 12/23/2017
International Association of Arson Investigators - The Impact of Ventilation in Building Structures on Fire Development 12/23/2017
International Association of Arson Investigators - Post Flashover Fires 12/19/2017
International Association of Arson Investigators - The Practical Application of the Relationship Between NFPA 1033 and NFPA 921 12/19/2017
International Association of Arson Investigators - The Scientific Method for Fire and Explosion Investigation 12/7/2017
International Association of Arson Investigators - Physical Evidence at the Fire Scene 12/3/2017
International Association of Arson Investigators - NFPA 1033 and Your Career 11/21/2017
International Association of Arson Investigators - Evidence Examination: What Happens at the Lab? 11/5/2017
International Association of Arson Investigators - Introduction to Evidence 11/5/2017
International Association of Arson Investigators - Documenting the Event 10/24/2017
International Association of Arson Investigators - Ethics and the Fire Investigator 10/24/2017
International Association of Arson Investigators - DNA 10/20/2017
International Association of Arson Investigators - Understanding Fire Through the Candle Experiments 8/13/2017

Education:

Bachelor of Art, English, The College of New Jersey (TCNJ), Ewing, NJ May 2007

Affiliations:

International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI)
National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI)