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Professional Summary:

Mr. Fulk has over 1500 hours of fire investigation related training that has extended over 17 years of experience as a fire origin and causation investigator working in the private sector.

Mr. Fulk has personally investigated or assisted on over 1000 fire and explosion incidents that have involved commercial and residential properties, vehicles, agricultural and construction equipment. These investigations have included fatalities, multi-million-dollar losses, fraud, product and contractor liability and subrogation issues.

Mr. Fulk is a Certified Fire Investigator through the International Association of Arson Investigators and meets the National Board for Fire Service Professional Qualifications of NFPA 1033. He also is a Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator and Certified Vehicle Fire Investigator through the National Association of Fire Investigators. He has testified as an expert in State court in both criminal and civil cases.

Licenses and Certification:

Certified Missouri Fire Investigator, Missouri Dept. of Public Safety

Certified Fire Investigator, International Association of Fire Investigators, #12-060498, (2018)

National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications, Fire Investigator, NFPA 1033, (2018)

Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator, NAFI Number 10951-8148v, National Association of Fire Investigators, (2010, 2015, 2020)

Certified Vehicle Fire Investigator, NAFI Number 10951-8148v, National Association of Fire Investigators, (2013, 2015, 2020)

Nationally Certified Fire Investigator I, Iowa Fire Service Training Bureau, (2010)

Arson Investigator, Illinois State Fire Marshal, Division of Personnel Standards and Education, (2005)

Certified Law Enforcement Officer, Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board, (2000)

Emergency Medical Technician-Basic, Illinois Department of Public Health, License #000453316

Private Investigator, Missouri, #2023011860

Private Investigator, Illinois, #129.48638

Private Investigator, Iowa, #154565



Court Qualifications/ Depositions:

Litigation CV available upon request.

Professional Experience:

EFI Global, Senior Fire Investigator, Service Center: Chicago IL 2023-Present
Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company, Special Investigations Unit, Investigator,
Grinnell, IA 2006-2012
MABAS Investigation Unit, Investigator/Team Leader. Champaign County, IL
Villa Grove Police Department, Patrol Officer, Villa Grove, IL 2000-2005

Education:

Senior Claim Law Associate-Gold, American Education Institute, December 2022
Associates Applied Science, Broadcast Engineering, Parkland College, Champaign Illinois
May 1992

Affiliations:

Vice President, Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association – January 2021
National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI)
International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI)
Illinois Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators
Missouri Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators

Specialized Training:

CIFIA Annual Training Seminar, Central IL Fire Investigators Assoc., Feb 2024
Illinois and Iowa Chapter Joint Training, IAAI, January 2024
OTR Trucks & Heavy Equipment, Missouri-IAAI, 3 hours tested, May 2023
Investigating Commercial Kitchens, Missouri-IAAI, 4 hours tested, May 2023
Fire and Human Behavior, Missouri-IAAI, 8 hours tested, May 2023
Investigating Marijuana Extractions & Concentrates, Missouri-IAAI, 3 hours tested, May 2023
CFITrainer.Net
International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. - CFI Trainer.Net – Live Event - Wildfires
and Utility Equipment 1.20.22 1pm Eastern – 2 hours tested – January 20, 2022
International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. - CFI Trainer.Net – Live Event - You're
Right - But You're Wrong - 7.15.21 1pm Eastern – 2 hours tested – July 15, 2021
International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. - CFI Trainer.Net – Live Event - Improving
Fire Investigator Health and Safety – 6.2.21 - 1pm EDT – 3 hours tested – June 29, 2021
International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. - CFI Trainer.Net – Giving Stronger
Deposition and Trial Testimony – 2 hours tested – February 19, 2021
International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. - CFI Trainer.Net – 2021 NFPA 921 -
Chapters 4 & 5 - Methodology & Science – 2 hours tested – December 2, 2020
International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. - CFI Trainer.Net – 2021 NFPA 921 -
Chapter

8 - Active Fire Protection Systems – 2 hours tested – October 16, 2020
International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. - CFI Trainer.Net – 2021 NFPA 921 - Chapter

17 - Physical & Canine Evidence – 2 hours tested – September 18, 2020
International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. - CFI Trainer.Net – 2021 NFPA 921 - Chapter

19 - Fire Cause/Classification – 2 hours tested – August 25, 2020
International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. - CFI Trainer.Net – Fire Chemistry – 3 hours tested – August 13, 2020
International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. - CFI Trainer.Net – 2021 NFPA 921 - Chapter

13 - Safety – 2 hours tested – July 27, 2020
International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. - CFI Trainer.Net – 2021 NFPA 921 – chapter

6 - Fire Patterns – 2 hours tested – June 28, 2020
International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. - CFI Trainer.Net – 2020 NFPA and Fire Investigation – 2 hours tested – June 18, 2020
International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. – CFI Trainer.Net –IAAI Course: IL Buxton/Mazzone Southern Zone Conference 2018 – 16 tested contact hours – May 19, 2018
International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. – CFI Trainer.Net – IAAI Course: Forensic Photography – 16 hours tested – April 26, 2018
Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. – CFI Trainer.Net – Digital Photography and the Fire Investigator – 4 hours tested – April 2, 2018
International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. – CFI Trainer.Net – Accreditation, Certification, and Certificates – 3 hours tested – April 2, 2018
International Association of Arson Investigators – CFI Trainer.Net- Introduction to Fire Dynamics and Modeling – 4 hours – April 13, 2007
International Association of Arson Investigators –CFI Trainer.Net- Investigating Motor Vehicle Fires – 4 hours-tested – October 2006
International Association of Arson Investigators –CFI Trainer.Net- Fire Investigator Scene Safety– 3 hours tested– May 22, 2006
International Association of Special Investigation Units – HVAC Copper Theft – A Skilled Trade – 1.5 hours – November 18, 2022
Illinois Chapter International Association of Arson Investigators – IL 2022 Annual Training Conference – 28 hours tested – East Peoria, IL – September 19-22, 2022
Grinnell Mutual – 2022 KnowBe4 Security Awareness Training – 30 minutes – October 13, 2022
360 Training – HAZWOPER 8-hour Annual Refresher – 8 hours – September 14, 2022
Illinois Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators – 2022 Buxton/Mazzone Southern Zone Training Conference – 16 hours tested – May 16-17, 2022
Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association – 2022 Annual Fire Investigation Training Conference – 16 hours tested – Peoria, IL – February 25-27, 2022
WI Chapter IAAI – Complex Investigations Class – 8 hours tested – Kenosha, WI – October 28, 2021
IL Chapter IAAI – IL-IAAI Annual Training Conference (September 19-23, 2021) – 32 hours tested
– East Peoria, IL – October 28, 2021
360 Training – HAZWOPER 8 hour Annual Refresher – 8 hours – August 10, 2021
360 Training – Hazards of Asbestos in the Workplace – 1 hour – July 7, 2021
Minnesota Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators – Fires and Explosions Involving by Propane and Natural Gas: The Perspectives of a Forensic Mechanical Engineer and Defense Lawyer – 4 hours tested – May 12, 2021

Minnesota Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators – Case Study: Molly Delgado Filicide Investigation – 2 hours tested – March 25, 2021

Minnesota Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators – What Can Your Forensic Laboratory Tell You? – 2 hours tested – March 25, 2021

Minnesota Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators – Case Study: The Use of an Explosion to Conceal a Homicide – 2 hours tested – March 25, 2021

Minnesota Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators – Commercial Kitchen Fire Protection Systems – 2 hours tested – March 25, 2021

Minnesota Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators – What Can Your Forensic Laboratory Tell You? – 2 hours tested – March 25, 2021

Minnesota Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators – NFPA 1321: Standard on Fire Investigation Units – 1 hour tested – March 24, 2021

Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association – 2020 Annual Fire Investigation Training Conference – 16 hours tested – February 21-23, 2020

National Association of Insurance Commissioners – Safety Training for Private Sector Field Employees Webinar – 1.5 credits

International Association of Arson Investigators – IL-IAAI 36th Annual Training Conference-Track B – IL Sept 2019 Fire Investigator Training – 24 hours tested – September 22-25, 2019 / October 8, 2019 – Champaign, IL

Illinois Chapter International Association of Arson Investigators – IL Buxton/Mazzone Southern Zone Training Conference 2019 – 16 hours tested – Caseyville, IL – May 1, 2019

Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association – 2019 Annual Fire Investigation Training Conference – 16 hours of instruction & testing – March 1-3, 2019

Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association – Hands On Vehicle Fire Investigation Class – 8 hours – June 30, 2018

Paradigm Liaison Services – Pipeline Emergency Response and Damage Prevention program, Course Number (EPA) 7126 – 2 hours training – Urbana, IL – February 15, 2018

Grinnell Mutual Special Investigations Training Session – Electrical Basics and Myers-Briggs Type Indicator – 9 hours training – October 23-24, 2017

International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. – IAAI Course, IL 34th Annual 2017 – 28 tested contact hours – Champaign, IL – September 28, 2017

National Fire Protection Association – Alternative Fuel Vehicles Safety Training for Fire Investigators (Train-The-Trainer) – 8 course hours – March 7, 2017

International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. – Alternative Fuel Vehicle Program – Grinnell, IA – March 7, 2017

Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association – 2017 Annual Fire Investigation Training Conference – Peoria, Illinois – 16 hours of instruction of which 16 were tested – February 17-19, 2017

GMRC Special Investigations Training Session – Explosions & Explosive I.D., Wood Burning Appliances, Electric Fundamentals, Mechanical Failures & Gas Fundamentals, EUO & Deposition Techniques, Company & Division Updates – 12 hours training – November 2016

Illinois IAAI Annual Training Conference – Chicago Flea Market Fire, Explosion Scene Examination and Documentation, Solid Fuel Burning Appliances, Gas and Electrical Appliances, General Meeting – 28 hours tested – September 2016

GMRC Special Investigations Training Session – Hazmat Training for Fire Investigators, Respirator Fit Test, Reinsurance Update, Legal Division Update, BIS Update, Direct Claims Update, Underwriting/Direct Lines Update, OSHA Emergency Book Review, Fraud, Social Media, and other SIU Training – 10 hours training – May 2016

GMRC Special Investigations Training Session – Company Update, Legal Division Update, Time Management Techniques, Report Format & Paperless Process, Photography, Expert

Witness Depositions, Departmental Issues & other SIU Training – 10 hours – Nov 2015
GMRC Special Investigations Training Session – Hazmat Training for Fire Investigators, Respirator Fit Test, Reinsurance Update, Legal Division Update, BIS Update, Direct Claims Update, Agriculture Equipment Overview, OSHA Emergency Book Review, Auto CDR & Cell Phone Data Update and other SIU Training – Grinnell, IA – 14 hours training – June 2015
GMRC Special Investigations & Iowa Chapter IAAI Training Session – Advanced Origin & Cause, Forensic Look at Fire Protection, Fire Investigation Ethics, and other SIU Training – Council Bluffs, IA – 9 hours tested – November 2014
Illinois IAAI Annual Training Conference – 24 hours tested – September 2014
Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association – 2014 Annual Fire Investigation Training Conference – East Peoria, Illinois – 17 hours instruction of which 15 hours were tested – March 21-23, 2014
GMRC Special Investigations – Hazmat Training, Respirator Fit Test, Updates from GMRC Underwriting, Office Services, BIS, and Legal Updates, NFPA 1033 Matrix, OSHA Emergency Book Review and other SIU Training – Grinnell, Iowa – 14 hours – March 2014
IA-IL Safety Council – Hazardous Material Training – Annual Training – March 2014
GMRC Special Investigations Training Session & Iowa Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators – Emerging Trends in Investigation of Insurance Claims, Combating the “CSI” Mystique, Effect of Television and Movies on Claims Investigation and Courtroom Testimony, Fire Modeling and Thermometry, Study of Temperature – Davenport, Iowa – 12 hours – October 2013
NAFI Vehicle Fire, Arson & Explosion Investigation Science & Technology Seminar – 32 hours tested – October 2013
Illinois Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators – 2013 Fire Training Conference – 24 hours tested – September 2013
GMRC Special Investigations – Hazmat Training, Respirator Fit Test, Wellness & other Human Resource Programs, Finance Update, Subrogation Arbitration, OSHA Emergency Book Review & other SIU Training – Grinnell, Iowa – 12 hours – April 2013
Iowa-Illinois Safety Council – Hazcom, GHS Labels & SDS – Annual Training – April 2013
Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association- Illinois Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators – 15 hours tested – March 2013
GMRC Special Investigations Training Session and the Iowa Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators – Burn Pattern Analysis, Laboratory Service/Sample Collection and Electronic Device Recovery – Davenport, Iowa – 14 hours tested – October 2012
Illinois Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators – 2012 Fire Investigation Training Conference – 36 hours tested – September 2012
Fire Findings – Residential Electricity for Fire Investigators – 16 hours tested – May 2012
Iowa-Illinois Safety Council – HazWoper Refresher – 8 hours – April 2012
GMRC Special Investigations – Hazmat Training for Fire Investigators – Respirator Fit Test, Ergonomics, Fire Service Contacts, NFPA 1033 and other SIU Training – Grinnell, Iowa – 12 hours – April 2-3, 2012
Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association – 2012 Annual Fire Investigation Training Conference – East Peoria, Illinois – 15 hours – March 23-25, 2012
GMRC Special Investigations Training Session & the Iowa Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators – Meth Lab – First Responder Awareness, Analysis of Hay Clinkers, Structural Steel Indicators at Fire Scenes, Dust Explosions, Guidelines for Conducting Peer Reviews of Complex Fire Investigations and Changes in NFPA 921 (Chapters 4 & 18) – 11 hours tested – October 2011
Iowa Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators – Fire and Arson Investigation Course – Des Moines, Iowa – 19.5 hours tested – September 2011
GMRC Special Investigations Training Session including Hazmat Training for Fire Investigators,

Respirator Fit Test & Other SIU Training – Grinnell, Iowa – 8 hours – April 2011
GMRC Special Investigations and the Iowa Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators – Live Burn Practical Exercise and Classroom Instruction – Centerville, Iowa – 5 hours – September 2010
GMRC Special Investigations and the Iowa Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators – Practical Residential Wiring and Panels – Use of Testing Equipment, Ethics for Fire Investigators and Fire Related Human Behavior – 12 hours tested – October 2010
North Dakota Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators – 2010 Expert Witness Courtroom Testimony Course – Grand Forks, North Dakota – 20 hours tested – August 2010
Iowa-Illinois Safety Council HazWoper 1st Responder Awareness, Hazard Communication Completion Certificate – Grinnell, Iowa – April 26, 2010
GMRC Special Investigations - Hazmat Training for Fire Investigators, Loss Scene Safety, GMRC Safety Program, Respirator Fit Test and Other SIU Training – Grinnell, Iowa – 8 hours – April 26-27, 2010
National Fire, Arson & Explosion Investigation Training Program – Boston, Massachusetts – 30 hours – March 2010
GMRC Special Investigations and the Iowa Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators – Lightning Strike Investigation, Chemistry of Fire and Fire Dynamics, Building Construction and Compartment Fire Growth and Spread, Fire Pattern Development and Analysis, Heat and Flame Vector Analysis and Fire Pattern Persistence – Classroom Instruction – La Plata, Missouri – 10 hours – November 2009
Iowa Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators – Fire and Arson Conference – Des Moines, Iowa – 19.5 tested hours – September 29-October 2, 2009
Iowa Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators – Live Burn Presentation and Classroom Instruction – Grinnell, Iowa – 14 hours- June 2009
International Association of Arson Investigators/Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms – Investigative Technique for the Industry – 41 hours – November 2008
Iowa-Nebraska – Riverside Fire and Arson Conference – Council Bluffs, Iowa – 24 hours – September 2008
International Association of Special Investigations – 22nd Annual Seminar and Expo on Insurance Fraud – Las Vegas, Nevada – 20 hours – September 2007
Iowa Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators Arson Conference – Johnston, Iowa – 21 hours – September 2007
Hazardous Materials Awareness – Grinnell, Iowa – November 2006
Missouri Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators Training Program – Lake Ozark, Missouri – 17.5 hours – May 19-21, 2006
International Association of Arson Investigators 57th Annual Training Conference – Denver, Colorado – 36 hours – April 30-May 5, 2006
Public Agency Training Council – Hands-on Electrical Fire/Arson Investigation – Springfield, Illinois – 22 hours – December 6-8, 2005