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### Professional Summary:

Mr. Montone has over 32 years of experience in Department of Defense (DoD) Fire & Emergency Services (F&ES), management, operations, fire prevention, code enforcement, fire investigation, public education and training. His experience(s) includes fire origin and cause investigations in residential, commercial and industrial buildings, examination, documentation and analysis of fire dynamics & behavior, multi-agency & multi-national agency coordination.

#### Areas of Expertise:

- Fire Origin and Cause
- Analysis of fire dynamics & fire behavior
- Complex scene analysis

### Licenses and Certifications:

Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator, NAFI, License # 22617-14087

Private Investigator, Washington State Dept. of Licensing, WA, License #5019

Private Investigator, Montana Board of Private Security, License #PSP-PI-LIC-36819

Chief Fire Officer (CFO), Commission on Professional Credentialing, 2022

Hazardous Materials Incident Commander, #353745, 2003

Hazardous Materials Train the Trainer, 2003

Fire Officer IV, #435498, 2001

Fire Instructor III, #353198, 2000

Fire Inspector III, #389203, 2001

ICS 100, 139, 200, 300, 400, 700, 800 - Emergency Management Institute (EMI)

### Project Experience:

#### **Commander Navy Installations Command Fire & Emergency Services, Washington, DC**

Multi-National Regional Fire Chiefs Advisory Board

Advisory Board Chairman and lead for Navy Fire & Emergency Services Fire Chiefs. Meeting, training and on-site program assessments for Navy F&ES

#### **Navy Region Southwest Fire & Emergency Services, San Diego, California**

#### Multi-agency Coordination

Created, funded, staffed and executed the first DOD Rescue Task force concept for F&ES warm zone entry and rapid egress of viable patients in an active shooter event. Coordinating with ATF, FBI, IAFF, City of San Diego, Ventura, Fallon, Ridgecrest, Lemoore CA.

#### **Navy Region Europe, Africa and Southwest Asia Fire & Emergency Services, Naples, Italy**

##### Multi-agency Coordination

Created, funded, staffed and executed infrastructure requirements for standup of Navy F&ES in Romania and Poland. Assigned as Lead negotiator for Fire and Emergency Services with Romanian and Polish government officials for new mission requirements.

### Professional Experience:

McNeil Island Fire, Fire Chief, 2022

Quilcene Fire Rescue, Fire Chief, 2019-20

Navy Region Northwest Fire and Emergency Services, Fire Chief & Deputy Fire Chief, 2015-19

Navy Region Southwest Fire and Emergency Services, Fire Chief & Deputy Fire Chief, 2013-15

Navy Region Europe Africa and Southwest Asia Fire Services, Region Fire Chief, 2011-13

Naval Air Station Key West Fire and Emergency Services, Fire Chief, 2009-11

Naval Forces Japan Fire and Emergency Services, Region Technical Services Chief, 2007-09

Command Fleet Activities Sasebo Fire Emergency Services, Fire Chief & Training Chief, 2005-07

Peterson Air Force Base, Assistant Chief of Training, 2002-05

Malmstrom Air Force Base, Assistant Chief of Fire Prevention & Chief Fire Inspector, 1998-01

### Specialized Education:

Expert Witness & Courtroom Testimony, IAAI, October 2020

Fire Investigator Scene Safety, IAAI, cftrainer.net, 2020

Fundamentals of Interviewing, IAAI, cftrainer.net, 2020

How First Responders Impact the Fire Investigation, IAAI, cftrainer.net, 2020

Insurance and the Fire Investigation, IAAI, cftrainer.net, 2020

Introduction to Evidence, IAAI, cftrainer.net, 2020

Introduction to Youth-Set Fires , IAAI, cftrainer.net, 2020

Investigating Motor Vehicle Fires, IAAI, cftrainer.net, 2020

NFPA 1033 and Your Career, IAAI, cftrainer.net, 2020

Physical Evidence at the Fire Scene, IAAI, cftrainer.net, 2020

Residential Electrical Systems, IAAI, cftrainer.net, 2020

Residential Natural Gas Systems , IAAI, cftrainer.net, 2020

Practical Application & Relationship Between NFPA 1033 & NFPA 921, IAAI, cftrainer.net, 2020

The Scientific Method for Fire and Explosion Investigation, IAAI, cftrainer.net, 2020

Understanding Undetermined, IAAI, cftrainer.net, 2020

Writing the Initial Origin and Cause Report, IAAI, cftrainer.net, 2020

Principles of Fire Investigation, IAAI and CFEI, 2020

Fire Investigation for Fire Officers, 2020

Accreditation, Certification, and Certificates, IAAI, cftrainer.net, 2019

Arc Mapping Basics, IAAI, cftrainer.net-2019

Charting Your Career Path in Fire Investigation, IAAI, cftrainer.net, 2019

Critical Evaluation & Testing of Common Accidental Causes, IAAI, cftrainer.net, 2019

Documenting the Event , IAAI, cftrainer.net, 2019

Effective Investigation and Testimony, IAAI, cftrainer.net, 2019  
Electrical Safety, IAAI, cftrainer.net, 2019  
Ethics and the Fire Investigation, IAAI, cftrainer.net, 2019  
Explosion Dynamics, IAAI, cftrainer.net, 2019  
Fire Chemistry, IAAI, cftrainer.net, 2019  
Fire Flow Analysis, IAAI, cftrainer.net, 2019  
Fire Investigation for Fire Officers, IAAI, cftrainer.net, 2019  
Fire/Arson Investigator Training, Public Agency Training Council, Bozeman, September 2019  
NFPA 101-Life Safety Code, NFPA 72 Alarm Code and NFPA 13, Sprinkler Systems, 1997-2002  
Fire Arson Investigation, NFPA 921, Montana State University, 2002  
Advanced Fire Investigation-Arson Trial Preparation, Montana State University, 2002  
Fire / Arson Investigation Principles of Fire Behavior, Montana State University, 2001  
Juvenile Fire Setters Intervention Training, NFA / FEMA, 2000  
Advanced Fire Arson Investigation, Montana State University, 2000  
Fire/Arson Investigation, R-205 Course, National Fire Academy, Emmitsburg, MD, 1999

### Education:

Texas AM University College Station, TX, credits earned: 10 Semester hours, Fire Science Technology  
University of Maryland College Park, MD, credits earned: 18 Semester hours, Fire Science Technology  
Community College of the Air Force USAF, AL United States, credits earned: 64 Semester hours, Fire Science Technology

### Affiliations:

International Association of Arson Investigators, member  
National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI), CFEI  
National Fire Academy Alumni (NFA), member

### Courses Instructed/ Guest Lecturer:

Fire Officer I, II, III, IV, Texas A&M, Emergency Services Training Institute Adjunct Instructor  
Fire Instructor I, II, III, Texas A&M, Emergency Services Training Institute Adjunct Instructor  
Fire Inspector I, II, III, Texas A&M, Emergency Services Training Institute Adjunct Instructor  
Hazardous Materials, Awareness, Operations, Technical and Incident Commander

### Honors and Awards:

Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award, Navy Region Northwest, 2019  
Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award, Naval Air Station Key West, 2011  
Navy Civilian Fire Officer of the Year/Runner up, 2005  
Colorado AFA Civilian CAT II of the Year, 2004  
United State Air Force -Space Command Civilian Fire Officer of the Year, 2003  
21 CES/CEF Civilian Fire Officer of the year,2003



21 Space Wing, Civilian of the Quarter, 2003

Civilian Technical Professional Award, 341 SW/SPTG, 2002

Inspector General Operational Readiness Inspection, Professional Performer Award(s) 1999-02

Inspector General Nuclear Surety Inspection, Professional Performer Award(s) 1999-02

GEICO Public Safety Award/Fire Prevention, Air Force Space Command, 1999