



Diane Spinner | Florida District Manager | Fire Science Principal, IAAI-CFI, IAAI-CFI (V) NAFI-CFEI, IAMI-CMI, ECT, IAAI-(M)

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Professional Summary:

Diane Spinner is a Fire Investigator with EFI Global and is based in South Florida. Mrs. Spinner has been involved in the Fire Service/Investigations and Law Enforcement for the past 30 years. As a member of the Palm Beach County Arson/Bomb unit and past Secretary/Treasurer of the IAAI, Florida Chapter, she worked in the Investigative Division performing investigations of fires and was responsible for the juvenile fire setters' program. Prior to being assigned to the Arson/Bomb squad, she was a Deputy Sheriff assigned to road patrol duties. She has over 600 hours of training specific to fire origin and cause investigation including classes from the National Fire Academy, Criminal Justice Training Institute and Michigan State Police, is a certified Fire Investigator through the International Association of Arson Investigators, a certified Marine Investigator through the International Association of Marine Investigators and is a certified Fire and Explosion Investigator. In addition, Mrs. Spinner has conducted over 4000 investigations in her career, including qualifying as an expert witness in arson related judicial proceedings.

Licenses and Certifications:

National Wildfire Coordinating Group- FI210 Wildland Fire Origin and Cause Determination
IAMI-Certified Marine Investigator (CMI), License #4112-169
IAAI-Certified Fire Investigator (CFI), License #22-14,
IAAI- Certified Motor Vehicle Fire Investigator, IAAI-CFI (V)
Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator (CFEI), License #21869-12794
Private Investigator, FL, License #C1600086
IAAI-Evidence Collection Technician
Approved Instructor of CE 3-24c – Adjuster Optional, Florida Department of Financial Services
Scuba Diver Certification, PADI-open water certified
HAZWOPER #2407195531319, 8 Hour
JPR Evaluator, IAAI-CFI
IAAI-MFI Endorsement, 11.2025

Court Qualifications/ Depositions:

Litigation CV available upon request.

Professional Experience:

EFI Global, Orlando, FL District Manager, 2025 - Present
EFI Global, Miami, FL Principal Consultant Fire Services, 2011 – 2025
Fire Cause Analysis, Berkeley, CA, Fire Investigator, 2002 - 2011
Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, Bomb and Arson Squad, West Palm Beach, FL, Fire/Arson Investigator/Deputy Sheriff, 1999 – 2002
Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, West Palm Beach, FL, Deputy Sheriff, 1996 – 1999
Lantana Police Department, Lantana, FL, Police Officer, 1995 - 1996

Specialized Education:

Lloyd's Maritime Institute – Intro to Cargo and Ships, 2026
Florida Advisory Committee on Arson Prevention, March 2026
Introduction to Gas systems (2 hours)
Causation of Gas Explosions (2 hours)
Subrogation of the Explosion Claim (2 hours)
Case Law Update (2 Hours)
Pitfalls in an Insurance Explosion Investigation (1 hr 45 min)
Explosion recognition and Investigator Safety (2 Hours) (part 1)
Explosives Recognition and Investigator Safety (1 hour) Part 2
Live Explosion and Post Blast Appliance Demo (3 Hours)

Lloyd's Maritime Institute – Incident Investigation & Casualty Investigation, 2026
2025 FL IAAI - Sylvester Firefighter Cancer Initiative 2 Hrs. tested 11/03/2025
2025 FL IAAI Arson and Insurance Fraud Case Study 4 Hrs. tested 11/06/2025
2025 FL IAAI AI and Fire investigation 4 Hrs. tested 11/05/2025
2025 FL IAAI Digital Forensics 2 Hrs. tested 11/05/2025
2025 FL IAAI Fire Investigation Photographs 4 Hrs. tested 11/04/2025
2025 FL IAAI Fire investigator Health and Safety Issues and Solutions 4 Hrs tested 11/03/2025
2025 FL IAAI Mental Readiness for Fire investigators 2 Hrs. tested 11/05/2025
2025 FL IAAI NFPA 1321 What you need to know 2 hours tested 11/04/2025
2025 FL IAAI Origin and Cause Report Writing 2 Hrs. tested 11/04/2025
CFI Trainer Electrical Safety 3 Hrs. tested 10/23/2025
CFI Trainer Writing the initial origin and cause report 3 Hrs. tested 10/23/2025
CFI Trainer Site Safety Assessment 3 Hrs. tested 10/23/2025
CFI Trainer Preventing Occupational Exposure to Carcinogens at the fire Scene 3 Hrs. Tested 10/23/2025
CFI Trainer Origin & Cause Hypothesis Testing Fundamentals 3 Hrs. tested 10/07/2025
Electrical Safety, CFITrainer.net, 3 hours tested, October 2025
Preventing Occupational Exposures to Carcinogens at the Fire Scene, CFITrainer.net, 3 hours tested, October 2025
Site Safety Assessment, CFITrainer.net, 3 hours tested, October 2025
Commercial Fires 1: Fundamentals, CFITrainer.net, 3 hours tested, July 2025
Commercial Fires 2: Investigation, CFITrainer.net, 3 hours tested, July 2025
Electric Bus fires, FL chapter IAAI Orlando, 4 hours tested, October 2024
EV Fires, FL Chapter IAAI Orlando, 2 hours tested October 2024
Solar, FL Chapter IAAI Orlando, 8 hours tested, October 2024
EV Fires, FL Chapter IAAI Orlando, 8 hours Tested, October 2024
GWO Sea Survival including Boat Transfer, M&A Safety Services, LLC, July 2024
Live Burn-Fire Investigation Basics, Adjusters Miami, 2024
Marine Fire Investigation, CFI Trainer, IAAI, Feb. 2024
The Reid Technique for Telephone Investigative Interviews, J. E. Reid & Assoc. Nov. 2023
FL ATC 2023- Hypothesis Development in Fire Investigations, IAAI, November 2023
FL ATC 2023- Investigation Lightning Strike Fires, IAAI, November 2023
Lithium-Ion Battery Fires from CFI Trainer, IAAI, 2023
Fire Chemistry, International Association of Arson Investigators, August 2023
Charting Your Career Path in Fire Investigation, International Association of Arson Investigators, August 2023
Fire Flow Analysis, International Association of Arson Investigators, August 2023
Effective Investigation and Testimony, International Association of Arson Investigators, August 2023

Explosion Dynamics, International Association of Arson Investigators, August 2023
Critical Evaluation and Testing of Commonly Reported Accidental Causes, International Association of Arson Investigators, August 2023
Marine Fire Investigations, International Association of Marine Investigators, 2023
Fire Effects Part 1: Heat Effects on Fuels, International Association of Arson Investigators, June 2023
Fire Effects Part 2: Combustion By-Products Effects, International Association of Arson Investigators, June 2023
Marine Investigators, International Association of Marine Investigators, 2023
Training Conference, International Association of Arson Investigators, 2022
International Association of Marine Investigators Annual Conference 2022
Challenges to Expert Qualifications, Methodology, and/or Opinions, Florida Chapter IAAI, 2019
Origin Fire Pattern Persistence, Florida Chapter IAAI, 2019
The Overlooked Details in Unique Fire Causations-Florida Chapter IAAI, 2019
Vehicle Fire Investigation-Florida Chapter IAAI, 2019
FI-210 Wildland Fire Origin and Cause Determination -NWCG, 2019
S-110 Basic Wildfire Orientation-NWCG, 2019
S-190 Introduction to Wildfire Behavior-NWCG, 2019
S-290 Intermediate Wildfire Behavior-NWCG, 2019
Investigating Wildfires, Interfire, 2019
Wildland Fires Investigation, IAAI, CFI trainer, 2019
Marine Investigations, International Association of Marine Investigators, 2019
Training Conference, International Association of Arson Investigators, 2019
NFPA 921 Update 2017, International Association of Arson Investigators, 2017
Advanced Fire Investigation, California Conference of Arson Investigators, 2014
Basic Electricity, International Association of Arson Investigators, 2014
Advanced Fire Investigations, California Conference of Arson Investigators, 2014
NFPA 921 Update, California Conference of Arson Investigators, 2011
Advanced Fire/Arson Investigations, California Conference of Arson Investigators, 2010
HAZWOPER training, 2000

Education:

MBA-University of Arizona Global Campus, 2026
Bachelor's Degree, Business Administration, University of Arizona, Arizona, 2024
Associate of Arts, Interdisciplinary Studies: Social & Behavioral, San Joaquin Delta College, Stockton, California, 2013
Associate of Arts, Interdisciplinary Studies: Teacher Education Preparation, San Joaquin Delta College, Stockton, California, 2013

Affiliations:

IAAI- Ethical Practices and Grievances- Committee member
International Association of Arson Investigators
International Association of Marine Investigators
National Association of Fire and Explosion Investigators

Courses Instructed/ Guest Lecturer:

Vessel Fire Investigation
Vessel Fire Investigations Basics
Fire investigation for Insurance Adjusters
Fire Investigation for Private Investigators

Publications and Presentations:

Spinner, D., "*10 Maritime Myths That Could Get You Into Trouble (and the Truth Behind Them)*," Marine Crimes Today (MCT), International Association of Marine Investigators (IAMI), Vol.7, NO. 6, June 2026

Spinner, D., "*When Vessel Incidents Become Marina and Port Claims*," Ft. Lauderdale Mariners Club, May 2026

Spinner, D., "*The First 72 Hours After a Marine or Port Incident: Why early Decisions Shape the Entire Claim*," Marine Crimes Today (MCT), International Association of Marine Investigators (IAMI), Vol.7, NO. 5, May 2026

Spinner, D., "Not All Fire Investigators Are Equal Afloat: Why Marine Fire Investigations Require Specialized Expertise Beyond Structural Fire Experience," *Marine Crimes Today (MCT)*, International Association of Marine Investigators (IAMI), Vol. 7, No. 4, April 2026.

DeHaan, John. "Kirk's Fire Investigation." Fire Investigation. January 2012 (photograph included in publication)

Honors and Awards:

Leadership Excellence Award, EFI Global Pinnacle Awards, 2022