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Professional Summary:

Mr. Toft has over 20 years of experience in the fire service and over 25 years as a public and private fire investigator. During his time in the fire service, he obtained the rank of Fire Captain, Tactical Paramedic team leader and Terrorism Liaison Officer. He has extensive experience and knowledge in evaluating fire origin and cause, fire behavior, scene analysis, report writing, scene documentation, interviewing, working with hostile events and multiagency coordination with private, local, state, and federal entities. He has conducted over 550 fire investigations. Mr. Toft served this country for four years as a United States Marine.

Areas of Expertise:

- Fire Origin and Cause
- Origin and Cause for Vehicle Fires
- Scene and fire behavior Analysis
- Witness Interviews and Information Acquisition

Licenses and Certifications:

Certified Fire Investigator, International Association of Arson Investigators, 21-052653

Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator, National Association of Fire Investigators, 24033-13723

Certified Fire Investigator Level C, Canadian Association of Fire Investigators

Washington State Private Investigator, License number - 5052

Montana State Private Investigator, License number – 35035

Oregon State Private Investigator, License number – 100794

Fire Officer, California State Fire Marshal, 150-7176

Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) Remote Pilot Certification. FAA

Project Experience:

Multi Commercial Structure Fire, Gardiner, MT **Commercial and Residential Structure Fire**

Worked in conjunction with local and state agencies to determine the origin and cause of the fire that destroyed four commercial structures.

Fatal Residential Explosion, Winchester, ID

Multi-agency Explosion Investigation

Coordinated with state, federal and private agencies to determine the origin and cause of an explosion that caused a fatality.

**Affordable Self Storage, Placerville, CA
Commercial and Residential Structure Fire**

Coordinated a multi-agency investigation into the cause of a fire involving multiple units of a storage facility and connected residence.

Professional Experience:

EFI Global, Senior Fire Investigator, 2021-present
EFI Global, Fire Investigator, 2020-2021
El Dorado County Fire Protection District, Fire Captain/Paramedic, Fire Investigator 2017-2020
El Dorado County Fire Protection District, Fire Fighter/Paramedic, Fire Investigator 2005-2016
Calistoga Fire Department, Fire Engineer, Fire Investigator 2004-2006
Calistoga Fire Department, Fire Fighter, 2000-2003

Specialized Education:

Understanding the Fire Investigator's Job: A Guide for Non-Investigators, CFITrainer.net, 2/2026
NFPA 1033 & 921: 2022/2021 Editions Important Updates, CFITrainer.net, 2/2026
MagneTek: A Case Study In The Daubert Challenge, CFITrainer.net, 1/2026
What the Insurance Professional Needs to Know About Fire Investigation, CFITrainer.net, 1/2026
Collecting and Handling of Digital Evidence in the Field, EFI Global, 2025
Search and Seizure, CFITrainer.net, 2025
HAZWOPER General Site Worker, EFI Global, 2025
An Analysis of The Station Nightclub Fire, CFITrainer.net, 2024
Lithium-Ion Battery Fires, CFITrainer.net, 2024
Site Safety Assessment, CFITrainer.net, 2024
Fire Investigation for Company Officers-Concentration-Motor Vehicle Fire, CFITrainer.net, 2024
Motor Vehicles: Transmission, Exhaust, Brake and Accessory Systems, CFITrainer.net, 2024
Process of Elimination, CFITrainer.net, 2024
Motor Vehicles: The Engine and the Ignition, Electrical and Fuel Systems, CFITrainer.net, 2024
Electrical Safety, CFITrainer.net, 2023
Practical Application of the Relationship Between NFPA 1033 and NFPA 921, CFITrainer.net, 2023
Ethics and the Fire Investigator, CFITrainer.net, 2023
Digital Photography and the Fire Investigator, CFITrainer.net., 2023
Fire Investigation 1, California State Fire Marshal, 2003
Legal Aspects of Investigation Youth Set Fires, CFITrainer.net, 2022
Emerging Technologies in Fire Investigation, CFITrainer.net, 2022
Introduction to Youth Set Fires, CFITrainer.net, 2022
Emerging Technologies in Fire Investigation, CFITrainer.net, 2022
Discovery in Civil Cases, CFITrainer.net, 2022
The Potential Value of Electronic Evidence in Fire Investigations, CFITrainer.net, 2021
Expert Witness Courtroom Testimony Course, International Association of Arson Investigators, 2020
Fire Investigator Health and Safety in the Post Fire Environment, EFI Global, 2020
Principles of Fire Investigation Multi-Program, CFI Trainer 2020
Class III Competent Person Asbestos Operations and Maintenance Course, PBS Environmental, 2020
Fundamentals of Residential Building Construction, CFITrainer.net, 2020

Residential Natural Gas Systems, CFITrainer.net, 2020 Insurance and the Fire Investigator, CFITrainer.net, 2020 Residential Electrical Systems, CFITrainer.net, 2020 Understanding Undetermined, CFITrainer.net, 2020
Public Fire Investigator – Friend or Foe? National Association of Subrogation Professionals, 2020
S-110 Basic Wildland Fire Orientation, National Wildfire Coordinating Group, 2020
Investigating Railroad Caused Wildfires, National Wildfire Coordinating Group, 2020
Wildland Fire Investigations, CFITrainer.net, 2020
Fire Investigation for Company Officers, CFITrainer.net, 2020 Marine Fires, Canadian Association of Fire Investigators, 2019
Fire Spread. Beyond Origin and Cause, National Association of Subrogation Professionals, 2019
Fire Behavior in a Single-Family Dwelling, National Fire Academy, 2019
Introduction to Fire Dynamics and Modeling, CFITrainer.net, 2019
Fire Flow Analysis, CFITrainer.net, 2019
Ethics and the Fire Investigator, CFITrainer.net, 2019 Introduction to Evidence, CFITrainer.net, 2019
Post Flashover Fires, CFITrainer.net, 2019
Scientific Method of Fire and Explosion Investigation, CFITrainer.net, 2019
Fundamentals of Interviewing, CFITrainer.net, 2019
Investigating Fatal Fires, CFITrainer.net, 2019
Documenting the Scene, CFITrainer.net, 2019
Investigating Motor Vehicle Fires, CFITrainer.net, 2019
Basic Electricity, CFITrainer.net, 2019
Explosion Dynamics, CFITrainer.net, 2019
NFPA 1033 and Your Career, CFITrainer.net, 2019
Motive, Means, and Opportunity: Determining Responsibility in an Arson Case, CFITrainer.net, 2018
Firing Operations, California State Fire Marshal, 2017
Stop the Bleed Instructor, American College of Surgeons, 2017
Company Officer, California State Fire Marshall, 2014
Fire Prevention, California State Fire Marshal, 2014
Training Instructor 1B Psychomotor Lesson Delivery, California State Fire Marshal, 2014
Command 1B Incident Management for Company Officers, California State Fire Marshal, 2011
Training Instructor 1A Cognitive Lesson Delivery, California State Fire Marshal, 2011
Terrorism Liaison Officer Course, Central California Intelligence Center, 2011
Tactical Medicine Module A and B, International School of Tactical Medicine, 2011
S-290 Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior, National Wildfire Coordinating Group, 2005

Education:

Fire Technology Career Certificate, Santa Rose Junior College, Santa Rose, California, 2002
Paramedic Program Certificate of Completion, Mendocino College, Ukiah, California, 2005

Affiliations:

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



Honors and Awards:

Values in Action Honoree, Sedgwick 2022
Certificate of Commendation, El Dorado County Sheriff's Office 2016
Certificate of Recognition, Santa Rosa Junior College, 2002