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Professional Summary:

Mr. Stephens has 42 years of experience in the fire service. He has experience in fire and explosion investigations to determine the origin and cause. Mr. Stephens project experience includes managing and investigating more than 5000 fire and explosion scenes across Louisiana, Texas and Mississippi. These have included criminal arson investigations and have involved single and multi-family complexes, multi-million-dollar losses and those with multiple fatalities and serious bodily injury. Mr. Stephens has testified as an expert witness in Louisiana state and federal court involving arson and other criminal matters along with deposition in civil matters.

Licenses and Certifications:

Certified Fire Investigator, International Association of Arson Investigators
IAAI, CFI Certification #41-111617

Certified Fire Investigator, International Fire Service Accreditation Congress

Private Investigator, LA #7771-101811-LA

Private Investigator, TX #00047779

Professional Experience:

EFI Global 2018-Present

Unified Investigations & Science, Inc., Senior Fire investigator 2011-2018

Shreveport Fire Department, Assistant Chief of Fire Prevention, Chief of Fire
Investigations/Bomb Squad Commander, 2000-2011

Shreveport Fire Department, Fire Investigator, 1987 – 2003

Shreveport Fire Department, Fire Inspector, 1985 – 1987

Shreveport Fire Department, Firefighter 1982 – 1985

Specialized Education:

IAAI 2022-Exploring NFPA 921, 1033, and the New 1321 Standard, LA-IAAI, 2022

2023 Louisiana IAAI Chapter Seminar, LA-IAAI, 2023

Basic Electricity, CFI Trainer, 2021

Critical Evaluation and Testing of Commonly Reported Accidental Causes, CFI Trainer, 2021

Electric & Hybrid Vehicle Design Basics, CFI Trainer, 2021

Electric & Hybrid Vehicle Fires, CFI Trainer, 2021

Understanding The Fire Investigators job: A Guide for Non-Investigators, CFI Trainer, 2021

Understanding Undetermined, CFI Trainer, 2021

The Practical Application of the Relationship Between NFPA 1033 and NFPA 921, CFI Trainer, 2021
Legal Aspects of Investigating Youth Set Fires, CFI Trainer, 2021
Introduction to Youth-Set Fires, CFI Trainer, 2021
Introduction to Appliances, LA-IAAI, 2021
LAAI ATC, LA-IAAI, 2019
LA IAAI 2019 Northern Training Day
Fire Investigation, Ethics, Rules & Reg., Private Investigator CE, 2019
OSHA 8hr Hazwoper Refresher Training #936, Safety Compliance Management, 2019
NFPA 1033, Unified Investigations & Sciences, 2017
NFPA 921/1033, Louisiana Chapter of the IAAI, 2014
Residential Electrical Systems, Louisiana Chapter of the IAAI, 2014
Legal Aspects of Fire Investigations, Arkansas Chapter of the IAAI, 2014
Evaluation of Vehicle Fluids and Lubricants, Louisiana Chapter of the IAAI, 2013
Evaluating Appliance Fires from an Investigators Perspective, Louisiana Chapter of the IAAI, 2012

Affiliations:

Louisiana Claims Association
North West Louisiana Claims Association
International Association of Arson Investigators
Louisiana Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators

Courses Instructed/ Guest Lecturer:

Introduction to Bombs and Arson

Honors and Awards:

Mayor Glover's Award of Excellence, City of Shreveport, 2009
Firefighter of the Year, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, 2002