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**ABSTRACT** Twenty-six years combined experience in forensic engineering, fire and explosion investigation, electrical failure analysis, general construction, electrical systems design and troubleshooting. Registered Professional Engineer (PE), Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator (CFEI), Certified Vehicle Fire Investigator (CVFI).

# EXPERIENCE

2009-Present	<b>Forensic Electrical Engineer and Fire Investigator</b> <i>Self-Employed, Inverness, Florida</i> Engineering investigations of electrical equipment failures and lightning damage. Specializing in electrical fire investigation.
2006-2009	Senior Forensic Electrical Engineer
	Donan Engineering Company, Nashville, Tennessee
	Engineering investigations of electrical and electro-mechanical
	equipment failures, lightning damage and electrical fires.
1999-2006	Construction Engineering Consultant
	Self-Employed, Inverness, Florida
	Residential, commercial and industrial construction projects
1993-1999	Construction Contractor
	Self-Employed, West Palm Beach, Florida
	Residential and commercial construction projects
1989-1993	Configuration Control Engineer
	Bechtel Power Corporation, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida
	Engineering review and revision of Power plant design
	documents.
1985-1989	Project Engineer
	Dynalantic Corporation, Deer Park, New York
	Electronic control systems design
1984-1985	Field Engineer
	Westinghouse Combustion Controls, Hillside, New Jersey Troubleshooting of industrial control systems









#### **CERTIFICATIONS and LICENSES**

- **Registered Professional Engineer**, National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES), Record #40816
- Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator, National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI), Registration #14929-8242
- Certified Vehicle Fire Investigator, NAFI, September, 2011
- Licensed Professional Engineer, Florida #PE53872
- Licensed Professional Engineer, Tennessee #00110686
- Licensed Professional Engineer, Kentucky #27186
- Licensed Professional Engineer, Mississippi #19919

#### AFFILIATIONS

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Electrical Section National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE) National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI) International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI) Florida Engineering Society (FES) Florida Institute of Consulting Engineers (FICE)

## FORMAL EDUCATION

1984 **Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering** University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

- 2011 Vehicle Fire, Arson & Explosion Investigation Science & Technology, NAFI Seminar, 28 Professional Development Hours (PDH)
- 2011 **Building Construction for the Fire Service**, Florida State Fire College (FSFC), 3 Semester Hours
- 2011 Fire Prevention Practices, FSFC, 3 Semester Hours
- 2011 Private Fire Protection Systems, FSFC, 3 Semester Hours
- 2011 (Fire Prevention and Life Safety) **Codes and Standards**, FSFC, 3 Semester Hours
- 2011 **The Fire Investigator & the 2011 changes to NFPA 921**, IAAI online Certified Fire Investigator Training (<u>CFITrainer.net</u>), 4 PDH
- 2011 Explosion Dynamics, <u>CFITrainer.net</u>, 4 PDH
- 2011 Fundamentals of Interviewing, CFITrainer.net, 4 PDH
- 2010 Ethics for Fire Investigators, <u>CFITrainer.net</u>, 4 PDH
- 2010 **General Requirements of the National Electrical Code**, Mike Holt Enterprises (<u>NECcode.com</u>) correspondence course, 8PDH
- 2010 **Florida Engineering Laws and Rules**, 2009 edition, Informed Continuing Education (<u>PE.CME.EDU</u>) correspondence course, 4 PDH
- 2010 Effective Investigation and Testimony, <u>CFITrainer.net</u>, 3 PDH
- 2010 **Testifying at Trials, Depositions and other Adjudicative Settings**, Technical Advisory Service for Attorneys (<u>TASANet.com</u>), 1 hour webinar
- 2010 Investigating Motor Vehicle Fires, CFITrainer.net, 4PDH
- 2010 Electrical Safety, <u>CFITrainer.net</u>, 3PDH
- 2010 Ignitable liquids, IAAI Annual Training Conference (ATC), 4 PDH
- 2010 Cigarette Gasoline Ignition, IAAI ATC, 2 PDH
- 2010 Fire Investigation Reviews: How it Looks From the Other Side, IAAI ATC, 4 PDH
- 2010 Motor Home & RV Fire Investigations, IAAI ATC, 4 PDH
- 2010 Vehicle Fire Investigations, IAAI ATC, 4 PDH

- 2010 Marine Vessel Fire Investigations, IAAI ATC, 8 PDH
- 2010 Fires Caused by Energized Gas Lines, IAAI ATC, 4 PDH
- 2010 Critical Thinking Solves Cases, <u>CFITrainer.net</u>, 4 PDH
- 2010 Documenting the Event, <u>CFITrainer</u>.net, 4 PDH
- 2010 Evidence Examination: What Happens at the Lab? CFITrainer.net, 4 PDH
- 2009 Fire Investigator I, Volunteer State Community College, 4 Semester Hours
- 2009 Fire Investigator Scene Safety, <u>CFITrainer.net</u>, 3 PDH
- 2009 Fire and Explosion Investigations Utilizing NFPA 921 and 1033, <u>CFITrainer.net</u>, 4 PDH
- 2009 The Scientific Method for Fire and Explosion Investigation, <u>CFITrainer.net</u>, 3 PDH
- 2009 Introduction to Evidence, <u>CFITrainer.net</u>, 4 PDH
- 2009 Physical Evidence at the Fire Scene, CFITrainer.net, 4 PDH
- 2009 Arc Mapping Basics, <u>CFITrainer.net</u>, 4 PDH
- 2009 Understanding Fire through the Candle Experiments, <u>CFITrainer.net</u>, 4 PDH
- 2009 Digital Photography and the Fire Investigator, CFITrainer.net, 4 PDH
- 2009 Vacant and Abandoned Buildings: Hazards and Solutions, <u>CFITrainer.net</u>, 4 PDH
- 2009 A Ventilation-Focused Approach to the Impact of Building structures and Systems on Fire Development, <u>CFITrainer.net</u>, 4 PDH
- 2009 **Postflashover Fires**, <u>CFITrainer.net</u>, 4 PDH
- 2009 Fire Dynamics and Modeling, <u>CFITrainer.net</u>, 4 PDH
- 2009 Motive, Means and Opportunity: Determining Responsibility in an Arson Case, <u>CFITrainer.net</u>, 4 PDH
- 2009 Investigating Fatal Fires, CFITrainer.net, 4 PDH
- 2009 MagneTek: A Case Study in the Daubert Challenge, <u>CFITrainer.net</u>, 2 PDH
- 2008 Investigation of Electrical and Appliance Related Fires: A Technical and Scientific Approach, American Home Appliance Manufacturers Association Seminar, 20 PDH
- 2008 Investigating Residential Dryer Fires, Fire Findings Laboratories seminar, 12.5 PDH
- 2008 Vehicles 101: Basic Automotive Technology, Donan Engineering Company seminar, 8 PDH
- 2008 Understanding Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Systems, American Trainco Seminar, 16 PDH
- 2007 Hazardous Classified Locations, NFPA Seminar, 7PDH
- 2007 Basics of the National Electrical Code, NFPA Seminar, 21 PDH
- 2007 Grounding and Bonding In accordance with the National Electrical Code, <u>NECcode.com</u>, correspondence course,\_20 PDH
- 2006 **Journeyman Electrician Technology**, Penn Foster Career School, 100+ study hours
- 2001 **Reading Architectural Drawings**, Palm Beach State College, 3 semester hours
- 2001 AutoCAD, New England Institute of Technology, 3 semester hours
- 1991 **QUEST Quality Improvement Techniques**, Bechtel Corporation

#### COURSES TAUGHT

- 2004 College Preparatory Algebra, Cypress Creek Juvenile Correction Facility
- 1991 Statistical Process Controls Database Concepts, Bechtel Corporation