

# TECHNICAL FIRE ANALYSIS, LLC

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**Objective** – to be contracted with a progressive organization that will allow me to utilize, expand, and challenge my skills as a Fire Investigator.

## Education

### **University of Maryland, University College**

Online – Fire Science curriculum towards a B.S Degree

### **Luzerne County Community College**

A.A.S. Degree in Fire Science, May 2007 (Academic Honors)

### **Pennsylvania State Police Academy**

Promoted to the rank of Trooper, July 1992

### **Lackawanna Junior Community College**

Graduate – Act 120 Municipal Police Officer Training Class, 1990

## Experience

**1. January 2012 – Present: Technical Fire Analysis, LLC (Owner/Fire Investigator)**

- Conduct fire origin & cause investigations for insurance companies, law firms, manufacturers
- Investigated in excess of 274 fires since inception of company

**2. February 1992- January 2012: Pennsylvania State Police**

Duties included the following assignments:

- Patrol Trooper (8 years)
- Forensic Services Unit (2 years)
- Assistant/Deputy Fire Marshal (10 years)

- ❖ Investigation of over 800 fires since being assigned in 1995 as either the lead or secondary investigator.
- ❖ Over 1500 hours of Fire/Arson related training which includes courses at the National Fire Academy, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, and numerous State and Local level courses.
- ❖ Involved in the preparation and ignition of approximately 100 training related fires that were used for education purposes at various classes I have been involved in as an instructor.
- ❖ Developed / co-developed and presented a number of training courses that focus on fire/arson investigation.
- ❖ Qualified as an expert witness in fire origin and cause determination in Carbon, Luzerne, Monroe County courts. Expert testimony was also offered at district court level in the same counties as well as civil depositions on 25+ occasions.

## **Professional Publications/Presentations**

- Developer – *Hero to Zero – Firefighter Arsonist* program; Pennsylvania Association of Arson Investigators.
- Subject Matter Expert: 2010: United States Fire Administration – National Fire Academy: R205 Fire/Arson Program
- College Instructor: Fall 2010 Semester: Luzerne County Community College – Fire Science Program; Taught semester session on Fire Investigation (FST251)
- National Volunteer Firefighter Council (NVFC) – Committee member responsible for the development of a White Paper dealing with Firefighter Arson and how to combat it on a nationwide level.

## **Certified Fire Investigator**

- Pennsylvania State Certified Fire Investigator, Certification #146 (OSFC)
- International Association of Arson Investigators, Certification # 29-067 (IAAI)
- Nationally Registered Fire Investigator, Certification # 51467 (NBFSBQ)
- National Association of Fire Investigators, Certification # 17922v (CVFI)

## **Certified Instructor**

### Pennsylvania State Fire Academy

- Pennsylvania State Certified Fire Instructor I, Certification # 820 (OSFC)
- Nationally Registered Fire Service Instructor I, Certification # 60484 (NBFSBQ)
- Pennsylvania State Certified Fire Instructor II, Certification # R201 (OSFC)
- Nationally Registered Fire Service Instructor II, Certification # 595143 (NBFSBQ)
- Former Adjunct Suppression Instructor – Pennsylvania State Fire Academy

### National Fire Academy – Adjunct Instructor

- Fire and Arson Investigation
- Forensic Evidence Collection
- Fire Cause Determination for Company Officers

### Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives – Contract Instructor

- Fire/Arson Investigation (USFA-ATF)

## **Fire Service Certifications**

- Firefighter I                      Pennsylvania Certification # 4291  
National Certification # 50912
- Firefighter II                      Pennsylvania Certification # 1313  
National Certification # 60409
- Fire Officer I                      Pennsylvania Certification # 521  
National Certification # 185509
- Fire Inspector I                      Pennsylvania Certification # 003393 (expired)  
National Certification # 230060

## **Memberships in Fraternal, Civic Clubs and Organizations**

- International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI)
- National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI)
- Pennsylvania Association of Arson Investigators (PAAI) – Former member of Board of Directors
- National Association of Subrogation Professionals (NASP)
- Firefighter (Retired) – Local Volunteer Fire Company

## **Miscellaneous**

- Professional and personal references available upon request
- Training Addendum available upon request
- Fee schedule available upon request
- Licensed Private Investigator in Pennsylvania & New Jersey