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Fire Analyst / Consultant • Agosti Fire Investigations

While serving as a professional fire analyst and staff expert for Agosti Fire Investigations for the past twelve years, Mr. Agosti has conducted several hundred fire and explosion fire scene investigations. These include fires and explosions in single family dwellings, high rise structures, commercial structures, as well as vehicles and heavy equipment. His responsibilities and experience as a fire analyst include photography, witness interviewing, report writing, evidence collection and deposition/trial testimony. He has successfully managed large scale joint fire scene inspections involving dozens of other parties and experts.

Not only does Mr. Agosti work in the private sector, but for the past eighteen years has served as a firefighter/paramedic and a certified fire investigator for the Skokie, Illinois Fire Department. He has conducted criminal arson investigations that have led to successful criminal charges.

Mr. Agosti has experience and knowledge beyond fire and explosion analysis, to include fire department operations in all aspects, including technical rescue, hazardous materials and emergency medical. He is also proud to have served in the United States Marine Corps, where he gained invaluable, worldwide experience in leadership and work ethics and was honorably discharged.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Certified Fire Investigator, International Association of Arson Investigators

Certified Arson Investigator, State of Illinois

Certified Fire & Explosion Investigator, NAFI

Certified Vehicle Fire Investigator, NAFI

Certified Paramedic

Certified Rope Rescue

Certified Trench Rescue

Certified Confined Space Rescue

Certified Collapse Rescue

Certified Fire Apparatus Engineer

Certified Hazardous Materials Operations

Licensed Private Detective, , Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan & Wisconsin

PRACTICE AREAS

Fire and Explosions:

Arson defense/prosecution; electrical fires; gas explosions; vehicular fires; structure fires; fire deaths/injuries. Fire scene evidence and spoliation issues.

Building and Fire Codes:

Fire/Building code violations; Life Safety Code violations; smoke detector issues; Fire spread issues; fire prevention analysis.

Fire Department Practices:

Fire department operations/practices/management; firefighter deaths/injuries/safety; discipline and termination issues.



