

Curriculum Vitae

Michael W. Foster

Certified Fire Investigator (CFI-IAAI) -(#46-028)
Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator (CFEI-NAFI)-(#7490-2883)
Pro-Board Certified Fire Investigator -(#197162)

EDUCATION:

1998 Associate of Applied Science – Criminal Justice,
West Virginia State College – Institute, West Virginia

Related Secondary Education Studies and Coursework –

Electrical Engineering	2 Years
Computer Sciences:	16 College Credit Hours
Construction theory and practice:	14 College Credit Hours

EXPERIENCE:

Fire Investigator - Pacific Rim ISG	2010 to Present
Fire Investigator - EFI Global	2009 to 2010
Fire Consultant - Rimkus Consulting Group, Inc.	2009 to 2010
Western Region Fire Division Manager - Rimkus Consulting Group, Inc.	2008 to 2009
Fire Consultant - Rimkus Consulting Group, Inc.	2006 to 2009
Vice President / Senior Investigator Federated Investigations Service, Corp.	2000 to 2006
Director / Investigator– Putnam County Fire Investigation Team.	2002 to 2006
Chief Fire / Explosion Investigator - Teays Valley Fire Dept.	1997 to 2006
Fire Marshal - Teays Valley, Hurricane, Winfield, Scott Depot.	2002 to 2006
Treasurer – International Association of Arson Investigators, West Virginia Chapter	2005 to 2006
Fire / Explosion Investigator – Putnam Co. Fire Investigation Team	1998 to 2002
Firefighter/Lieutenant – Teays Valley Fire Dept.	1996 to 2006

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TRAINING:

National Fire Academy:

1998	Incident Commanding,	16 Hours
1999	Basic Arson Detection,	14 Hours
2001	Arson Investigation III,	16 Hours
2001	MCTO: Decision Making,	14 Hours
2001	Leadership III,	13 Hours
2001	IRHMI: Concept Implementation,	14 Hours
2001	Courtroom Testimony,	16 Hours
2002	Arson Investigation II,	16 Hours
2004	MCTO: Decision Making,	14 Hours
2004	Incident Safety Officer,	16 Hours
2005	MCTO: Preparation,	12 Hours

West Virginia University Fire Service Extension:

1996	Basic Auto Extrication,	16 Hours
1996	Structural Firefighting,	20 Hours
1996	Firefighter Level I,	40 Hours
1997	Structural Firefighting,	12 Hours
1997	VFIS Driver Training	8 Hours
1998	Pumper Operations,	12 Hours
1998	Arson Investigation 1,	14 Hours
1999	Critical Areas of Fire Investigation,	8 Hours
1999	Explosives Recognition,	8 Hours
1999	Basic Arson Detection,	14 Hours
2000	Firefighter Level II,	40 Hours
2000	Liquid Propane Fires,	8 Hours
2000	Liquid Propane Fires,	8 Hours
2000	Structural Firefighting,	12 Hours
2001	Arson Investigation,	6 Hours
2001	Arson,	6 Hours
2001	Train Derailment Incidents,	6 Hours
2001	Hazardous Material Awareness Level,	14 Hours
2001	Automobile Extrication Technician,	44 Hours
2002	Rapid Intervention Team Training,	16 Hours
2003	Hazardous Material Operations Level,	16 Hours
2003	Fire Officer I,	16 Hours

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International Association of Arson Investigators:

1999	45 th Annual Ohio Arson School,	36 Hours
2000	31 st Annual Northern Ohio Arson Seminar,	16 Hours
2000	Maryland /DC Vehicle Fire/Theft Investigations	24 Hours
2000	17 th Annual WV, Electrical Causes/Post-Blast Inv.	20 Hours
2001	Virginia IAAI Seminar, Post Blast Inv./K9	20 Hours
2001	Alabama Association Arson Seminar,	28 Hours
2001	Maryland / DC IAAI Explosions Investigations Seminar,	24 Hours
2001	WV IAAI Spring Seminar, Auto Fires/Electrical Causes	20 Hours
2002	ATF–Advanced Fire Investigations,	16 Hours
2003	WV IAAI, Vehicle Investigation - Death & Injury	20 Hours
2004	GAIAAI, Investigations of Electrical and Appliance Fires	20 Hours
2004	W IAAI, Methamphetamine Laboratory Fire Investigation	16 Hours
2006	NV IAAI, Advanced Fire Investigation,	32 Hours
2007	NV IAAI, Advanced Fire Investigation,	22 Hours

International Society of Fire Service Instructors:

2002	Spring In-Service Instruction, Terrorism,	20 Hours
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National Fire Protection Association Approved Courses:

2000	National Association of Fire Protection	20 Hours
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Federal Emergency Management Agency:

2005	National Incident Management System,	8 Hours
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Public Agency Training Council:

2005	Fire Pattern Recognition and Identification,	14 Hours
2005	Vehicle Fire Investigation,	22 Hours

CERTIFICATIONS:

NAFI - National Association of Fire Investigators

2000	CFEI - Certified Fire & Explosion Investigator
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IAAI - International Association of Arson Investigators

2003	CFI - Certified Fire Investigator, CFI.
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2003 National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications

Pro-Board Certified Fire Investigator.

SEMINAR INSTRUCTOR / PROCTOR:

- **WSATI – Western States Auto Theft Investigators**
2010-39th Annual Training Seminar
“Insurance Fraud Owner Give-Ups and Burns Part 1”
- **WSATI – Western States Auto Theft Investigators**
2010-39th Annual Training Seminar
“Insurance Fraud Owner Give-Ups and Burns Part 2”
- **WSATI – Western States Auto Theft Investigators**
2010-39th Annual Training Seminar
“Staged Accident Investigation Part 1”
- **WSATI – Western States Auto Theft Investigators**
2010-39th Annual Training Seminar
“Staged Accident Investigation Part 2”

EXPERT COURTROOM TESTIMONY AND DEPOSITIONS:

Criminal Cases

- Circuit Court of Putnam County, WV: State v. MCC; Doc. No. 02-3D-14
- Circuit Court of Lawrence County, OH: State v. Castle; Doc. No. 02-CR-100
- Circuit Court of Putnam County, WV: State v. Minner; Doc. No. 03-M-576

Civil Cases

- Circuit Court of Marshall County, WV: Richard Niehaus v. Wheeling Power Company, d/b/a American Electric Power; Civil Action No: 03-C-155M
- Fire Insurance Exchange v. KB Homes Nevada

MEMBERSHIPS:

NAFI - National Association of Fire Investigators

IAAI - International Association of Arson Investigators

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WSATI - Western States Auto Theft Investigators Associations

CCAI - California Conference of Arson Investigators