



## **Florida Service Center**

**Brian D. Brooks, IAAI-CFI**  
*Special Investigator*

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### **EDUCATION:**

Eckerd College  
St. Petersburg, Florida  
Bachelor of Arts  
Organizational Studies

St. Petersburg Junior College  
St. Petersburg, Florida  
Associate in Arts  
General Education

### **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:**

Unified Investigations & Sciences, Inc.  
St. Petersburg, Florida  
Special Investigator  
February 2007 to Present

MJM, Inc.  
St. Petersburg, Florida  
Special Investigator  
October 2006 to February 2007

Crawford Investigation Services, Inc.  
St. Petersburg, Florida  
Special Investigator  
September 2005 to October 2006

## **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY (CON'T):**

City of Gulfport (FL) Fire Department  
Gulfport, Florida  
Fire Chief  
July 1995-August 2005  
Volunteer Firefighter through Assistant Chief  
June 1974 to July 1995

St. Petersburg Fire & Rescue  
St. Petersburg, Florida  
Fire Inspector/Fire Investigator  
November 1986 to July 1995

## **SPECIALIZED TRAINING:**

- Fire, Arson & Explosion Investigation, National Association of Fire Investigators, Sarasota, Florida, August 2005, 24 hours (tested)
- Fire Service Course Delivery, Diversified Fire & Safety, Pinellas Park, Florida, May 2005, 40 hours (tested)
- Fire Service Course Design, Fire Officer Training Institute, Dunedin, Florida, August 2005, 40 hours (tested)
- Command and Control of Incident operations, Gulfport Fire Department, Gulfport, Florida, June 2005, 24 hours
- Leading Community Risk Reduction, Executive Fire Office Program, National Fire Academy, Emmitsburg, Maryland, April 2004, 80 hours
- Executive Development, Executive Fire Office Program, National Fire Academy, Emmitsburg, Maryland, March 2003, 80 hours
- NFPA-One Training Seminar, St. Petersburg Fire & Rescue, St. Petersburg, Florida, February 2000, 24 hours (tested)
- Fire/Arson Investigation, National Fire Academy, Emmitsburg, Maryland, April 1998, 80 hours (tested)
- Interpersonal Dynamics in Fire Service organizations, National Fire Academy, Pinellas Park, Florida (off-campus), January 1998, 80 hours
- Cause & Origin for Company Officers (Instructor), Great Florida Fire School/Office of State Fire Marshal, St. Petersburg, Florida, November 1996, 4 hours

## **SPECIALIZED TRAINING (CON'T):**

- 1996 Florida Arson Seminar, Office of State Fire Marshal, Orlando, Florida, September 1996, 32 hours
- Cause & Origin for Company Officers (Instructor), Great Florida Fire School/Office of State Fire Marshal, St. Petersburg, Florida, October 1995, 4 hours
- Hazardous Materials Operations Level training, Pinellas Fire Academy, St. Petersburg, Florida, May 1995, 24 hours (tested)
- 1994 Florida Arson Seminar, Office of State Fire Marshal, Orlando, Florida, September 1994, 32 hours
- Principles & Practice of Applying the Life Safety Code, Exit Seminars, St. Petersburg, Florida, May 1994, 24 hours
- 1992 Florida Arson Seminar, Office of State Fire Marshal, Orlando, Florida, September 1992, 32 hours
- FACAP/IAAI Training Program, Florida Advisory Committee on Arson Prevention, Tampa, Florida, June 1993, 5.5 hours
- Arson Detection and Investigation, Public Safety Institute at Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida, August 1992, 24 hours
- Handling a Major Fire Investigation: Incident Command, Arson CO-OP of Florida, St. Petersburg, Florida, February 1992, 20 hours
- Professional Arson Investigation, Criminal Justice Institute/St. Petersburg Junior College, February 1992, 24 hours
- Advanced Kinesic Interview & Interrogation, Criminal Justice Institute/St. Petersburg Junior College, December 1991, 24 hours
- Fire Scene Evidence, Arson CO-OP of Florida, St. Petersburg, Florida, January 1991, 20 hours
- 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Fire & Arson Investigation School, IAAI Florida Chapter/Arson Co-Op of Florida, St. Petersburg, Florida, January 1990, 32 hours
- Vehicle Fire Investigation Seminar, Pinellas Fire Academy/arson Co-Op of Florida, St. Petersburg, Florida, April 1990, 16 hours
- IAAI 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Fire Investigation Techniques Seminar, IAAI Florida Chapter, Clearwater, Florida, May 1989, 35 hours, (tested)
- 1987 Florida Arson Seminar, Office of State Fire Marshal, Orlando, Florida, September 1987, 32 hours

**EXPERIENCE:**

Mr. Brooks has 31 years of fire service experience and over 21 years of experience as a fire origin and cause investigator, working within the fire service and insurance industry. He has investigated and/or supervised over 1,300 fire and explosion incidents throughout Florida and in Puerto Rico. These investigations have involved criminal prosecution, product significant liability/subrogation issues, fuel gas explosions, multi-million dollar losses and those with multiple fatalities and/or serious bodily injury. Additionally, he has investigated 26 fire deaths and qualified and testified as an expert witness in Fire Origin and Cause in State Circuit Court and Federal District Court.

**CERTIFICATIONS:**

Certified Fire Investigator (IAAI-CFI), International Association of Arson Investigators, 2008-2013, Certification #: 09-096

Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator (CFEI), National Association of Fire Investigators, 2005-2007, Registration #: 10803-5052

Certified Fire Instructor III, State of Florida, 2006-2009;  
Certificate #: 129030

Certified Fire Safety Inspector, State of Florida, (982) 2007-2009; Certificate #: 672.

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:**

National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI)

International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI)

International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI) Florida Chapter

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

Pinellas County Fire Chiefs Association

West Coast Claims Association

Florida Advisory Committee on Arson Prevention (FACAP)

**COURT QUALIFICATIONS:**

Expert Witness - Fire Origin & Causation: Circuit Court for the State of Florida (Pinellas County, Florida).

Expert Witness - Fire Origin & Causation: United States Federal District Court, Tampa, Florida