



North Carolina Service Center

Donald H. Wood, NAFI-CFEI, CFII

Senior Investigator

Waldorf, Maryland
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EDUCATION:

Warren National University
Agoura Hills, CA
Doctor of Philosophy – Safety Engineering

Bowie State University
Bowie, Maryland
Master of Arts – Human Resource Development

University of the District of Columbia
Washington, D.C.
Bachelor of Arts – Psychology
Bachelor of Science – Fire Science Administration
Associate of Applied Science – Fire Science Technology

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

Unified Investigations & Sciences, Inc.
Waldorf, Maryland
Senior Investigator
November 2007 - Present

D.C. Housing Authority
Washington, D.C.
Fire Safety Officer
July 1997 – Present

University of the District of Columbia
Washington D.C.
Adjunct Professor-Fire Science Program
August 1986 – Present

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY (CON'T):

University of Maryland University College
College Park, Maryland
Adjunct Assistant Professor-Fire Science Program
May 1995 – Present

National Fire Academy
Emmitsburg Maryland
Contract Instructor
January 1995 - Present

Crawford Investigation, Inc.
Special Investigator
December 2004 – July 2006

D.C. Fire Department
Washington, D.C.
Operation Officer Fire Prevention Bureau
Officer in Charge Fire Investigation Unit
Fire Investigator Technician
Fire Inspector
Fire Fighter/EMT
July 1972 – January 1995

MILITARY EXPERIENCE:

U.S. Air Force
Vietnam Veteran
Jet Aircraft Crew Chief
July 1967 – July 1972

SPECIALIZED TRAINING:

- Advance Accident and Reconstruction, Warren National University, January 2004 (tested)
- Advanced Property Loss Control, Warren National University, May 2004 (tested)
- Advanced Transport Safety, Warren National University, September 2004 (tested)
- Safety Management, Warren National University, September 2004 (tested)

SPECIALIZED TRAINING (CONT.):

- Arson Incident reporting Conference, Uniform Crime Reporting Program, U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, July 1988
- 39th Annual IAAI Seminar, Niagara Falls Canada, May 1988
- Fire and Arson Investigation Seminar, University of Delaware, December 1987. 16 hours (tested)
- Electrical Fire Investigation Seminar, University of Delaware, December 1987. 16 hours (tested)
- National Fire Academy, Fire/Arson Investigation Class, Emmittsburg MD, May 1985. 80 hours (tested)
- National Fire Academy, Managing the Codes Process Class, Emmittsburg MD, September 1985. 80 hours (tested)
- National Fire Academy, Fire Service Instructional Methodology, Emmittsburg MD, May 1989. 80 hours (tested)
- National Fire Academy, Fire Service Leadership and Communications, August 1991. 80 hours (tested)
- National Fire Academy, Fire Prevention Specialist I and II, Emmittsburg MD, May 1982 & 1983. 160 hours (tested)
- National Fire Academy, Plans Review for Fire Inspectors, Emmittsburg MD, October 1983. 80 hours (tested)
- American Inspectors Association, Course # R-75, October 1992. 75 hours (tested)
- Universal Schools, Claims Investigation and Adjustment course, Dallas Texas 1971 (tested)
- CTL201 Faculty Web Tyco Training Course, University of Maryland University College, 2002

EXPERIENCE:

Mr. Wood has 35 years of fire service experience, 23 of which have been directly associated in the field of fire and explosion incidents investigations. Mr. Wood has personally investigated or supervised approximately 5000 fire scenes. These investigations have involved criminal arson investigations, product liability/subrogation cases, multi-million dollar losses, and fire incidents with multiple fatalities and serious bodily injury. While employed with the D.C. Fire Department Mr. Wood served as both a fire investigator and officer in charge of the fire investigation unit and led in the development of the department first Accelerant Detector Canine and fire investigator certification programs. As the fire safety officer for the D.C. Housing Authority Mr. Wood investigates all fires relating to D.C. Housing Authority properties and has provided expert testimony (both criminal and civil) on numerous occasions on the behalf of the Housing Authority.

CERTIFICATIONS:

- Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator (NAFI-CFEI) National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI), 1984, Registration #2104-00201 , Re-certifications: 1996, 2001, and 2006
- Certified Fire Investigator Instructor (CFII) – National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI) 1986, Registration #2104-00201
- Certified Home Inspector (CHI) – Housing Inspection Foundation (HIF), 1988, Re-Certifications 1993, 1998, 2003, 2004 and 2005
- Senior Fire Prevention Specialist (SFPS)– National Fire Academy 1984
- Certified Housing Consultant (CHC) – Housing Inspection Foundation, 2005

COURT QUALIFICATIONS:

- Expert Witness – Fire Origin and Causation: Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Criminal Division, Washington D.C.
- Expert Witness – Subrogation case: Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Civil Division Washington D.C.
- Expert Witness – Fire Origin and Causation: Fair Hearings Procedures D.C. Housing Authority Washington D.C.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

- International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI), Member since 1983
- National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI), Member since 1983
- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Member since 1996
- International Code Council (ICC), Member since 2001
- Housing Inspection Foundation (HIF), Member since 2002

INSTRUCTIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Mr. Wood has been an Adjunct Assistant Professor with the University of the District of Columbia and the University of Maryland University College since 1986. He has instructed fire science courses in: Fire/Arson Investigation, Incendiary Analysis, Fire Prevention/Inspections, Codes and Standards, Building Construction, Fire Protection Systems, and Independent Research and Study. Mr. Wood has also been an Instructor at the National Fire Academy, Emmitsburg, MD since 1995.

PUBLISHED PAPERS/ARTICLES:

"Incendiary vs. Arson-Is it Just a Case of Semantics?" Fire & Arson Investigator Journal, Volume 47, No. 1, September 1996

"Keeping Residents Safe: Relating Fire Safety and Emergency Evacuation Planning to Attitudes and Habits in Public Housing High-Rise Buildings." Dissertation-Warren National University, July 2007.