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# Chad Cooper

NFPA 1033 Proboard Certified Fire Investigator

Fire and Explosion Investigator

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Chad is a ProBoard-certified NFPA 1033 Fire Investigator with over 15 years of fire service experience. He is a former Chief Fire Officer for the cities of Terrace, Prince Rupert, and Flin Flon. Chad has conducted more than 200 fire investigations, including fatal fires, large-loss structures, incendiary events, as well as vehicle and heavy equipment fires.

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## CERTIFICATIONS

- NFPA 1033 Proboard Certified Fire Investigator
- NFPA 1021 Proboard Chief Fire Officer
- NFPA 1012 Proboard Fire Instructor
- NFPA 1035 Proboard Fire and Life Safety Educator
- NFPA 1031 Proboard Fire Inspector

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## TECHNICAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member – NAFI National Association of Fire Investigators
  - Member – Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs
  - Member – British Columbia Fire Chiefs Association
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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Fire and Explosion Investigator

OCI Group (Formerly Origin and Cause Incorporated)

Vancouver, BC

February 2025 – Present

- Conduct fire scene investigations primarily for the insurance industry
- Identification, collection, and preservation of evidence
- Scene photography and documentation
- Experienced in working individually or in a team setting on cases
- Responsible for the continuity of the fire scene during investigations
- Engaged with emergency services authorities

### Fire Chief

The City of Terrace

Terrace, BC

2023 – 2024

- Provide operational leadership to 13 full-time IAFF staff & 15 paid-on-call firefighters
- Conduct Fire and Explosion origin and cause investigations. Provided visionary leadership in public safety, aligning departmental goals with citywide safety objectives
- Managed fire suppression, rescue, medical response, and prevention services
- Managed budget, resource allocation, financial planning, tenders, RFPs, and cost control
- Led fire safety education campaigns, represented the department in community meetings, and fostered strong relations
- Implemented training programs, ensured readiness for emergencies, and acted as

incident commander during crises

- Drove operational improvements and collaborated with municipal departments and external agencies
- Developed strategic goals, ensured compliance with provincial regulations, and evaluated department performance

### **Deputy Fire Chief**

The City of Prince Rupert

Prince Rupert, BC

2019 – 2023

- Advised the City Manager and elected officials on fire protection, emergency services, preparedness, bylaws, fire prevention, and budgeting
- Managed 24 IAFF career firefighters and 12 CUPE 911 dispatchers
- Conduct Fire and Explosion origin and cause investigations
- Oversaw the management of the 911 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP)
- Chaired the occupational health and safety committee
- Implemented computer-aided dispatch software and electronic shift scheduling software to modernize operations
- Managed staff payroll submissions
- Led employees through coaching, mentoring, and performance management
- Managed a \$4.5M budget, developed departmental policies, and ensured compliance with industry standards and regulations
- Implemented dispatch software, managed firefighter training, and ensured equipment maintenance. Led incident command and fire prevention programs

### **Fire Chief**

The City of Flin Flon

Flin Flon, MB

2016 – 2019

- Coordinated and delivered fire & rescue training, ensured compliance with firefighter training standards, and developed training reports
- Conducted fire inspections, issued compliance orders, and implemented community fire prevention programs.
- Conduct Fire and Explosion origin and cause investigations
- Developed firefighting plans, policies, and a fire apparatus replacement program. Collaborated with stakeholders and led a firefighter training program for First

Nations communities

- Developed social media platforms, conducted media interviews, and presented to community stakeholders on departmental activities
- Reviewed, developed, and implemented policies ensuring compliance with NFPA standards and the Occupational Health & Safety Act
- Advised the chief administrative officer and elected officials on fire protection, emergency services, and budgeting. Managed staffing of 36 paid-on-call firefighters

### **Deputy Fire Chief**

Abu Dhabi National Oil

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

2015 – 2016

- Developed and implemented policies and procedures and conducted gap analysis to meet department strategic goals
- Collaborated with internal and external stakeholders to ensure effective operations
- Provided incident command, strategy, tactics, and emergency disaster management for a large-scale hydrocarbon storage facility
- Provided direction on NFPA standards, procedures, and training, and developed training materials and lesson plans
- Ensured firefighter training standards and equipment maintenance programs were efficient and effective, and that fire apparatus were maintained according to department policies
- Developed pre-fire plans, procedures, and departmental policies

### **Fire Training Officer**

Qatar Shell GTL

Qatar, United Arab Emirates

2013 – 2015

- Led technical rescue operations at the world's largest GTL plant in Qatar, overseeing a modern industrial fire and rescue department
- Ensured firefighter training standards and equipment maintenance programs were efficient and effective
- Coordinated and delivered fire & rescue training to firefighters, and prepared training reports and records

- Managed the training and continuous development of crew members in rope rescue and confined space operations