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Bill has conducted over 1,666 fire investigations including fatal fires, explosions of residential structures, commercial structures and vehicles. His professional experience includes over 17 years with the Toronto Police Force and 22 years of fire investigations with the Office of the Fire Marshal. Bill has been declared an expert witness in Youth Court, Provincial Court, Coroners Court and Superior Court.

CERTIFICATIONS

- Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator (CFEI)

TECHNICAL AFFILIATIONS

- Canadian Association of Fire Investigators (CAFI) since 2012

EDUCATION

Bloor Collegiate Institute

Ontario Secondary School Diploma
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Fire and Explosion Investigator

OCI Group (Formerly Origin and Cause Inc.)
Burlington, Ontario
September 2012 — Present

- My present duties include the investigation of accidental fires; incendiary fires; suspicious fires; and large loss fires. These investigations include the determination of the area of the fire origin and source of ignition; the collection of physical evidence; scene photography and related documentation.
- I am also an Associate Instructor with the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management-Ontario Fire College. I develop and deliver fire cause related courses to the fire and police services in the Province of Ontario at the Ontario Fire College in Gravenhurst and in the field in various communities throughout Ontario

Supervisor, Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services

Office of the Fire Marshal
2008 — 2012

Fire Investigator/Acting Supervisor Duties, Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services

Office of the Fire Marshal
1990 — 2008

- Over my 22.2-year career with the Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) I was appointed as a Fire Investigator and Supervisor pursuant to the provisions of Part III Section 10 of The Fire Protection and Prevention Act (Bill 84), Chapter 4, Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1997. I have conducted 213 fire tests for various fire educational purposes since joining the Office of the Fire Marshal involving combustibles, accelerants, smoldering ignition and oxygen related products.

First Class Police Constable 53 Division

Toronto Police Service
Toronto, Ontario
1972 – 1990

- During my 17.11 year career with the Toronto Police Force (Service) and was assigned to uniform and investigative duties. During this time I achieved the rank of First Class Constable. The duties I performed included Training Constable for new recruits, investigative opportunities such as Criminal Investigation Bureau, Old Clothes Squad and Youth Bureau. My duties were served in 53 Division.

FURTHER TRAINING & EDUCATION

Fire Investigator Training – Ontario Fire College
Gravenhurst, Ontario, 2012

Northeast Training Conference
North Bay, Ontario, 2012

Fire Investigator Training – Ontario Fire College
Gravenhurst, Ontario, 2011

Northeast Training Conference
North Bay, Ontario, 2011

Fire Investigator Training – Ontario Fire College
Gravenhurst, Ontario, 2010

Northeast Training Conference
North Bay, Ontario, 2010

Canadian Association of Fire Investigators Annual Conference
Niagara Falls, Ontario, 2009

Fire Investigator Training – Ontario Fire College
Gravenhurst, Ontario, 2009

Promoted to Supervisor – Office of the Fire Marshal
Midhurst, Ontario, 2008

Moose on the table, Presentation on “Leadership”
Toronto, Ontario, 2008

Death Investigation – Durham College
Oshawa 2008

Acting Supervisory Position – Team “A” – Midhurst Regional Office
Midhurst, Ontario, 2008

Fire Investigator Training – Ontario Fire College
Gravenhurst, Ontario, 2007

Post Fire Hazmat Training – Ontario Fire College
Midhurst, Ontario, 2007

Acting Supervisory Position – Team “A” – Midhurst Regional Office
Midhurst, Ontario, 2006/07

Fire Investigator Training – Ontario Fire College
Gravenhurst, Ontario, 2006/08

Fgi World (E.A.P.) Peer Support Training
Barrie, Ontario, 2006

Fire Investigator Training – Ontario Fire College
Gravenhurst, Ontario, 2005

Acting Supervisory Position – Team “B” – Midhurst Regional Office
Midhurst, Ontario, 2004

Fire Investigator Training – Ontario Fire College
Gravenhurst, Ontario, 2003

Effective Writing – Office of the Fire Marshal
Barrie, Ontario, 2003

Acting Supervisory Position – Team “B” – Midhurst Regional Office
Midhurst, Ontario, 2003/04

Fire Investigator Training – Ontario Fire College
Gravenhurst, Ontario, 2001

Pass Certification Hard Copy File Management – Ontario Fire College
Gravenhurst, Ontario, 2001

Fire Investigator Training – Ontario Fire College
Gravenhurst, Ontario, 2000

Fire Investigator Training – Ontario Fire College
Gravenhurst, Ontario, 1999

Pass – Certification for Post Blast Course
Ottawa, Ontario, 1998

Passed 921 Certification Training – N.A.F.I.
Toronto, Ontario, 1995

Canadian Fire Investigation School Seminar
Mississauga, Ontario, 1994

921 Certification Training – N.A.F.I.
Chicago, Illinois, 1994

Internal Fire Investigator Training – Ontario Fire College
Gravenhurst, Ontario, 1990/98

Fire Crime Detection, Level One – Ontario Fire College
Gravenhurst, Ontario, 1990

Criminal Investigation – Ontario Police College
Aylmer, Ontario, 1988

Police Constable Recruit Training “A & B” – Ontario Police College
Aylmer, Ontario, 1973

Webinar Training

Tricks of the trade Part 2: Contractor liability in construction claims (29 April 2020)

The critical role accelerant detection dogs play in forensic investigations (06 May 2020)

Rise of the machines: Appliance fires and flood claims (27 May 2020)

Under the weather: Getting to the root cause of wind & snow damage (10 June 2020)

Through fire and water: Investigating marine fire and explosion claims (20 August 2020)

Investigating fires at federal correction institutions in Canada (26 August 2020)

Fire investigation 101: A forensic expert’s process & mentality (23 September 2020)

How to build individual & organizational pathways for resiliency for first responders (15 October 2020)

Water fraud investigations (28 October 2020)

Vehicle fraud investigations (28 October 2020)

Structure fire incendiary investigations (28 October 2020)

Structural fraud investigations (28 October 2020)

Break & enter investigations (28 October 2020)

Dynamics of slow ignition scenarios (Application of cigarettes to various fuels) (24 November 2020)

Emergency shoring: Rules of thumb & common mistakes (17 March 2021)

Arson for profit (25 March 2021)

Electrical vehicle fires in Canada (06 April 2021)

Personal injuries: The causes & the damage done (14 April 2021)

Introduction to aircraft crash investigations (10 June 2021)

Fire sprinkler systems: Understanding how & why they fail (23 June 2021)

Fire Dynamics 101 – Part 1 (30 June 2021)

Accident reconstruction: Putting the pieces together (26 August 2021)

Keeping up with fuel-burning equipment fires (29 September 2021)

PRESENTATIONS

I have lectured to 66 public agencies, police fire and community groups on various fire related topics.

PUBLICATIONS

Fatal High Rise Fire – 2 Forest Laneway, North York Ontario. Published in the Canadian Association of Fire Investigators Journal – Quarterly report

COURT EXPERIENCE

My duties also require me to present my findings in court, and I have been declared an expert witness in Youth Court, Provincial Court, Coroners Court and Superior Court.

I have been qualified as an expert 31 times in all levels of the court system.

I have also testified in four inquests.