

MARVIN E. "GENE" BULLINGTON

SUMMARY

Mr. Bullington is an experienced fire origin and cause investigator with over 35 years in the industry. Gene specialties include but are not limited to fire and explosion origin and cause determination for residential, commercial, and industrial losses, including marine structures. He is also well versed in the evaluation of defects in product manufacturing, design, installation, and use. He has also assisted in complex matters involving building, electrical and fire code compliance evaluations. Mr. Bullington is qualified as an expert in determining the origin and cause of fires, fire growth dynamics, and electrical fire causes in cases at both State and Federal levels.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Social and Behavior Science (with emphasis on Criminal Justice) - University of South Florida, 1985

Associate of Science in Police Administration - St. Petersburg Junior College, 1982

U.S. Navy, 1972

- Electronics School
- Fire Control Technicians School

REGISTRATIONS & CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator, NAFI

Certified Forensic Consultant, ACFEI

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI); Member

Florida Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI); Member & Past President

Florida Advisory Committee on Arson Prevention (FACAP); Member & Past Secretary

PARCO Arson Co-op of Florida, Inc.; Past President

American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC); Member

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA); Member

American College of Forensic Examiners (ACFEI); Diplomat/Life Member/Fellow

International Code Council; Member

National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI); Member

National Academy of Forensic Engineers (NAFE); Affiliate

2011 Appointed to the Advisory Board for Certified Criminal Investigators, American College of Forensic Examiners

International

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Additional courses and/or certifications completed in the following:

- FACAP 35th Annual Training Conference, Gainesville, FL 2013
- Executive Summit of the American College of Forensic Examiners International, Las Vegas, NV; 2012
- Advance Fire Investigation Conference, National Association of Fire Investigators, Sarasota, FL; 2011
- Executive Summit of the American College of Forensic Examiners International, Branson, MO; 2011
- FACAP Annual Training Conference, Gainesville, FL 2010, 2011
- Annual Conference of the American College of Forensic Examiners International, Orlando, FL; 2010
- Annual Conference of The American College of Forensic Examiners, Las Vegas, NV; 2009
- Annual Conference of The American College of Forensic Examiners, San Diego, CA; 2008
- Certification Conference of The American College of Forensic Examiners, Chicago, IL; 2004

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- Annual Conference of The American College of Forensic Examiners, New York, NY; 1999
- FACAP Annual Seminar, Ocala, FL; 1996, 1992
- 13th Annual Fire Investigation School, sponsored by IAAI, West Palm Beach, FL; 1991
- IAAI 42nd Annual Training Seminar, New Orleans, LA; 1991
- Institute for Professional Advancement, West Brunswick, NJ - "Failure Analysis of Non-Metals"; 1990
- IAAI 40th Annual Training Seminar, Clearwater, FL; 1989
- FACAP Conference, Daytona Beach, FL; 1989
- 10th Annual Fire Investigation School, sponsored by IAAI, Clearwater, FL; 1988
- 9th Annual Fire Investigation School, sponsored by IAAI and PARCO Arson Co-op of Florida, Inc., West Palm Beach, FL; 1987
- University of Wisconsin course entitled "The 1987 National Electric Code", Orlando, FL; 1987
- 8th Annual Fire Investigation School, sponsored by International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI) and PARCO Arson Co-op of Florida, Inc., Clearwater, FL; 1986
- IAAI 37th Annual Training Seminar, Atlanta, GA; 1986
- PARCO Arson Co-op of Florida, Inc., St. Petersburg Beach, FL - "Fire Scene Evidence Gathering Techniques"; 1986
- U.S. National Fire Academy, Emmitsburg, MD - "Fire/Arson Investigation"; 1985
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Glynco, GA - "Advanced Explosives Investigation Techniques"; 1985
- Valencia Community College, Orlando, FL - "Arson Detection and Investigation"; 1984
- International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI) - 35th Annual Training Seminar, Clearwater, FL; 1984
- Hughes Institute - "Electrical Fires - Causes, Investigation, Analysis and Prevention"; 1984
- Florida Commission on Criminal Justice Standards and Training Course; 1979 - 1985
 - "DWI Law Enforcement"
 - "Traffic Homicide Investigation"
 - "Traffic Accident Investigation"
 - "Crimes Against Property"
 - "Interviews and Interrogation"
 - "Police Officer Stress and Resolution"
 - "Police Officer Skills Development"
 - "Instructor Techniques"
- Pinellas Police Academy - Police Recruit Course; 1978
- U.S. Navy - Advanced Computer Maintenance; 1973

CAREER HISTORY

FORCON International - Marine/Fire Cause & Origin Consultant

Conducting forensic investigation and expert witness services as it relates to his fields of expertise.

Interscience, Inc., Tampa, FL - Chairman of the Board, President, Chief Operations Officer, Senior Forensic Analyst

Interscience, Inc., Tampa, FL - Vice President, Manager of Loss Analysis Group

Fire and explosion origin and cause determination for residential, commercial and industrial losses. Evaluation of defects in product manufacturing, design, installation and use. Building, electrical and fire code compliance evaluation.

Pinellas County Sheriff Department, Largo, FL - Deputy

Served as field training officer. Specialized in vehicular homicide investigation. Specialized in fire/arson investigation. Developed a countywide arson intelligence system and a countywide arson task force.

JRB Investigation, Largo, FL - Part Time Consultant

On staff as a fire causation consultant. Worked on the development of fire training material covering both public and private sectors.

Pilarz Industries, St. Petersburg, FL - Technical Manager

Manager of technicians for two subsidiaries in electronic sales and service.

U.S. Navy - Fire Control Technician

Technician performing troubleshooting, repair and design of electronic and electro-mechanical systems, radar and computer operation and repair. Trained in the proper handling and operation of weapons, explosives, rockets and fire control systems.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, Tampa Bay Mariner's Club – Marine Fire Investigators; 2020
- Speaker, National Academy of Forensic Engineers, San Diego, CA, - "Marine Fire Investigations"; 2020
- Speaker, NASP Annual Conference, Washington, DC - "Communications between experts, attorneys, and adjusters"; 2019
- Speaker, NAFI Conference, Dallas TX — "Evidence Collection and Preservation"; 2018
- Speaker, NAFI Conference, Dallas, TX — "Fire Scene Photography"; 2018
- Speaker, FACAP Annual Conference, Ocala, FL - "Evidence Collection and Preservation."; 2013
- Speaker, Orlando Claims Association, Orlando, Fl. -"Evidence Collection, Preservation, and Presentation."; 2012
- Speaker, FACAP Annual Conference, Ocala, FL - "Evidence Collection, Preservation, and Presentation."
- Speaker, FACAP Annual Conference, Ocala, FL - "Evidence Collection, Preservation, and Presentation."; 2010
- Speaker, American College of Forensic Examiners International, Orlando, FL - Evidence Collection, Preservation, and Presentation."; 2009
- Speaker, FACAP Annual Conference, Ocala, FL -"Electrical Fire Investigation"; 1999
- Speaker, FACAP Meeting, Ft. Myers, FL - "Boat Fire Investigations";1998
- Speaker, IAAI, Florida Chapter Conference - "Electrical Fire Investigation"; 1996
- Speaker, FACAP Annual Seminar, Ocala, FL; 1996
- Speaker, FACAP Meeting, Tampa, FL - "Appliance Fires"; 1995
- Speaker - IAAI Fire Investigation School, West Palm Beach, FL - "Boat Fire Investigation"; Mar. 1991
- Speaker - FACAP Conference, Daytona Beach, FL - "Investigation of Boat Fires"; Nov. 1989
- Speaker - PARCO Arson Co-op of Florida, Inc. and Florida Chapter of IAAI - 7th Annual Fire and Arson Investigation School; Feb. 1986

PRESENTATIONS

Developed course entitled "Fire Scene Evidence Collection Techniques", sponsored by PARCO Arson Co-op of Florida, Inc.; Aug. 1986.

ACADEMICS

- Instructor at the Pinellas Police Academy - "Arson Investigation"; 1984 – 1989 (Cofounder of the Arson Task Force of Pinellas County)
- Guest Lecturer - University of South Florida - "Arson Investigation"; March 1985
- Guest Lecturer - St. Petersburg Junior College - "Arson Investigation"; Sept. 1985
- Instructor - Pinellas Police Academy - "Fire Death Investigation"; 1985 - 1990
- Lecturer - International Association for Identification Annual Education Conference, Clearwater, FL; Oct. 1986