

We are the world's oldest company specializing in fire and explosion investigation, analysis and litigation. Our experts have investigated almost every type of fire and explosion imaginable. They are the tops in their field, serving on the NFPA committees that set the standards for fire investigator methodology and qualifications. They are not only investigators, but analysts, researchers, authors and leaders in the industry.

Types of fire and explosion incident we investigate include:

- Natural, Accidental & Incendiary (Arson) Causes
- Residential, Commercial and Industrial
- Vehicles, Boats and Aircraft
- Cooking, Appliance and Building Systems
- Industrial Process, Refinery, Chemical, Oil and Mining
- Propane, Natural Gas and other Flammable or Hazardous Liquids, Gases and Materials
- New, and Up and Coming Technologies

Services Offered include:

- Scene Investigation
- Evidence Collection
- Evidence Examination
- Laboratory Analysis
- Codes and Standards
- Research
- Flammability Testing
- Computer Fire Modeling
- Failure Analysis
- Litigation Support
- Expert Testimony
- Case Review

Our Experts:



Richard J. Meier – Staff Expert, Fire and Explosion Analyst. Qualifications include a B.S.–Mechanical Engineering Technology, Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator (CFEI), Certified Fire Investigation Instructor (CFII), Certified Vehicle Fire Investigator (CVFI), Certified Fire Protection Specialist (CFPS), and Fire Investigation Technician (IAAI-FIT). He serves as board member for National Association of Fire Investigators, member of the Technical Committee for *NFPA 1033 – Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigator*, and on standards committees for ASTM, ABYC and other organizations. He has taught fire investigation for National Association Fire Investigators, the International Association Fire Investigators, and other organizations. He is a published fire researcher and author. Richard Meier has been engaged in design and manufacturing engineering, failure analysis, and fire and explosion investigation for over twenty-five years.



Patrick M. Kennedy – Principal Expert, Fire and Explosion Analyst. With over fifty years of professional experience, Pat Kennedy is also the senior-most active fire analyst, with more years of experience than any other active fire investigation professional. Qualifications include three B.S. degrees (including a *Summa Cum Laude* degree in Fire and Safety Engineering Technology), and CFEI, CFII, CVFI, CFPS, and MFireE certifications. He, along with his father (John Kennedy, now retired) authored several well regarded fire and explosion investigation textbooks. He serves on several prominent fire investigations related codes and standards committees of both the ASTM and the NFPA. He serves as a charter principal member of the Technical Committee for *NFPA 921 – Guide for Fire and Explosion Investigation* and principal member the Technical Committee for *NFPA 1033 – Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigator*. He is the Immediate Past Chairman of the NFPA Fire Science and Technology Educators Section and Chairman of the Board of the National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI).

Kathryn C. Smith - Staff Expert, Fire and Explosion Analyst, Investigations Manager. Qualifications include a B.S.–Fire Protection and Safety Engineering Technology, and CFEI, CFII and CVFI certifications. She is a published fire researcher and author. She is the Vice Chairman of NAFI, and member of the Technical Committee for *NFPA 921 – Guide for Fire and Explosion Investigation*. Ms. Smith has been engaged in fire and explosion investigation for over ten years.

Associate Experts – John A. Kennedy and Associates engages the uses of Associate Experts when the scope of a case demands a particular field of expertise, or the magnitude of the incident demands a full complement of specialists to handle the investigation and analysis. Each Associate expert has been fully vetted and is among the top in their particular field. CV's will be made available when the expert is engaged.