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John Agosti — Principal Expert: John has more than 28 years in the fire service and has conducted over 2000 fire related investigations as a private fire cause and origin investigator. John is experienced in fire origin and cause determination, civil and criminal arson defense, arson prosecution, product cases, fire and building code, life safety and smoke detectors, fire department operations/ procedures, civilian and firefighter injuries and fatalities. He has provided loss reviews, fire investigations, technical expertise, and litigation support for numerous major insurance carriers and attorneys throughout the U.S. John has testified in state and federal courts for plaintiff and defense clients, in both criminal and civil matters. Qualifications include: A.S.S. in Fire Science, Certified Fire Investigator (IAAI), Certified Fire & Explosion Investigator (CFEI), Certified Vehicle Fire Investigator (CFVI) and Certified Fire and Arson Investigator (National Fire Academy & Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal).



Michael Agosti — Staff Expert: Michael has more than 18 years in the fire service and has been a professional fire analyst and staff expert for more than twelve years. He has conducted several hundred fire and explosion fire scene investigations as both a public and private fire investigator. Qualifications include: Certified Fire Investigator (IAAI), Certified Fire & Explosion Investigator (CFEI), Certified Vehicle Fire Investigator (CFVI) and Certified Fire and Arson Investigator (Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal). Michael also has experience and knowledge in all aspects of fire department operations, technical rescue, hazardous materials and emergency medical services.



Scott Schmauderer— Staff Expert: While serving as a professional fire analyst and staff expert for Agosti & Associates for the past six months. Mr. Schmauderer has conducted fire scene investigations. These include fires in single family dwellings, high rise structures, multi-family structures, as well as vehicles. His responsibilities and experience as a fire analyst include photography, witness interviewing, report writing and evidence collection. Not only does Mr. Schmauderer work in the private sector, but for the past eighteen years has served as a firefighter/paramedic and a certified fire investigator for the Streamwood, Illinois Fire Department. Mr. Schmauderer has experience and knowledge beyond fire and explosion analysis, to include fire department operations in all aspects, including hazardous materials and emergency medical.



Kelly Esker — Staff Expert: Mr. Esker is a professional fire analyst and staff expert with Agosti & Associates and has conducted numerous fire scene investigations. He currently serves as a Lieutenant/Shift Commander and as an executive board member on a county investigation task force and incident management team in central Wisconsin. Qualifications include: B.A. in Specialized Administration, A.S. in Fire Protection Technician and Certified Fire Investigator (IAAI). Additionally, he holds certifications in fire department operations, technical rescue, hazardous materials and emergency medical services.



Eric Globberger — Staff Expert: Mr. Globberger has conducted public sector fire and explosion investigations including single family residences commercial properties, vehicle fires, and fire deaths since 2009. As a fire analyst, his responsibilities and experience include photography, interviewing, scene documentation, evidence collection, and report writing. He has experience and knowledge in all aspects of in fire department operations including safety, dive rescue, code enforcement, fire prevention, incident management, emergency medical services, and grant writing. Mr. Globberger currently serves as a Battalion Chief and certified fire investigator for Lake Forest Fire Department where has been a member since 2009.

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