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Henry W. Stormer, IAAI-CFI(V), CFPS is a Certified Fire Investigator through the International Association of Arson Investigators and a Certified Fire Protection Specialist through the National Fire Protection Association.

He has over 37 years of experience investigating fire and explosions, and was named the Newtown CT police department Fire, Arson and Hazmat Investigations Officer in 1986. In 1990 he became certified by the Department of Public Safety as a Fire Marshal, holding the dual role of Police Sergeant and Deputy Fire Marshal with the Town of Newtown until his retirement in 2005. From 1997 through 2002 he served as the commanding officer of the Detective and Youth Divisions while also serving as the department training officer and an instructor in Criminal Investigation, Fire Investigation, Defensive Tactics, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault crimes.

In November of 2005 Mr. Stormer was appointed Deputy/Assistant Fire Marshal for the Town of Seymour CT. In 2007 he was appointed as the first full time Fire Marshal for the Town of Southbury CT and served until December 2011. Mr. Stormer started working part-time as a private fire investigator in November 2010 and in January of 2012 he became a full-time, Private Senior Fire Investigator for EFI Global Inc.

In November of 2014 Mr. Stormer became the National Fire Investigation Division Manager for Fire Investigation at The Vertex Companies Inc. and in 2021 became the President of Vertex Fire Investigations LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of The Vertex Companies Inc.

EXPERIENCE

OCTOBER 2021 – PRESENT

PRESIDENT, MANAGER, VERTEX FIRE INVESTIGATIONS LLC WEYMOUTH MA – NEW YORK NY

- Fire Investigation Division Management and supervision, licensing, H&S compliance, budgeting, control, billing, purchasing, editing, training, instruction, peer, and supervisory report reviews.
- Fire and Life Safety Code Reviews – Property Condition Assessments
- Fire and Life Safety Code, Fire Investigation – Litigation Support
 - Fire Investigations - Origin and Cause, Fire and Explosion Incidents
 - Fire Investigations – Failure Analysis
 - Fire Investigations – Incendiarism
 - Fire Investigations – Liability, Fire Code Compliance
 - Fire Investigations – Subrogation
- LICENSED - AL, CT, DE, FL, IN, KY, MA, MD, MI, NJ, NY, NJ, OH, SC, TX, VT, WV
RECIPROCAL- CA, CO, GA, ID, LA, MS, NC, OK, RI, SD, TN, VA, WY

NOVEMBER 2014 - PRESENT

NATIONAL DIVISION MANAGER – FIRE INVESTIGATION, THE VERTEX COMPANIES
WEYMOUTH MA - STAMFORD CT – NEW YORK NY

- Fire Investigation Division Management and supervision, licensing, H&S compliance, budgeting, control, billing, purchasing, editing, training, instruction, peer, and supervisory report reviews.
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- Fire and Life Safety Code, Fire Investigation – Litigation Support
 - Fire Investigations - Origin and Cause, Fire and Explosion Incidents
 - Fire Investigations – Failure Analysis
 - Fire Investigations – Incendiarism
 - Fire Investigations – Liability, Fire Code Compliance
 - Fire Investigations – Subrogation

JANUARY 2012 TO NOVEMBER 2014

SENIOR FIRE INVESTIGATOR, EFI GLOBAL INC, FALL RIVER MA
Assigned responsible area, Northeast United States: CT, NY, NJ, MA

- Fire Investigations - Origin and Cause
- Fire Investigations – Failure Analysis
- Fire Investigations – Incendiarism
- Fire Investigations – Liability and Subrogation

November 2010 to January 2012

FIRE INVESTIGATOR (Part Time), EFI GLOBAL INC, FALL RIVER MA

MARCH 2007 TO DECEMBER 2011

FIRE MARSHAL, TOWN OF SOUTHBURY CT

- Fire and Explosion Investigation
- Fire and Life Safety Code inspection and enforcement
- New Construction and renovation plan review
- Permit issuance and inspection -fireworks, explosives, open burning, IST removal
- HAZMAT Vehicle Inspections

SEPTEMBER 1994 TO MARCH 2007

DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL, TOWN OF SOUTHBURY CT

- Fire and Explosion Investigation
- Fire and Life Safety Code inspection and enforcement
- New Construction and renovation plan review
- Permit issuance and inspection -fireworks, explosives, open burning, IST removal
- HAZMAT Vehicle Inspections

NOVEMBER 2005 TO MARCH 2007

DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL, TOWN OF SEYMOUR CT

- Fire and Explosion Investigation
- Fire and Life Safety Code inspection and enforcement
- New Construction and renovation plan review

AUGUST 1990 TO NOVEMBER 2005

DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL, TOWN OF NEWTOWN CT

- Fire and Explosion Investigation
- Fire and Life Safety Code inspection and enforcement

OCTOBER 1989 TO APRIL 2005

POLICE SERGEANT, TOWN OF NEWTOWN CT

- Shift Commander
- Patrol Supervisor
- Department Training Officer
- Police Instructor – Domestic Violence, Sex Assault, Criminal Investigation
- Policy development
- Criminal and Motor Vehicle investigation/enforcement supervision
- Traffic enforcement records and statistics
- Fire, Arson and Hazmat Investigations, instruction, and policy formulation

JULY 1997 TO JULY 2002

COMMANDING OFFICER: DETECTIVE/YOUTH DIVISIONS, TOWN OF NEWTOWN CT

- Criminal and Youth Investigations and Supervision
- Department Training Officer
- Police Instructor – Domestic Violence, Sex Assault, Criminal Investigation
- Policy development
- Criminal records and statistics
- Fire, Arson and Hazmat Investigations, instruction, and policy formulation

JANUARY 1982 TO OCTOBER 1989

POLICE PATROL OFFICER, TOWN OF NEWTOWN CT

Criminal and motor vehicle law enforcement, Investigation, community policing

OCTOBER 1980 TO JANUARY 1982

POLICE DISPATCHER, TOWN OF NEWTOWN CT

Law enforcement emergency telecommunication

AUGUST 1978 TO JANUARY 1982

FIREFIGHTER, ENGINEER, FIRE PREVENTION, SANDY HOOK VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE, SANDY HOOK CT

Firefighter, Engineer, Community and Public School, Fire Prevention Instruction

EDUCATION

AUGUST 1990

CONNECTICUT FIRE MARSHAL CERTIFICATION SCHOOL, CT DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, MERIDEN CT

Certified in Fire Investigation, Fire Code and Hazmat

OCTOBER 1989

NEW ENGLAND INSTITUTE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT MANAGEMENT, BABSON COLLEGE, WELLESLEY MA

Law Enforcement Management, Supervision, Business, Strategy, Sociology

April 1982

CONNECTICUT POLICE ACADEMY, MERIDEN CT

Police Patrol, Laws of Arrest and Search and Seizure, Defensive Tactics, Firearms, Criminal and Motor Vehicle Investigation, Connecticut Penal Code, Motor Vehicle Laws, Firearms

JUNE 1979

NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL, SANDY HOOK CT

Graduate

CERTIFICATIONS

- Certified Vehicle Fire Investigator, Jan 2019, International Association of Arson Investigators
- Licensed Private Investigator Agency, Manager, Qualifying Agent
- Certified Fire Investigator, 2010, IAAI
- Certified Law Enforcement Instructor, 1996 CT Police Academy and FBI
- Certified Fire Marshal, Fire Investigator, 1990 CT Dept of Public Safety (1990-2015)
- Certified Fire Protection Specialist, Dec 2018, National Fire Protection Association
- Public Fire and Life Safety Instructor, 2007 CT Fire Academy/NFPA
- Open Burning Official, 2001, CT DEP
- Certified Police Officer, 1982 CT Police Academy (1982-2005)
- National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications, Fire Investigator and Public Fire and Life Safety Instructor

EXPERT QUALIFICATIONS, DISCLOSURES, TESTIMONY

- Fire/Flood Loss, Alden Leeds Inc v. QBE Specialty Ins, State, Essex County NJ, ESX-L-5111-13
- Fire/Property Loss, Vermont Mutual v. Bruce Fern, State, Bridgeport CT, FBT-CV13-6033184-S
- Product Liability, Middlesex Mutual v. Asko Appl., State, Middletown CT, MMX-CV-14-6012429-S
- Professional Liability, Chan, Tung Po et al v. All State Fire, New Britain CT, HHB-CV14-6024620-S
- Fire Code, Old York LLC v. Abington Township, et al, US District Court, East PA, 2016-1731(NIQA)
- Fire/Liability, Walker Concrete Co v. Massana Inc, State, Fulton County GA, 17EV002285
- Economy Premier Insurance v. Edward Petro, State, Waterbury CT, UWY-CV19-6051055-S
- Fire/Fatality, Thomas Sidik v. Royal Sovereign, US District Court, EDNY, 2:17-CV-7020 (ADS/ARL)

SPECIALIZED EDUCATION AND INVESTIGATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Energy Storage and Photovoltaic Systems, NFPA, 5/2020
- OSHA: HAZWOPER 40, Construction 10, Asbestos Awareness 2
- Investigating Residential Dryer Fires, 2016
- Youth Set Fires, CT Fire Academy/IAAI, 10/2011
- Public Fire and Life Safety Instructor, CT Fire Academy/NFPA, 2010

- Vehicle Fire Investigation School, CT State Fire Marshal, 10/2008
- Advanced Fire Investigation School, CT State Fire Marshal, 5/2008
- St. Anselm College Arson School, St. Anselm College, 1989
- Large loss commercial and residential fires
- Commercial and residential Photovoltaic and Energy Storage System Fires/Codes
- Subrogation and Liability
- Vehicle Fires including Commercial Motor Carriers, RV's, Construction Equipment
- Commercial Cooking Fires, Hood Systems, Suppression Systems
- Residential and Commercial Clothes Dryers and Appliance Fires
- Fire Code Related Fire Investigations and Liability

ORGANIZATIONS

- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
- National Association of Subrogation Professionals (NASP)
- National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI)
- International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI): International, New York and New Jersey Chapters
- Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE)
- International Association of Marine Investigators