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Synopsis of Curriculum Vitae

Mr. Pinder has over 28 years of professional fire service and 10 years of Fire Investigation experience. During this time, he has held several roles including: Firefighter, Emergency Medical Technician, SCBA Technician, Lieutenant in Fire Suppression, Lieutenant in Marine Division, Hazardous Material Technician, and Fire/Explosion Investigator. Duties performed during these roles included: Pre-incident planning, fire code inspections, fire suppression, team leader, lead instructor, vehicle and vessel maintenance, fire cause and origin determination. He also has experience in building construction, natural gas and propane services.

Mr. Pinder is a Certified Fire Investigator (IAAI-CFI) and Evidence Collection Technician (IAAI-ECT) through the International Association of Arson Investigators, a Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator (NAFI-CFEI) through the National Association of Fire Investigators, and a Certified Fireplace and Chimney Inspector through the Fire Investigation Research & Education Service (F.I.R.E.). He is a Licensed Private Investigator in Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts. He is licensed in Natural Gas and Propane Delivery, Installation, and Appliance Service through the State of Maine and for Gas Service in New Hampshire.

Mr. Pinder has an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) in Fire Science, graduating Summa Cum Laude from Kaplan University. He has also attended the National Fire Academy and completed courses in Fire/Arson Origin and Cause Investigations, Interview, Interrogation Techniques and Courtroom Testimony, Forensic Evidence Collection, and Practical Application of Fire Dynamics and Modeling. He has completed numerous educational seminars and continued education courses in the field of fire investigation.

Mr. Pinder has professional affiliations with the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI), National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI), and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). He has held seats as: Board of Director, Vice-President, and President of the Maine Chapter of International Association of Arson Investigators. He has been locally recognized for his efforts by receiving the Firefighter of the Year Award, Administrative Service Award, Esprit de Corps Award, Community Service Award, and Officer of the Year Award from the City of Portland.

Licenses and Certifications

- Certified Fire Investigator (IAAI-CFI), License # 60-010810
- Certified Fire / Explosion Investigator (NAFI-CFEI), License # 18285-10073
- F.I.R.E. Certified Fireplace & Chimney Inspector, # FCI-331
- Natural Gas and Propane Installation, State of Maine, License # PNT6340
- Natural Gas and Propane Appliance Service, State of Maine, License # PNT6340
- Natural Gas and Propane Delivery, State of Maine, License # PNT6340
- Natural Gas and Propane Service Technician, New Hampshire, License # GF1508089
- Private Investigator, State of Maine, License # 9904136
- Private Investigator, State of New Hampshire, License # 72147
- Private Detective, State of Massachusetts, License # LP0118A

Project Experience

EFI Global/NiSource

Lawrence, Massachusetts 2018

Fire Investigator

Lead investigator in a long-term fire investigation representing Columbia Gas Company.

EFI Global/FM Global

South Portland, Maine 2017

Fire Investigator

Lead investigator on multi-million-dollar food distribution warehouse fire.

EFI Global/Butler, Weihmuller, Katz, Craig, LLP.

Cape Elizabeth, Maine 2017

Fire Investigator

Lead investigator on multi-million-dollar Inn/Resort building fire.

Portland Fire Department

Portland, Maine 2014

Fire Investigator

Lead investigator who worked with local police to make arrest in string of ten arson fires.

Portland Fire Department

Portland, Maine 2014

Fire Investigator

Member of Portland FIU who worked with State Fire Marshal's and ATF agents on fire that resulted in six fatalities.

Portland Fire Department

Portland, Maine 2010

Fire Investigator

Lead investigator who worked with local police to make arrests in arson fire.

Professional Experience

- Fire & Explosion Investigations, Senior Fire Investigator, 2020 – Present
- EFI Global, Inc., Senior Fire Investigator, 2015 – 2020
- Portland, Maine Fire Department, Lieutenant/Marine Division, 2012 – 2015
- Portland, Maine Fire Department, Lieutenant/Fire Investigation Unit, 2010 – 2015
- Waltz & Sons Propane, Buxton, Maine, Delivery and Service Technician, 2006 - 2010
- Portland, Maine Fire Department, Lieutenant/Fire Suppression, 2000 – 2015
- Portland, Maine Fire Department, Firefighter/EMT, 1989 – 2000
- South Portland Fire Department, Firefighter/EMT, 1986 - 1989

Specialized Education

- Multiple Fire Investigation training seminars, IAAI Maine Chapter, FEMA, St. Anselm College, Southern Maine Community College and CFITrainer.net, 2008-Present
- F.I.R.E Fireplace & Chimney Inspectors Course, 2019
- HAZWOPER Refresher, HazMat Student, LLC, 2018
- Practical Application of Fire Dynamics and Modeling, National Fire Academy, 2015
- Forensic Evidence Collection, National Fire Academy, 2013
- Interview/Interrogation Techniques, Courtroom Testimony, National Fire Academy, 2012

- Fire/Arson Origin & Cause Investigations, National Fire Academy, 2011

Education

- Associates of Applied Science in Fire Science, Kaplan University, South Portland, Maine, 2014

Affiliations

- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), 2018 – Present
- National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI), 2013 - Present
- International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI), 2010 - Present
- International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), 1986 - Present
- International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI), Maine Chapter, BOD, 2012 – Present
- International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI), Maine Chapter, President, 2014-2015
- International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI), Maine Chapter, Vice-President, 2013-2014

Courses Instructed/ Guest Lecturer

- Marine Fire Investigation, Maine Chapter IAAI
- Fire Behavior, Portland Fire Department Training Academy
- Basic Fire Investigation, Portland Fire Training Academy
- Scene Preservation, Portland Fire Training Academy

Honors and Awards

- Captain John Rafferty: Officer of the Year Award, City of Portland, Maine 2015
- Firefighter William M. Perry: Community Service Award, City of Portland, Maine 2011
- Liberty Mutual: Esprit de Corps Award, City of Portland, Maine 2009
- Chief Oliver T. Sanborn: Administrative Service Award, City of Portland, Maine 2003
- Firefighter Thomas O'Connor: Firefighter of the Year Award, City of Portland, Maine 1998