

Structure Fires • Explosions • Auto • Heavy Equipment

FIRE ORIGIN & CAUSE SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE MIDWEST

For 20 years, Agosti & Associates has provided quality and thorough fire origin and cause investigations, loss analysis and litigation testimony throughout the Midwest. Our experts are nationally and internationally Certified Fire Investigators and have conducted thousands of investigations. Our experts will examine your fire loss and quickly identify your subrogation potential as well as your liability exposure.

- Competitive Rates: Please call for current pricing
- Rapid Response: Normally within 24 hours of assignment
- Timely Reports: Verbal & written
- Expert Analysis: National & Internationally Certified Fire Investigators
- Compliant: NFPA 921 & NFPA 1033 compliant investigations



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Fire & Explosion Investigation

Agosti & Associates provides fire origin and cause investigations, fire consulting, and fire expert witness services throughout the United States and Canada. Our fire experts are Certified Fire Investigators with national and international certifications and have conducted thousands of investigations from small equipment to high rise fires.

Types of Investigations

- *LP & Natural Gas Fire & Explosions*
- *Residential, Commercial, Industrial & High Rise*
- *Auto, Truck & Heavy Equipment*
- *Mobile Home, RV's, & Marine*
- *Commercial Equipment*
- *Hazardous & Asbestos Sites*

Services

- *Detailed site examinations to evaluate and analyze the fire loss*
- *Detailed documentation with photographs, videotaping, diagrams and depiction of the scene*
- *Comprehensive and objective reports detailing origin, cause and circumstances*
- *Identify subrogation potential and liability exposure*
- *Expert testimony and consultation for litigation support*

Water loss Investigations

- *Detailed site examinations to evaluate and analyze loss*
- *Detailed documentation with photographs, videotaping, diagrams and depiction of the scene*



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Fire Analyst/Consultant, Agosti & Associates, Inc.

As a past member of the Skokie, Illinois Fire Department for twenty-eight years, Mr. Agosti progressed from a Firefighter/Paramedic to the position of Deputy Fire Chief. Mr. Agosti has extensive experience in fire and arson investigation; fire prevention and life safety codes; fire department management, operations and safety; and firefighter fatalities and injuries. He has responded to hundreds of major fire and crime scenes and has testified in court on the conclusions of his investigations. His investigations have led to successful criminal indictments and convictions.

Mr. Agosti's fire department responsibilities included the review of all construction plans for compliance to fire and building codes. His expertise in building construction and fire code compliance, coupled with his knowledge of firefighting techniques and fire spread, lends a unique blend to his fire investigation capabilities.

In addition to his fire department exposure to hundreds of fire investigations, Mr. Agosti has extensive experience in the private sector also. Over the past 25 years Mr. Agosti has conducted over 2500 fire related investigations as a private fire cause and origin investigator. He has provided loss reviews, fire investigations, technical expertise, and litigation support for numerous major insurance carriers and attorneys throughout the U.S. Responsibilities include complete report writing, evidence collection, still and video photography, interviewing of witnesses, and deposition and expert witness appearances. Mr. Agosti has testified in both state and federal courts, for both plaintiff and defense clients, and both criminal and civil matters.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Associates Degree in Fire Science
Certified Arson Investigator, State of Illinois
Certified Fire Investigator, National Fire Academy
Certified Fire Officer 1 & 2, Illinois Fire Service Institute

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Certified Fire Investigator, International Association of Arson Investigators
Licensed In: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan & Wisconsin

PRACTICE AREAS

Fire and Explosions: Arson defense/prosecution; electrical fires; gas explosions; vehicular fires; structure fires; fire deaths/injuries. Fire scene evidence and spoliation issues.

Building and Fire Codes: Fire/Building code violations; Life Safety Code violations; smoke detector issues; Fire spread issues; fire prevention analysis.

Fire Department Practices: Fire department operations/practices/management; firefighter deaths/injuries/safety; discipline and termination issues.



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Fire Analyst/Consultant, Agosti Fire Investigations

While serving as a professional fire analyst and staff expert for Agosti Fire Investigations for the past 21 years, Mr. Agosti has conducted over 1500 fire and explosion fire scene investigations. These include fires and explosions in single family dwellings, high rise structures, commercial structures, as well as vehicles and heavy equipment. His responsibilities and experience as a fire analyst include photography, witness interviewing, report writing, evidence collection and deposition/trial testimony. He has successfully managed large scale joint fire scene inspections involving dozens of other parties and experts.

Mr. Agosti also has extensive experience in the public sector as a municipal firefighter. Since retired and having served 25 years within that sector, he has conducted criminal arson investigations that have led to successful criminal charges.

Mr. Agosti has experience and knowledge beyond fire and explosion analysis, to include fire department operations in all aspects, including technical rescue, hazardous materials and emergency medical. He is also proud to have served in the United States Marine Corps, where he gained invaluable, worldwide experience in leadership and work ethics and was honorably discharged.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Certified Fire Investigator, International Association of Arson Investigators
Certified Arson Investigator, State of Illinois
Certified Fire & Explosion Investigator, NAFI
Certified Vehicle Fire Investigator
Certified Paramedic
Certified Rope Rescue
Certified Trench Rescue
Certified Confined Space Rescue
Certified Collapse Rescue
Certified Fire Apparatus Engineer
Certified Hazardous Materials Operations
Licensed In: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan & Wisconsin

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Fire Analyst/Consultant, Agosti Fire Investigations

While serving as a professional fire analyst and staff expert for Agosti & Associates since 2019, Mr. Schmauderer has conducted multiple 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 21 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.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Certified Fire Investigator, IAAI
Certified Fire & Explosion Investigator, NAFI
Certified Fire Investigator, Illinois State Fire Marshal
Certified Paramedic, Illinois Department of Health
Certified Juvenile Setter Counselor, Illinois State Fire Marshal
Certified Fire Inspector, Illinois State Fire Marshal
Certified Fire Apparatus Engineer, Illinois State Fire Marshal
Certified Hazardous Materials Operations, Illinois State Fire Marshal

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Mr. Agosti is a professional fire analyst and staff expert with Agosti & Associates. He has conducted hundreds of fire and explosion fire scene investigations. These include fires and explosions in single-family dwellings, high-rise structures, commercial structures, as well as vehicles and heavy equipment. His responsibilities and experience as a fire analyst include photography, witness interviewing, report writing, and evidence collection.

Mr. Agosti also serves as a firefighter/EMT for the Antioch, Illinois Fire Department. Mr. Agosti has experience and knowledge beyond fire and explosion analysis, to include fire department operations, including hazardous materials and emergency medical.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Bachelor's Degree: Fire, Arson and Explosion Investigation from Eastern Kentucky University
Minor in Fire & Safety Engineering Technology

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Certified Fire & Explosion Investigator, NAFI

Certified Vehicle Fire Investigator

Certified Fire Apparatus Engineer

NREMT Emergency Medical Technician

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Mr. Swidler is a professional fire analyst and staff expert with Agosti & Associates. He has conducted numerous fire and explosion fire scene investigations. These include fires and explosions in single-family dwellings, high-rise structures, commercial structures, as well as vehicles and heavy equipment. His responsibilities and experience as a fire analyst include photography, witness interviewing, report writing, and evidence collection.

Mr. Swidler brings with him a wide variety of knowledge from the public sector. He has been involved in numerous public sector fire and explosion investigations, including single and multi-family dwellings, commercial structures, and vehicle fires.

Along with working in the private sector, Mr. Swidler has and continues to work in the public sector. He currently serves as a Firefighter/Paramedic for the last 17 years as well as a Fire Investigator since 2019 in the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District in Lincolnshire, Illinois.

Mr. Swidler has experience and knowledge beyond fire and explosion analysis, to include fire department operations, hazardous materials, emergency medicine, as well as active shooter and rescue task force operations.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Associates Degree, Fire Science
Certified Fire & Explosion Investigator, NAFI
Certified Fire Investigator, Illinois State Fire Marshal
Vehicle Fire Investigations, Public Agency Training Association
Post Blast Investigative Techniques, ATF
Youth Fire-Setter Intervention Specialist, Illinois State Fire Marshal
Certified Fire Officer I & II, Illinois State Fire Marshal
Certified Paramedic, Illinois Department of Public Health
Hazardous Materials Technician A & B, Illinois State Fire Marshal

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Fire Investigation Technician, IAAI

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Office Manager, Agosti Fire Investigations

Case Experience:

Ms. Freund assists in overseeing cases of multiple fire investigators working on projects relating to fire, arson, water damage, building code violations and explosions; Ms. Freund provides hands-on experience and is highly motivated and focused on maintaining high standards of quality, productivity, and attention to detail in support of company functions as well as communicating with empathy, in regards to the devastation of our insured's needs. Ms. Freund has developed solid partnerships with staff, attorneys, insurance companies, law enforcement and other municipalities to better serve our industry professionals.

Professional Summary:

Ms. Freund has 25 years of business management experience to include; ensuring profitability and developing strong long-term relationships; history of excellence in interpersonal communication and network development;.

Education:

Associates Degree in Business

Community Projects:

Ms. Freund has also been active in numerous community projects, including Christmas Clearing House, raising money for families in need, sponsored by the Woodstock Rotary Club; Snowball, a drug and alcohol abuse prevention program organized by School District #200; and named Vice President of the Dean Street School, District #200 PTO.



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