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Professional Summary:

Ms. Hoogendoorn has over 500 hours of fire investigation related training that has extended over 8 years of experience as a fire origin and causation investigator working within both the public and private sectors.

Ms. Hoogendoorn has personally investigated or supervised over 300 fire and explosion incidents that have involved commercial and residential properties, vehicles, agricultural and construction equipment. Ms. Hoogendoorn was responsible for investigation possible violations of Federal and state law involving explosives and arson affecting interstate commerce and other fires in which assistance from state and local agencies had been requested. Ms. Hoogendoorn was responsible for collection of evidence from fire and explosives scenes and processing evidence for transmittal to the laboratory. Ms. Hoogendoorn was responsible for case investigations, report preparations, trail preparation, conducting interviews, presenting criminal case reports to a prosecutor, preparing, and serving arrest and search warrants, and when called upon to testify as a government witness.

Ms. Hoogendoorn was also called upon to assist the ATF National Response Team on several occasions to include the 2020 riots in Minneapolis/St. Paul in which approximately 165 fires were investigated.

Ms. Hoogendoorn is a Certified Fire Investigator through the International Association of Arson Investigators and the National Association of Fire Investigators and meets the National Board for Fire Service Professional Qualifications of NFPA 1033.

Licenses and Certifications:

Certified Fire Investigation, International Association of Arson Investigators, License, Certificate Number 30-071312 (2017, 2022)

Minnesota Private Detective License #989

Iowa Private Investigator License #151746

Nebraska Plain Clothes Investigator License #1840

Haz Train, HAZWOPER

ATF New Professional Training Academy, 2001

Federal Criminal Investigator Basic Academy, 2001

Project Experience:

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, National Response Callout in St. Paul, Minnesota following the George Floyd riots. Team lead for one of four teams designed to conduct and investigate the origin and cause of the multiple fire scenes that occurred.

Court Qualifications/ Depositions:

Litigation CV available upon request.

Professional Experience:

EFI Global, Senior Fire Investigator, 2023-Present
Vergon & Associates, Fire Investigator, 2022-2023
Bureau of ATF, Special Agent/Certified Fire Investigator, 2015 – 2022
Bureau of ATF, Special Agent, 2000-2015

Specialized Education:

Handling of Lithium-Ion Batteries, MN IAAI, 2024
Introduction to Wildland Fires, MN IAAI, 2024
Marijuana Extraction Fires, MN IAAI, 2024
Examination of Wi-Fi Smart plugs, MN IAAI, 2024
Analyzing Electrical Systems, MN IAAI, 2024
Toxicology in Fire Investigations, MN IAAI, 2024
Strategies for the Testifying Fire Investigator, MN IAAI, 2024
Asbestos Hazards Awareness, MN IAAI, 2024
Minnesota IAAI Conference, MNIAAI, 2023
Minnesota IAAI Conference, MNIAAI, 2022
Annual ATF CFI Recertification, ATF, 2022
South Dakota IAAI Conference, SDIAAI, 2021
Annual ATF CFI Recertification, ATF, 2021
Minnesota IAAI Conference, MNIAAI, 2021
South Dakota IAAI Conference, SDIAAI, 2019
Annual ATF CFI Recertification, ATF, 2019
Minnesota IAAI Conference, MNIAAI, 2018
ATF Enclosure Fires, Fire Research Lab, ATF, 2017
Advanced Origin and Cause/Courtroom Techniques, ATF, 2016
Arson & Explosives Investigations Fire Dynamics, OSU, 2016
Haz Train, HAZWOPER, 2016
NFPA 921/1033/495, OSU, 2015
NFA R206, FEMA, 2015
NFA R255/Electrical Aspects of Fire Investigation, FEMA, 2015
ATF Complex Arson Investigation, ATF, 2014
ATF New Profession Training, ATF 2001
Federal Criminal Investigator Basic Academy, ATF, 2001
Post Blast Investigations, ATF, 2001

Education:

Graduate Certificate Forensic Science, Arson and Explosives Investigations, Oklahoma State University, Graduate College, Stillwater, OK, 2017

Bachelor of Arts: Business Administration, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD, 1993

Affiliations:

International Association of Arson Investigators, IAAI, Certificate Number 30-071312
South Dakota International Association of Arson Investigators (SDIAAI)
Minnesota International Association of Arson Investigators (MNIAAI)

Courses Instructed/ Guest Lecturer:

Fire Departments Role in Fire Investigations, South Dakota Fire School (2021, 2022, 2023)

Honors and Awards:

ATF Distinguished Service Medal