

# Simmeana Westbrook | Fire Investigation, NAFI - CFEI

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# **Professional Summary:**

Simmie Westbrook has over 20 years of experience in the fire service and insurance industry where she has conducted in excess of 2000 fire origin and cause investigations. She has experience as a Lead Fire investigator, advanced peace officer, master fire inspector, emergency management technician, and insurance industry claims specialist. Mrs. Westbrook has extensive training in fire origin and cause determination, arson investigations, scene management, evidence management, and fraud investigations. Mrs. Westbrook is a Certified Fire/Explosion/Vehicle Investigator with the National Association of Fire Investigators, and a Master Inspector with Texas Commission on Fire Protection.

Her areas of investigative expertise include:

- Residential & commercial fire investigations
- Vehicle fire investigations
- Fraud Investigations
- Scene Management

Mrs. Westbrook worked in Public Safety not only as an Arson Investigator, but also as a Section Chief of Fire Prevention Education and Inspection where she managed and lead multiple teams of Fire Prevention Officers responsible for the inspection, compliance and testing of life safety systems in new and existing construction projects, hazardous material locations, municipal airports, and high-rise healthcare facilities in the City of Dallas.

#### **Licenses and Certifications:**

Certified Fire & Explosion Investigator, National Association of Fire Investigators

Advanced Peace Officer, TCOLE

TCFP/IFSAC – Advanced Arson Investigator, Master Inspector, Instructor II

Adjusters License / All-Lines - Texas Department of Insurance

Advanced Peace Officer Texas Commission on Law Enforcement 416987

Advanced Arson Investigator, Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, 66798

Master Fire Inspector, Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, 125434

Adjuster - All Lines, Department of Insurance - Texas, 1518954

Private Investigator Texas, Texas Department of Public Safety, 1586982

Private Investigator New Mexico New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Dept, PI20241030

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#### **Professional Experience:**

EFI Global, Inc., EIT / Fire Investigator, 2024 – present

State Farm Fire and Casualty Company, Claims Specialist, 2023 - 2024

BCFS: Health and Human Services / Emergency Mgt Technician, 2021-2022

Dallas Fire-Rescue Department, Fire Prevention Section Chief 2018-2021

Dallas Fire-Rescue Department, Fire/Arson Investigation Captain 2013 – 2018

Dallas Fire-Rescue Department, Fire Prevention training instructor / Lieutenant, 2000-2013

United States Air Force, SSgt, 1990-1999

### **Specialized Education:**

A Basic Approach For Investigating Vehicle Fires, 24 hours, Pasadena Fire Marshal's Office, 2024 Making Arson Cases Stronger to Withstand Defense Attorneys, 4 hours, Tarrant County Fire & Arson Inv. Assoc., 2024

Hummel Murder Case Study, 4 hours, Tarrant County Fire & Arson Inv. Assoc., 2024

Case Study: Haltom City Arson, 2 hours, Tarrant County Fire & Arson Inv. Assoc., 2024

Bridging Justice: The Victoria Islamic Center Fire Impact, 2 hours, Tarrant County Fire & Arson Inv. Assoc., 2024

Mental Health For Fire Investigators, 2 hours, Tarrant County Fire & Arson Inv. Assoc., 2024 Hands on Fire Scene Photography, 2 hours, Tarrant County Fire & Arson Inv. Assoc., 2024 Floatrical Assocts of Scene Examination, 4 hours, Tarrant County Fire & Arson Inv. Assoc., 2024

Electrical Aspects of Scene Examination, 4 hours, Tarrant County Fire & Arson Inv. Assoc., 2024 Investigating Appliance and Product Failures, 4 hours, Tarrant County Fire & Arson Inv. Assoc., 2024

Investigating Lightning Strike Fires, 4 hours, Tarrant County Fire & Arson Investigators Assoc., 2024

Critical Tasks in Fire Investigations, 4 hours, Tarrant County Fire & Arson Investigators Assoc., 2024

Fire Investigator Scene Safety 3 hours, CFI Trainer.net, 2024

Motor Vehicles: Transmission, Exhaust, Brake & Accessory Systems 3 hours, CFI Trainer.net, 2024

Motor Vehicles: The Engine and the Ignition, Electrical, & fuel Syst 3 hours, CFI Trainer.net, 2024 Investigating Motor Vehicles 4 hours, CFI Trainer.net, 2024

NFPA 1033 & 921 2022/2021 Editions Important Updates 3 hours, CFI Trainer.net, 2024

Ethics and the Fire Investigator 3 hours, CFI Trainer.net, 2024

The Scientific Method for Fire & Explosion Investigation 3 hours, CFI Trainer.net, 2024

NFPA 1033 & Your Career 2 hours, CFI Trainer.net, 2024

Law Enforcement and the Elderly, TCOLE, 2023,

Ethics for Law Enforcement, TCOLE 2023

Crisis Intervention, Dallas Police Academy, 2022,

Arrest, Search, and Seizure, Johnson County Seriff's Office, 2020

Advanced Human Trafficking, Montgomery County Sheriff's office, 2020

Basic Electricity, CFI Trainer, 2020

Critical Evaluation and Testing of Commonly Reported Accidental Causes, CFI Trainer, 2020

Effective Investigation and Testimony, CFI Trainer, 2020

Electrical Safety, CFI Trainer, 2020

Explosion Dynamics, CFI Trainer, 2020

Fire Flow Analysis, CFI Trainer, 2020

How First Responders Impact the Fire Investigation, CFI Trainer 2020

Use of Force, Dallas Police Academy, 2019

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De-Escalation Techniques, Dallas Police Academy, 2019 Civilian Interaction Training, Baylor Healthcare System DPS, 2019 Incident Command System, IS100c, IS200b, IS700b, IS703a, IS706, IS800, ICS300, ICS400 Dallas, TX, 2014

## **Education:**

Bachelor of Science, Business Management, University of Phoenix, Sacramento, CA 2002

#### **Affiliations:**

International Association of Professional Black Fire Fighters, Member International Association of Arson Investigators, Member National Association of Fire Investigators, Member North Texas Fire Marshalls Association, Member

# **Courses Instructed/ Guest Lecturer:**

Fire Prevention and Code Enforcement

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