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EXPERIENCE

David E. Cantrell is a fire consultant with over 25 years of progressive experience in the fire service industry and 13 years of experience in the agricultural industry. As a fire investigator and consultant, he advises clients such as owners, insurance carriers and attorneys regarding the origin and cause of fire and explosion incidents. Mr. Cantrell's fire origin and cause consulting experience includes projects in most of the United States. He has undertaken investigations into vehicles, single- and multi-family residential, commercial, industrial, and agricultural structures, machinery, and properties. David has investigated fires for liability carriers in thirty-five states, nationwide. Mr. Cantrell has extensive experience in the poultry production area of agriculture.

Mr. Cantrell achieved the rank of Assistant Chief at the Hackleburg Fire Department. He has participated in numerous investigations, including structural, vehicle, and machinery fires. He has managed inspections and pre-fire planning of area structures, coordinated training for emergency responders in the state of Alabama and assisted in investigations with state, local and federal investigative authorities.

WORK HISTORY

2021 – Present Owner/Principal Consultant of aj² Fire Forensics, LLC, Hackleburg, AL

2022 – Present Part-time Investigator – Crain and Associates, Birmingham, AL.

2017 – 2021 Fire Forensics Consultant – MKA International, Pensacola, Florida

2014 – 2017 Forensic Fire Consultant - GHD Fire Forensics, Birmingham, Alabama

2012 – 2014 Proctor/Instructor - Alabama State Fire College, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

2007 – 2013 Assistant Director - Marion County Emergency Management, Hamilton,
Alabama

2004 – 2007 Regional Flight Paramedic - Air-Evac, Emergency Medical Services, Southeast
Region, throughout Alabama and Tennessee

1996 - Present Assistant Chief/Fire Investigator - Hackleburg Fire Department, Hackleburg,
Alabama

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science, Religion, Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia, 2012

Associate in Applied Science, Fire Services Management, Northwest Shoals Community
College, Muscle Shoals, Alabama, 2002

Associate in Applied Science, Emergency Medical Services, Northwest Shoals Community
College, Muscle Shoals, Alabama, 2001

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS & AFFILIATIONS

International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI), Certified Fire Investigator (CFI), and
vehicle fire investigator designation (V). Valid till 3/2025

National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI), Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator
(CFEI). Valid till March 2024

State of Alabama Certified Fire Investigator II

State of Alabama Certified Firefighter II

State of Alabama Certified Hazardous Materials Technician

State of Alabama Certified Fire Instructor I

State of Alabama Private Investigator

Alabama Association of Arson Investigators – Member, Board of Directors, 2nd Vice President

Association of Christian Investigators – Member

Alabama Private Investigator Association – Member

CASE HISTORY

The Cincinnati Insurance Company v. Phillip Beasley, Case # 6:16-cv-01941-TMP

Date: July 6, 2017.

Court: United States District Court, The Northern District of Alabama, Jasper Division.

Sentry Insurance, A Mutual Company, as subrogee of Imperial Gardens, Inc, a corporation v.
Cora, Inc. d/b/a Mr. Rooter Plumbing and Gary Wayne Hutchens, an individual.

Date: July 13, 2018.

Court: Circuit Court of Madison, County, Alabama.

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER: CV-2020-900036

Martin Speight and Ethel Speight, Plaintiffs, v. SERVPRO of Chilton, Coosa,

Tallapoosa & Chambers Counties, et al.

March 18, 2022.

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER: CV-2021-900740

Tawaka Townsend, Estate of Jamarreo T. Lykes, Plaintiff, v. Copper Creek Tuscaloosa, LLC, d/b/a Copper Creek Apartments: et al, Defendants.

Circuit Court of Tuscaloosa County, Alabama

March 1, 2023

CASE NUMBER: 3:22-cv-00449-MHH

Bunkhouse Conversion, Inc, Plaintiff, v. Attain Specialty Insurance Company, et al, Defendants.

United States District Court for the Northwestern District of Alabama, Northwestern Division.

June, 2024