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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 Forensics Consultant at aj² he advises clients such as owners, insurance carriers and attorneys to determine 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 for vehicles and single- and multi-family residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural structures and properties.

Mr. Cantrell achieved the rank of Assistant Chief at the Hackleburg Fire Department. He has participated in numerous investigations, including structural, vehicle, and marine 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 the Alabama State Fire Marshal's Office.

WORK HISTORY

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

2017 – 2021 Fire Forensics Consultant - Madsen, Kneppers & Associates, Inc., 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)

National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI), Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator
(CFEI)

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

National Association of Subrogation Professionals – Member

Association of Christian Investigators – Member