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Senior Fire Investigator

Mr. Berino has a vast and diverse background in the fire investigation arena. He has been in the fire service for over 29 years, with 25 of those years involving investigative work. He is currently a career Deputy Chief with the Lake Dillon Fire District in Colorado. Mr. Berino is deputized, works on a county-wide arson task force and serves as an instructor in fire investigations for a community college and many insurance groups. He also holds National and State certifications in fire investigations.

Mr. Berino entered the field of pyrotechnics initially as a hobby. Over the past 29 years he has received extensive training in the subject area and has choreographed and designed and fired over 2600 pyrotechnics displays for a wide variety of venues all across Colorado. Mr. Berino is a staunch advocate for fireworks safety and in addition to being involved in complex pyrotechnic displays he utilizes his scientific expertise achieved in fire investigations to conduct scientific investigations involving pyrotechnic accidents.

Mr. Berino works in the private field in addition to the public sector, giving him an excellent balance of investigative methodology. Employed as a senior fire investigator with PIE Forensic Consultants out of Arvada, Colorado for ten years, Mr. Berino is one of the private sector fire investigators with certification and vast experience in Origin and Cause Investigations, Wildfire Investigations and Pyrotechnics. He has had articles published in regional newsletters, including a feature article in Claims Magazine.

In addition to the many qualifications in fire investigations, Mr. Berino is deployed to manage and combat some of the large campaign-style wildfires throughout the United States. He has risen through the Federal qualification process to the positions of Division Supervisor and Incident Commander Type III. This hands-on firefighting experience enables him to gain a firsthand understanding of wildfire behavior which has enhanced his investigative skills.