

# E. METTS HARDY, CFEI

## *Regional Vice President, Southeast Region*

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### **YEARS OF EXPERIENCE: 30**

### **EDUCATION**

Business Administration coursework,  
Delta State University

### **LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS**

Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator,  
NAFI, #3808-544, 1992

Certified Fire Causation Instructor,  
Tennessee State Fire School

Certified Hazardous Materials Technician,  
Georgia Institute of Technology, #1000

Licensed Private Investigator:

Tennessee, #0000086

South Carolina, #PCD1513

Georgia, #04198

### **AFFILIATIONS**

International Association of Arson  
Investigators (IAAI). Chapters:  
Tennessee

National Association of Fire Investigators  
(NAFI)

Tennessee Advisory Committee on Arson

National Fire Protection Association

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

EFI Global, Regional Vice President,  
Southeast Region, 1998 – Present;  
District Manager/Senior Investigator, April  
1996 – July 1998; Special Agent/Senior  
Investigator, September 1986 – March  
1996

Newell Investigative Services, Special  
Investigator, September 1985 – August  
1985

Equifax Insurance Services, Fire  
Investigator, February 1985 – August  
1985

Bolivar County Fire Department,  
Investigator/Command Officer/  
Firefighter/EMT, November 1976 –  
August 1986

### **PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY**

Mr. Hardy has more than 30 years of experience conducting fire service and insurance-related investigations, specializing in causes of fire and explosions in residential and commercial properties, vehicles, etc. He has also attended and instructed various seminars and continuing education programs related to fire investigation and NFPA 921.

### **COURT QUALIFICATIONS**

Expert Witness: Fire Causation, State Courts – Mississippi, Arkansas, Kentucky, Tennessee

Expert Witness: Fire Causation, Federal Court – Tennessee

### **SPECIALIZED EDUCATION**

Fire/Arson Detection, National Fire Academy, Jackson, Mississippi

Electrical Fire Investigation, University of Alabama - Birmingham

Fire Investigation of Electrical Causes, University of Southern Mississippi

Advanced Arson, Mississippi State Fire Academy

Fire/Arson Investigation, International Association of Arson Investigators

Cause and Origin on Fires, Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office

Fire Investigation Techniques, Tennessee International Association of Arson Investigators

Arson Detection Instruction Training, Tennessee State Fire School

Hazardous Material Emergency Response, Georgia Institute of Technology

Cause and Origin of Fires and Explosions, Eastern Kentucky University

Fire/Arson Detection, National Fire Academy

Fire Investigation, Tennessee Advisory Committee on Arson

### **COURSES INSTRUCTED / GUEST LECTURER**

Accidental Fire Causes

Fire Investigation, Level II

Fire Cause and Origin

Fire Cause Recognition

Practical View of NFPA 921

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**PRESENTATIONS**

Hardy, Metts. "Interviewing Emergency Responders." National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators, March 2005.

Hardy, Metts. "Large Loss Management." Florida IAAI, September 1998; Tennessee Advisory Committee on Arson Annual Seminars, 1992 – 1994, 1997.

Hardy, Metts. "Evidence Collection Practices According to NFPA 921." State Farm Insurance Company, November 1996.

Hardy, Metts. "Fire Cause and Origin." Motlow State Community College, March 1994.

Hardy, Metts. "National Fire Academy's Fire and Arson Detection." Robertson County Fire Department, January 1992; Wilson County Emergency Management Society, September 1992.

Hardy, Metts. "Moot Trial for New Trial Attorneys." National Bar Association, 1987.

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

Volunteer Instructor Service Award, August 1993

Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Achievement in Arson Investigation, May 1993