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Mr. Berino is a fire and explosion origin and cause investigator and has also been a firefighter for over 40 years. He has been involved in hundreds of fire and explosion investigations involving subrogation issues, expert testimony, code analysis, technical research, wildfire origin and cause, and evidence collection. He is well known for his many years of experience in wildfire investigations in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico for government agencies and utility companies. He also has expertise in fire scene incident management and senior level instruction for leadership and fire science classes.



EDUCATION

Executive Fire Officer Program, National Fire Academy, 1992
Associate of Applied Science Degree in Fire Science, Colorado Mountain College, 1990
BS, Business Administration, North Adams State College, Massachusetts, 1979
Fire Investigation and Courtroom Testimony courses, National Fire Academy, Maryland

CERTIFICATION & LICENSURE

Over 1,900 hours of (tested) training on various aspects of fire investigation from local, state, and national speakers/associations.
Over 8,000 hours of executive level leadership training in all aspects of firefighting and leadership.
State of Colorado Certification for the following:
Fire Investigator (CCFI), Fire Inspector, Fire Officer III, Pyrotechnics Operator, Hazardous Materials at Operations Level, Fire Instructor, Fire Suppression Systems Inspector, Type 3 Incident Commander
Fire and Explosion Investigator (CFEI)
Department of Justice Emergency Response to Terrorism
Incident Commander of the Northwest Colorado Type 3 Incident Management Team
National Wildfire Investigator Training – Federal Law Enforcement Training Center
Internationally Certified International Fire Code, Level II
Nationally Certified Uniform Fire Code Level II
Nationally Certified Type III Incident Commander for NWCG & FEMA Overhead Teams
Vocational Teaching Certificate Fire Science and EMS
Department of Homeland Security Advanced Incident Commander
Incident Commander Summit County Incident Management Type IV Team (Non NWCG)
FEMA Certified in the National Incident Management System at 700 and 800 level
NWCG Certified Wildfire Investigator (INVF)
Colorado EMT-B, EMT-I, EMT-P

WORK HISTORY

Senior Investigator, *AEI Corporation*, 2015 to Present
Chief, *Summit Fire Authority and EMS*, 2015 to 2020
Senior Fire Investigator, *PIE Consulting & Engineering*, 2000 to 2015
Firefighter to Fire Chief, *Frisco & Lake Dillon Fire District*, progressed through every rank in the fire service via competitive testing and advancement processes: Firefighter, Engineer, Lieutenant, Captain, Fire Marshal, Assistant Chief, Deputy Chief, Fire Chief, 1980 to 2015
Volunteer, *Summit County Ambulance Service* EMT-B, EMT-I, EMT-P, 1984-1998

Volunteer, *American Red Cross* – CPR Instructor, 1984-2005
Explorer Scout, assisted in founding and staffing the *North Stamford Ambulance Volunteer Service*, 1974-1975

AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Frisco's Finest, Awarded by the Town Council and Mayor of Frisco, Colorado, February 2020
Colorado Fire Chief of the Year, Awarded by Colorado Division of Fire Prevention & Control, Colorado State Fire Chiefs, and Colorado Professional Firefighters Association, October 2019
Life Saving Award – Summit County Sheriffs Dept. 1988
Life Saving Award – Summit County Ambulance Service 1990
Instructor of the Year – Colorado Mtn College – 1988
Instructor of the Year – Colorado Mtn. College – 1990

PUBLICATIONS

List available on website, www.AEIengineers.com

AFFILIATIONS

Colorado State Fire Chiefs Association, Chairman Wildfire Section
Colorado State Fire Chiefs Association
Colorado Special District Association
International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI)
International Fire Chiefs Association
International Fire Code Institute
National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI)
National Fire Protection Association, Society of Executive Fire Officers