

# Dion L. Saint

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**Firensics, A Haag Global Company, has one guiding philosophy:**  
*We make it easy for you to do business with us.*

We accomplish this in three ways:

- 1) By making sure that you don't waste time tracking down your fire expert; we keep you updated on your claim by contacting you regularly.
- 2) By conducting in-depth investigations that answer all of the questions you need answered.
- 3) By reporting quickly and professionally so that you can properly document your file.

## EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE:

Dion has investigated, assisted, and/or supervised more than 350 origin and cause investigations, including fires and explosions involving fatalities, as well as complex subrogation issues involving multi-million-dollar losses. His work has included first party insurance investigations, third party insurance defense work, plaintiff's work, consumer product liability cases, contractor liability, and file review. Investigations have included losses to residences, vehicles, commercial/industrial structures, and wild land fires. Dion has actively participated in live burn training and post blast training. He has participated in federal training programs administered through the United States Department of Justice and Homeland Security to include improvised explosive chemical industry outreach, vehicle borne improvised explosive devices, and criminal elements of the sovereign citizen movement – state and local anti-terrorism training program.

When assigning your next fire or explosion claim, keep these things in mind about Saint:

- Holds a fire and explosion certification through NAFI – CFEI.
- 14+ years of investigative training and experience.
- Experienced law enforcement professional in city, county, state, and federal law enforcement.
- Completion of the Florida State Fire College – Fire Investigator I. & II.
- Assisted in the 2017 California Wildland Fires.
- Court tested and reliable. Experienced in civil cases, and state & federal criminal trials.
- Provided expert testimony in arson cases resulting in prosecution of defendants.
- Honorably retired Florida State Fire Marshal – Bureau of Fire, Arson, & Explosion Investigations.

Dion L. Saint, NAFI-CFEI, Firensics  
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**Firensics, A Haag Global Company**

Fire Consultant  
Tampa, FL  
July 2021 – Present

**Department of the Air Force**

Police Officer  
Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida  
September 2020 – July 2021

**GED Lawyers, LLP**

Intake Investigator / Manager  
Panama City, Florida  
May 2019 – July 2019

**Envista Forensics**

Senior Consultant  
Tampa, Florida  
October 2017 – May 2019

**Panama City Police Department**

Police Officer  
Panama City, Florida  
August 2004 – February 2006  
September 2016 – October 2017

**Bay County Sheriff's Office**

Criminal Investigator  
Panama City, Florida  
February 2006 – September 2010  
Deputy Sheriff  
September 2015 – September 2016

**New Mexico Department of Public Safety**

Special Agent  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
September 2014 – August 2015

**State of Florida – Bureau of Fire, Arson, & Explosion Investigations**

Detective / Law Enforcement Investigator II  
Panama City, Florida  
September 2010 – August 2014



## EDUCATION:

**Florida State Fire College**, Ocala, Florida  
Fire Investigator I. / Fire Investigator II.  
2011-2013

**Troy University**, Panama City/Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida  
Major area of study: Criminal Justice  
2010-2011

**Gulf Coast State College** Panama City, FL  
Police Academy – Basic Recruit Certificate (815hrs.) Certificate #243952  
2004

## PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS:

National Association of Fire Investigators  
Certified Fire Explosion Investigator (# 22528-12875)

## PROFESSIONAL LICENSES:

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

- Florida Private Investigator - License # C1800086

## COURT QUALIFICATIONS:

Dion has experience testifying in civil and criminal court proceedings to include depositions and trial testimony during his fourteen-year career in law enforcement. Testimony provided at county/state circuit and the federal district court level. Additionally, he has provided testimony relating to administrative cases, in criminal depositions and/or trial at the county/state circuit and federal district court level (Northern District of Florida). Saint has also provided his expert opinion in criminal depositions in state circuit court for arson cases in reference to the origin and cause of fires resulting in criminal prosecution of the defendants.

## ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

- International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI)

- International Association of Arson Investigators (Florida Chapter)
- National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI)
- Florida Advisory Committee on Arson Prevention (FACAP)

## **SPECIALIZED TRAINING:**

### **FIRE INVESTIGATION**

- **Asbestos Awareness Training**
- **Fire Chemistry**
- **Fire Protection Systems**
- **Arson Investigations**
- **Fire Service Building Construction**
- **Legal Issues for Investigators**
- **Latent Investigation**
- **Origin and Cause**
- **Arson for Profit – Major Case Strategies**
- **Corrugated Stainless Steel Tubing – Understanding the Product, Installation and Perfecting the Subrogation Claim**
- **How to Increase Your Chance of Recovery through Subrogation**
- **Using and Expert Witness in a Fraud Trial**
- **Giving Stronger Depositions and Trial Testimony**
- **Cause and Analysis Effects of Fire Relating to Vehicles, Vessels and Residential Kitchen Fires**
- **Case Law Update**
- **Dealing with the Insured's Representative**

- **Live Burns, Technology, and Safety Issues**
- **Live Burns – Comparison Fires: Accelerated Fires vs. Non-Accelerated**
- **Subrogation Review: The Importance of Evidence**
- **Vehicle Fires and the Insurance Claim**
- **Explosion Dynamics**
- **Process of Elimination**
- **Arc Mapping Basics**
- **NFPA 1033 and Your Career**
- **Digital Photography and the Fire Investigator**
- **A Case Study in the Daubert Challenge**
- **Understanding Fire through the Candle Experiments**
- **Physical Evidence at the Fire Scene**
- **Introduction of Evidence**
- **Documenting the Event**
- **The Scientific Method for Fire and Explosion Investigation**
- **Fire Investigator Scene Safety**
- **Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Device**
- **Criminal Elements of the Sovereign Citizen Movement – State and Local Anti-Terrorism Training Program**
- **Improvised Explosive Chemical Industry Outreach**

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT**

- **Interview and Interrogations**
- **Clandestine Laboratory Certification**
- **Narcotics Identification and Investigation**
- **Radar Speed Measurement Training Course**
- **Basic Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs**
- **Advanced Gang Investigations Development & Management of Major Cases**
- **Laser Speed Measuring Device Transition Operators Course for Radar Operators**
- **Driving Under the Influence (DUI) – Breath Test Operator**
- **Desert Snow: Terrorism/Drug Interdiction**
- **The Bulletproof Mind**
- **Diversion State and Local School No. 15 (pharmaceutical related crimes)**
- **Outdoor Cannabis Investigations/Spotter School**
- **Hazardous Materials Level One Training**
- **Elder Abuse**

## **PROFESSIONAL INSTRUCTION:**

Saint has provided numerous public outreach and training to fire departments throughout northwest Florida to include: Gulf, Bay, Holmes, Washington, and Walton Counties. Training included case studies, juvenile fire setters, case law updates, and physical evidence at the fire scene. 2010-2014 Florida Department of Financial Services, Division of State Fire Marshal, Bureau of Fire, Arson, & Explosion Investigations.