



RESUME OF WILLIAM R. FISHER

SUMMARY

Wildland Fire Investigator with over 40 years of practical experience in wildland fire suppression, investigation and law enforcement with the Washington State Department of Natural Resources and Stevens County Sheriff Department. Mr. Fisher has investigated over 1,800 wildland fires nationally and approximately 10 structure fires. He has testified on many occasions as an expert witness in wildland fire origin and cause, his investigations resulting in the conviction of 5 wildland arsonists and civil judgements totaling approximately \$2 million dollars. He has served as team leader on seven major arson task forces, Washington State Department of Natural Resources, United States Forest Service and the Colville Confederated Tribes in Washington State. He has conducted more than 450 live-burn training fires in a wide diversity of fuel types and fire environments nationally.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

MDE Inc. – Seattle, WA (2006 to Present)

Associate – Wildland Fire Investigator

JB Foresters, LLC – Colville, WA (1987 to Present)

Co-owner - Wildland Fire Investigator and Forestry Consulting

Stevens County Sheriff Department – Colville, WA (1981 – 2006)

Reserve Deputy

Northeast Washington Wildfire Training Group (NEWWTG) – Colville, WA (2002 to Present)

National Wildfire Suppression Association (NWSA) Certified Lead Instructor – Provide wildland fire training to private contractors, fire districts and Indian Tribal members both nationally and internationally.

Washington State Department of Natural Resources – Olympia, WA (1964 to 2004)

Firefighter (1964 – 1966), Wildland fire suppression.

Engine Boss (1966 – 1968), Fire engine driver and provided guidance and direction to a two person crew, fire investigation.

Crew Boss/ Forest Warden (1968 – 1970), Supervised a ten person crew and five engines, fire investigation.

Forest Technician 1 (1970 – 1972), Wrote burning permits, fire suppression, conducted industrial fire tool inspections, fire investigation.

Forest Technician 2/ Fire Investigator 2 – Kettle Falls Local Unit (1972 – 1979), Supervised and assigned work for fire crews, assisted in state land activities, fire investigation.

Assistant Local Manager – Kettle Falls Local Unit (1979 – 1987), Was responsible for 90% of the forest practice workload in the unit, state land management (pre-sales & compliance), fire suppression, crew supervision and training, fire investigation.

Forest Practices Forester/ Fire Investigator 1 (1987 – 1990), Supervised forest practices and service forestry programs, reviewed forest practice applications, provided fire training and statewide instruction for fire investigation, statewide Type 1 Fire Investigator.

Fire Control Unit Forester (1990 – 1993), Supervised fire prevention and suppression activities within the North Columbia district; worked with rural fire districts in mutual aid agreements and fire prevention and training; was responsible for the fire investigation and cost recovery programs; training specialist for line rating on fires.

Fire Protection Forester – Northeast Region (1993 – 1996), Worked with DNR foresters and educators in fire prevention activities; worked with county treasurers, assessors and private land owners on fire patrol assessment taxes; responsible for wildland fire training of DNR and fire district personnel in Northeast Region and issuing task books and red cards.

Natural Resource Investigator/ Fire Investigator 1 (1996 – 2004), Region Law Enforcement Officer responsible for complex criminal and civil investigation; conducted follow up investigations for the Attorney General and County Prosecutors; Region Fire Investigator responsible for overall fire investigation program within Northeast Region, including reviewing all fire investigation reports, managing cost recovery program, supervising other investigations such as arson task forces, project fires, major fire storms and major thefts related to state property; testified as expert for origin and cause investigations.

Current Incident Qualifications include (Red Card) Operations Section Chief Type 2, Incident Commander Type III, Division Supervisor, Level 1 Fire Investigator.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Washington State Department of Natural Resources:

Basic Firefighter, 1964; Engine Boss, 1966; S-290 Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior, 1976; Fire Investigation Training, 1984; Wildfire Origin and Cause Determination (P-151), 1987; Instructor Training, 1987; Advanced Fire Investigation Training Block #1, 1988; Law Enforcement Training, 1988; Advanced Fire Investigation Training Block #2, 1989; Police Powers Training, 1992; Fire Investigation Refresher Training, 1993, 1996, 1999, 2002; S-390 Fire Behavior Calculations, 1994

Washington Criminal Justice Training:

Basic Law Enforcement Reserve Academy, 1981; Interviewing Techniques, 1989

United States Forest Service and Washington State Department of Natural Resources:

Wildland Fire Investigation Training, 1983

International Association of Arson Investigators, Washington State Chapter #21:

Cults, Drug Labs, Personality Profiling, 1989; Trailer House and Propane Fire Investigation, 1990; Building Codes, Materials Fire Causes, 1991; Photography, Flow Charting & Booby Trap ID, 1992; Advanced Arson Investigation, 1993; Arson for Profit, 1994; (NFPA) "921" Investigation & HTA Fires, 1995; Fire Investigation Principals, 1997; Closing the Loop, 1998; Professionalism in Fire Investigation, 1999

Interagency Wildland Arson Task Force between Oregon and Washington, Region 6:

Advanced Wildland Arson Investigation, 1994

Washington State Fire Chief's:

First Responder Awareness/Operations "Train the Trainer", 1999

Colville, Washington:

M-410 Facilitative Instructor Training, 2003

Bureau of Indian Affairs:

FI-210 Wildland Origin and Cause Determination, 2004; Annual Fire Investigation Refresher Training, 2005; FI-310 Wildland Fire Case Development, 2006

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & QUALIFICATIONS

Washington State Reserve Law Enforcement Association (WSRLEA)

International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI)

IAAI, Washington State Chapter #21, *Member and served on Board of Directors for six years*

National Wildfire Suppression Association (NWSA), *Member and Certified Lead Instructor*

Northeast Washington Wildfire Training Group (NEWWTG), *Member and Certified Lead Instructor*

Interagency Wildland Arson Task Force between Oregon and Washington (IWATF), *Served as Member*

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Basic Fire/Guard Schools to New Firefighters, Served as School Coordinator, Lead and Unit Instructor Agency & Interagency, 1968 – 2002

Fire Investigation Refresher, Washington State Department of Natural Resources, annually since 1985

Slash Burning Seminar, Statewide, 1979

Law Enforcement Training, Washington State Department of Natural Resources, 1988

Wildland Firefighting Techniques, Stevens/ Ferry County Fire Districts, 1989

Fire Investigation Training (Intermediate Course), Washington State Department of Natural Resources, 1988

Wildfire Origin and Cause Determination (P-151), Interagency for Washington State Department of Natural Resources, United States Forest Service, United States Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1985 – 2001

Criminal Citations/ Fire Investigation, 1989

Law Enforcement Reference Guide Training, Washington State Department of Natural Resources, 1989

Wildland Fire Origin and Cause Determination (FI-210), Cadre Lead Instructor and Burn Coordinator for multiple locations from 2004 – 2005, including: Mescalero Apache Homelands, Ruidosa, New Mexico; Bartlesville, Oklahoma; Barona, California; Colville Confederated Tribes, Keller, Washington; Spokane Indian Tribe, Wellpinit, Washington; Seminole Indian Reservation, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Mooretown Rancheria Concow & Maidu Indians, Oroville, California; Flathead Agency, Ronan, Montana; Fort Mead, South Dakota; IAAI Washington Chapter #21, Leavenworth, Washington

S-339 Division Supervisor, Bellingham Fire Department, Lynden, Washington, 2005

FI-210 Fire Investigation Refresher Training, Tuskahoma, Oklahoma, 2005

