

**Independent
Forensic Investigations
Corporation**



IFIC is an efficient team of investigators and engineers working together to accurately assess the facts, gather the evidence and report our findings clearly to you.

EXPERTS IN THE FIELDS OF:

- FIRE AND EXPLOSION INVESTIGATIONS
- FORENSIC ENGINEERING
- SUBROGATION
- DAMAGED EQUIPMENT INSPECTION
- LIABILITY EXPOSURES
- DIGITAL FORENSICS

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ABOUT IFIC

OUR OFFICES

- Our main office in **Des Moines, Iowa**, provides areas for **meetings/depositions, one evidence examination lab** and **secure storage of evidence**.
- Our **Kansas City** and **Minneapolis** offices provides **examination labs** and **evidence storage**.
- Our satellite offices in **Lincoln**, and **Saint Joseph**, offer **secure evidence storage** as well.

BEST PRACTICES

- **Honesty** and **integrity** in all matters.
- Evidence is handled according to the **ASTM Standard Practice for Receiving, Documenting, Storing and Retrieving Evidence in a Forensic Science Laboratory**.
- Examination labs have access to a **stereo microscope with digital camera** to document small details such as tool marks, fractures, and electrical arcing.



WHAT WE DO

CASE STUDIES

COMMERCIAL LOSSES

A **multi-tenant commercial warehouse fire** became the year's largest single property loss in the United States. The investigation required extensive electrical and sprinkler system evaluation, fire debris examination and evidence retention. Investigators and engineers worked closely with attorneys and helped coordinate investigation activities with over 50 other experts and attorneys.

RESIDENTIAL LOSSES

The **entire roof of a 9,400 square ft. multi-million dollar personal home** was consumed by fire. IFIC O&C Investigators, electrical and mechanical engineers worked together and determined the fire started above a gas fireplace. Full-scale laboratory testing of fireplace installation demonstrated the reliability of IFIC's investigation. At trial, the jury agreed with IFIC's conclusion.

ARSON & FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS

Fire department investigated a **house fire and determined the cause to be accidental** related to an extension cord. IFIC fire investigator processed the scene and found a gasoline container in the area of origin. Samples were taken and found to be positive for ignitable liquids. IFIC electrical engineer ruled out the electrical system as causative. IFIC investigator conducted the fraud investigation. Pursuant to IA Code 100A, IFIC investigation was shared with the fire department. The property owner was charged with Arson and pled guilty to Reckless Use of Fire.

SERVICES

FIRE ORIGIN AND CAUSE INVESTIGATIONS

- Fire scene investigations
- Explosion scene investigations
- Fire scene management
- Fire scene reconstruction
- Fire evidence collection
- Licensed Private Investigators

ELECTRICAL INVESTIGATIONS

- Fires
- Electrocutions
- Code related cases
- Electrical system malfunctions
- Cost analysis (repair vs. replace equipment)
- Lightning and power surge events

DIGITAL FORENSICS

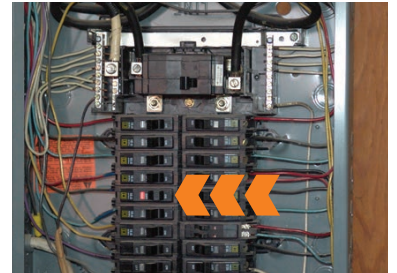
- Mobile device extraction
- Computer hard drive acquisition
- Read, analyze and map Call Data Records
- Licensed Private Investigator

MECHANICAL INVESTIGATIONS

- Fires and explosions
- Carbon monoxide cases
- Water damage cases
- Hail damage claims
- Agricultural equipment
- Structural analysis



CORRUGATED STAINLESS STEEL TUBING
— GAS PIPING



ELECTRICAL PANEL
WITH TRIPPED BREAKER

CLAIMS INVESTIGATIONS

- General background work
- Recorded statements and Interviews
- Theft and fraud Investigations
- Financial Review
- Insurance consulting
- Extra-contractual/bad faith case review

EDUCATION

- Highly experienced instructors
- Presentations regarding all aspects of fire investigation, forensic engineering and subrogation
- Live demonstrations to reinforce concepts

WHEN YOU NEED US

We look forward to helping you with your loss questions. When submitting a new loss, please call or email and include this information:

- Your name, email, and phone number(s)
- Insured's name and contact information
- Address of loss
- Claim / policy numbers
- Date of loss
- Mailing address
- A brief paragraph describing what you would like us to do

MORE INFORMATION

For additional information or questions:

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