



CARL CHASTEEN



After graduating from the Ohio University in 1979, receiving one of its first three degrees in Forensic Chemistry, Carl Chasteen began his professional forensic career as a chemist with the State of Ohio, Division of State Fire Marshal, Bureau of Arson Crime Laboratory. He analyzed fire debris, explosives, hazardous materials, and developed latent fingerprints. Over a 12-year period with the Ohio laboratory, he analyzed over 12,000 samples.

He was chosen as the supervisor of the Florida Fire Marshal's Forensic Laboratory in 1992. When the laboratory became a Bureau in 2003, he was named its first Bureau Chief. He administers the Bureau as well as all laboratory technical programs and the facility. He reviews all casework before it is released from the laboratory (over 45,000 samples). He acts as the Bureau's database administrator. He has been accepted as an expert witness in over 60 cases from various state and federal courts. In 1996, he became a Certified Public Manager. In 2008 he became a Fellow of the American Board of Criminalistics.

For almost five months in early 2007 he additionally served as the Interim Chief of the Division of State Fire Marshal's Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigation while a new Chief was being sought. He has been an incident manager for the State Fire Marshal's response to the State Emergency Operations Center since 1996. The State Fire Marshal has responsibility for Emergency Support Functions 4 (Fire) and 9 (Search & Rescue) during activations.

He has attended and completed numerous graduate level courses, professional seminars, and instrument specific classes in Fire Debris Analysis, Explosives Analysis, Laboratory Management, Mass Spectroscopy, Forensic Science and Emergency Management. He has taught and presented classes and seminars covering numerous topics at meetings or symposia conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, The University of Central Florida, The University of Rhode Island, The Florida Fire College, The Ohio Arson Seminar, Marshall University (WV), The Midwest Forensic Resource Center, the American Academy of Forensic Science, the Florida Arson Seminar, and others. He has assisted the National Center for Forensic Science and the National Fire Academy on assessing the state of forensic fire debris analysis/investigations and with course development.

He is a member of the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors, the International Association of Arson Investigators (Forensic Science Committee – former Chair), The American Society for Testing and Materials (E-30 subcommittee on Forensic Science), and the Technical Working Group on Fire and Explosives (Chair, 1999 to 2004 and Vice Chair 2008 to present). He has several publications that he has either authored or co-authored.