

## **BIOS FOR THE NAFE Track II Sunday SEMINAR (Alphabetical Order)**

**GERALD A. HAYNES, MS, PE, CFEI,  
President, Haynes & Associates, LLC**

Gerald Haynes is a faculty member at Eastern Kentucky University as well as in the Master of Fire Protection Engineering at the University of Maryland. Mr. Haynes holds a B.S. and M.S. degrees in Fire Protection Engineering from the University of Maryland, is a Registered Professional Engineer (PE), Certified Fire and Explosions Investigator (CFEI), a Certified Fire Investigator (CFI), and Board-Certified by the National Academy of Forensic Engineers. He is a co-author of *Kirk's Fire Investigation* and *Forensic Fire Scene Reconstruction*. His work experience includes employment with NIST, ATF, and municipal fire service.

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**DONNA R. INGRAM  
Operations Manager, Fire Consulting International, Inc.**

Donna Ingram has been in the insurance industry for over 30 years. She has worked as an insurance agent, fire and fraud investigator in claims, and currently as a manager over operations, vendor vetting, claims coordination, and recruitment. At Fire Consulting International, Inc. (FCI), maintains liaison among SIU, procurement, claims, and vendor contracts. A past Director of the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI), which has over 80 Chapters in 37 countries, she is the current Secretary/Treasurer of the Kansas Chapter, IAAI. She is also a past Director of the Missouri Chapter, IAAI, the Kansas Association of Licensed Investigators, and the Kansas City Arson Task Force. Her membership in professional organizations include many IAAI Chapters, the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, the National Association of Professional Women, and the Professional Fire & Fraud Investigators Association.

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**THOMAS R. MAY M.S., JD, Esq.  
Investigator II, Nicor Gas**

Thomas May is a forensic investigator, published author, and educator. He is presently employed by Nicor Gas, Naperville, Illinois; the state's largest natural gas distributor, and owner and operator of one of the largest natural gas aquifer storage systems in North America. A retired firefighter with the City of Cleveland, Ohio, he later served as a forensic fire investigator with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers in Operation Task Force Safe, supporting the Multi-National Forces in Iraq. He is an Adjunct Professor in the College of Justice and Safety at the Eastern Kentucky University. He has a B.S. in Fire and Safety Engineering Technology from the University of Cincinnati, an M.S. in Forensic Science from the University of New Haven, and a J.D. from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law at Cleveland State University. A licensed attorney, he is admitted to practice law in the State of New Mexico, as well in the Federal Tenth Circuit, United States Court of Appeals.

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**RICHARD J. MEIER, B.Sc., IAAI-CFI, CFPS, MFireE, CFEI, CFII, CVFI**

**Meier Fire Investigation, LLC**

Richard Meier is a full-time Fire and Explosion Investigator and Expert. He holds a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering Technology, and has been engaged in engineering, failure analysis, and fire and explosion investigation for over thirty years. He is the founder of Meier Fire Investigation, LLC, and investigated and consulted on fire and explosion investigations around the world. He holds numerous certifications, teaches fire investigation, and serves on committees and task groups including NFPA, ASTM, and ABYC, and conducts research in fire science and investigation methodology. He has testified as a fire and explosion expert on numerous occasions.

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**STEVEN PIETROPAOLO, MS, P.E., CFEI**

**LGI Forensic Engineering, P.C.**

A Certified Fire and Explosive Investigator (CFEI) and Certified Fire Investigator Instructor (CFII), Steve Pietropaolo has over 30 years engineering experience including electrical, mechanical, materials, safety, fire protection, and construction. He holds extensive knowledge of codes and standards along with expertise in forensic investigations of product defects, fires/explosions, accidents/injuries, building failures, electro/mechanical system failures, and utility company procedures/equipment. He has been retained on numerous large multimillion-dollar property damage cases as well as fatal accidents, fires/explosions and other grave injury matters. Steve has an M.S. in Mechanical Engineering and a B.E. in Electrical Engineering both from Manhattan College Riverdale, NY. He is a Licensed Professional Engineer in the states of CT, DC, DE, FL, IN, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, VT; and Board Certified in Forensic Engineering (National Academy of Forensic Engineers)

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**HERNAN SANCHEZ, Ph.D.**

**Exponent**

Dr. Sanchez is a Managing Scientist at Exponent, a science and engineering consulting firm. A chemist by training, Dr. Sanchez's background encompasses both materials synthesis and characterization, specializing in the quality assessment and failure analysis of lithium-ion batteries and renewable energy catalysis. Dr. Sanchez is skilled in a variety of both destructive and non-destructive characterization techniques, which he has applied to a variety of industries, including consumer electronics, chemicals, medical devices, transportation and aerospace.

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