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## **Editorial Review**

From the Back Cover

As fire investigation continues to evolve, author John DeHaan, a forensic scientist with extensive experience in all phases of fire and explosion, is joined by recognized forensic fire engineering expert David Icove for the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of *Kirk's Fire Investigation*, the leading and most widely read textbook in the field of fire investigation. With today's investigators being held to higher standards than ever before, this text, written to the FESHE curriculum, details the "need-to-know" investigation skills and includes special topics such as lab analysis, fire deaths, and explosions while offering correlation to both the NFPA 921 and 1033 guidelines. Presenting new case examples, updated chapters with Key Terms and Review Questions, color photographs, as well as reorganized appendices and a robust supplements package in MyFireKit for both students and instructors, this adventurous new edition is written to improve the skills of all investigators and help them find the right answers for the right reasons.

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About the Author

**John D. DeHaan, PhD, FABC, CFI—IAAI, CFEI, FFSS, FSSDip**

An internationally recognized forensic scientist, Dr. DeHaan is the senior author of *Kirk's Fire Investigation* and co-author of *Forensic Fire Scene Reconstruction*, the two leading textbooks in the field of fire and arson investigation. He is also a former principal member of the *NFPA 921 Technical Committee on Fire Investigations*.

Dr. DeHaan has been a criminalist for more than 40 years and has gained considerable expertise in the analysis of fire and explosion evidence as well shoe print, and instrumental analysis and crime scene reconstruction. He has been employed as a criminalist by the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, the U.S. Treasury Department, and the California Department of Justice.

His research into forensic fire scene reconstruction is based on first-hand fire experiments on fire behavior involving more than 500 observed full-scale structure, and 100 vehicle fires under controlled conditions, as well as laboratory-scale studies. Dr. DeHaan has testified as an expert witness in civil and criminal trials across the United States and overseas. He is currently the president of Fire-Ex Forensics Inc. and consults on civil and criminal fire and explosion cases across the United States and Canada and overseas.

Dr. DeHaan graduated from the University of Illinois—Chicago Circle in 1969 with a BS degree in Physics and a minor in Criminalistics. He was awarded a PhD in Pure and Applied Chemistry (Forensic Science) by Strathclyde University in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1995. Dr. DeHaan is a Fellow of the American Board of Criminalistics (Fire Debris), a Fellow of the Forensic Science Society (UK), and holds Diplomas in Fire Investigation from the Forensic Science Society and the Institution of Fire Engineers and a Certified Fire Investigator certification from the International Association of Arson Investigators. He is also a Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator from the National Association of Fire Investigators.

**David J. Icové, PhD, PE, CFEI**

An internationally recognized forensic fire engineering expert with more than 40 years of experience, Dr. Icové is co-author of *Kirk's Fire Investigation* and *Forensic Fire Scene Reconstruction*, the two leading textbooks in the field of fire and arson investigation. He is also co-author of *Combating Arson-for-Profit*, the leading textbook on the crime of economic arson. Since 1992 he has served as a principal member of the *NFPA 921 Technical Committee on Fire Investigations*. As a retired career federal law enforcement agent, Dr. Icové served as a criminal investigator on the federal, state, and local levels. He is a Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator (CFEI).

He retired in 2005 as an Inspector in the Criminal Investigations Division of the U.S. Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) Police, Knoxville, Tennessee, where he was assigned for the last 2 years to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF). In addition to conducting major case investigations, Dr. Icové oversaw the development of advanced fire investigation training and technology programs in cooperation with various agencies, including the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) U.S. Fire Administration.

Before transferring to the U.S. TVA Police in 1993, he served 9 years as a program manager in the elite Behavioral Science and Criminal Profiling Units at the FBI, Quantico, Virginia. At the FBI, he implemented and became the first supervisor of the Arson and Bombing Investigative Support (ABIS) Program, staffed by FBI and ATF criminal profilers. Prior to his work at the FBI, Dr. Icové served as a criminal investigator at arson bureaus of the Knoxville Police Department, the Ohio State Fire Marshal's Office, and the Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office.

His expertise in forensic fire scene reconstruction is based on a blend of on-scene experience, conduction of fire tests and experiments, and participation in prison interviews of convicted arsonists and bombers. He has

testified as an expert witness in civil and criminal trials, as well as before U.S. congressional committees seeking guidance on key arson investigation and legislative initiatives.

Dr. Icove holds BS and MS degrees in Electrical Engineering and a PhD in Engineering Science and Mechanics from the University of Tennessee. He also holds a BS degree in Fire Protection Engineering from the University of Maryland—College Park. He is presently an Adjunct Assistant Professor in Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; serves on the faculty of the University of Maryland's Professional Master of Engineering in Fire Protection; and is a Registered Professional Engineer in Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania.

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