

MISSISSIPPI FIRE INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION

2025 MFIA SPRING SEMINAR
MARCH 26TH, 27TH, & 28TH

Fatal Fire Investigation Course:

How the Human Body Burns and the Investigation of
the Fatal Fire Scene

Elayne Pope Ph.D., Forensic Anthropologist

at Fatal Fire Research and Education

(Fire Patterns and Live Cell Burns)

Keith Black Cause and Origin:



Dr. Elayne Pope Ph.D. Forensic Anthropologist
Fatal Fire Research and Education, Director

MFIA MEMBER - \$225

Keith L. Black, CFI/CFE/CFVI, Forensic Fire
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MARCH 26TH:

8:00-8:30AM REGISTRATION

8:30AM CLASS BEGINS

MARCH 27TH:

8:15AM CLASS BEGINS

MARCH 28TH:

8:15AM CLASS BEGINS



SPEAKERS

Dr. Elayne Pope Ph.D.

Forensic Anthropologist Fatal Research and Education, Director

Dr. Elayne Pope is an experienced Forensic Anthropologist who for 24-years has researched how the human body burns during a fire. Dr. Pope began her live-burn field research with burned human remains in 2001, and later she identified several important variables that affect the thermal damage to a burned victim's body from different types of fire scenes involving vehicles, structures, outdoor, confined space, incendiary fires, ignitable liquids, and what types of physical evidence remain of the victim's body at the fatal fire scene for forensic investigators to recover from the fire debris and ashes. Currently, Dr. Pope provides ongoing instructional course lectures and training for fire investigators, law enforcement, crime scene investigators, death investigators/coroners, medical examiners/coroners, attorneys, and other forensic specialists. She is an experienced subject matter expert in burned human remains, casework consultation, and courtroom. Dr. Pope has been an invited instructor and lecturer for both national and international professional training organizations.



Keith L. Black,

CFI/CFEI/CFVI, Forensic Fire Investigator, HAZMAT/HAZWOPER Instructor

Instructor Black is a seasoned Fire Forensics expert with over 30 years of Fire and Law Enforcement employment. Instructor Black started his Fire career in 1992 and has worked as a fire Investigator at the public, private and state level. It's important for a good fire investigator to be well-rounded and knowledgeable in all aspects of fire behavior, fire dynamics, fire chemistry, building construction, electrical systems, mechanical systems, engineering systems. Instructor Black is a National and International certified Fire Investigator, certified Fire Inspector, certified in Fire chemistry, Licensed building contractor, Licensed Master Electrician, Licensed Master Mechanical and certified Law Enforcement officer. Instructor Black has worked in the private Fire Investigation field as a Senior Forensic Fire Investigator with Crawford Investigations, Fire Loss Services and EFI Global and has Investigated thousands of fires in Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Florida, Texas, Arkansas, Mexico and Canada.