

# ANTHONY MURRAY FIRE INVESTIGATION

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## Professional Summary

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Summary Profile: An active fire investigator qualified to Masters' level following experience in fire investigation and the fire and rescue service. I am a reliable team worker with experience in cases of suspected arson, fires from defective equipment, poor installation, tampering and product recall.

## Experience

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**Senior Fire Investigation Specialist** Nov 2019 to Current  
**Strange, Strange & Gardner**

- Strange, Strange & Gardner is an independent firm of Consulting Forensic Engineers with over 70 years' experience of providing a comprehensive service in all technical aspects of legal, insurance and commercial investigations.
- The firm is consulted mainly by Solicitors, Insurance Companies, and Loss Adjusters.
- Since joining the firm, I have been called upon to determine the cause and origin of fires in domestic and commercial settings, as well as in appliances, machines, and cases of suspected arson.
- I have experience in investigating electrical fires arising from defective equipment, poor installation and tampering.
- Examples of items involved in previous fire and explosion cases: Electrical equipment, Domestic appliances, Domestic electricity supply equipment, Computers (desktop and laptop), Open fires, solid fuel stoves, flues and chimneys, Batteries (laptops and hoverboards, and electric gold trolleys), Catering equipment, Property fires where arson is suspected.

**Fire Investigator** Sep 2018 to Nov 2019  
**FWG Forensics Limited** — Republic of Ireland

- FWG Forensics is an Independent firm of Fire/Forensic Investigators,
- I carried out fire investigations in a variety of environments, including residential, commercial, healthcare, catering, and industrial, vehicle and mechanical plant fire investigations.
- I also conducted forensic engineering investigations involving escapes of water, oil, and gas.

**Team Member** Sep 2015 to Sep 2019  
**Kenyon International Emergency Services**

- Throughout my employment, I was required to respond quickly to disasters around the globe.
- In October 2017, I worked as a specialist at the Grenfell Tower Disaster in London. Deployed to search for and recover personal possessions from flats located in the tower.

**Retained Fire Fighter** Apr 2014 to Sep 2017  
**Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service** — Dorset

- At Wareham fire station in Dorset, UK, I was employed as a Retained Firefighter, both as an emergency responder and working within the local community to promote fire safety.
- Breathing Apparatus Certified, Road Traffic Collision Extrication Certified, Casualty Care Certified.

**Intern** Mar 2014 to Mar 2014  
**National Association of Fire Investigators, NAFI**

- This unique opportunity allowed me to gain a more comprehensive understanding of the practical aspects of fire investigation. The program focused on the NFPA

## Education

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<b>MSc Fire Investigation, Fire Investigation</b> University of Central Lancashire, UCLAN	2018
<b>Bachelor of Science, Forensic Investigation</b> Bournemouth University, BU, — Bournemouth	2015
<b>A-Levels, Biology, Chemistry, Physics</b> Southern Regional College — Newry, Co Down	2012

## Accomplishments

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- Guest Speaker at Wrexham Glyndwr University conducting a presentation on the Fundamentals of Fire Investigation **2019**.
- Technical Trophy Competition winner at the Institute of Fire Protection officers (IFPO) for my undergraduate dissertation paper - 'Scene of a fire - Evidence Analytics' **2015**.
- Runner up prize winner of the Norbrook Laboratories competition. This prize is awarded to individuals who best demonstrate that they have the skills and attributes most relevant for future employment **2012**.

## Professional Memberships:

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- NAFI - National Association of Fire Investigators
- UK-AFI - United Kingdom Association of Fire Investigators
- CII - Chartered Insurance Institute, Society of Claims Professional
- Registered as an Expert Witness with The UK Register of Expert Witnesses

## Continued Professional Development

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- Nimbus Fire - Vehicle Fire Investigation (2 - Day Course) - **2019**
  - UK-AFI Summer Training Conference (1 - Day Course) - **2019**
  - Building Control Northern Ireland - Fire Safety Conference (2 - Day Course) - **2019**
  - Fire Investigators Association of Ireland - Training Conference (1 - Day Course) - **2019**
  - Dorset & Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service - Breathing Apparatus Course - **2016**
  - Dorset & Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service - Casualty Care Course - **2016**
  - Institute of Fire Protection Officers - AGM - EC meeting (1 - Day Course) - **2015**
  - Basic Retained Recruits Training - **2015**
  - National Association of Fire Investigators - Fire, Arson and Explosion Investigation training program (7 - Day Course) - **2014**
- Courses completed on CFI Trainer.net**
- Charting your career path in fire investigation
  - Writing your initial origin and cause report
  - Basic electricity
  - Residential Electrical Systems
  - Fire Chemistry
  - Fundamentals of interviewing
  - Introduction to evidence
  - Critical evaluation and testing of commonly reported accident causes.