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## Fire-pi now VA-certified as a Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business

We're proud to share that Fire-pi, Inc., is now VA-certified as a Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business! Few if any other forensic fire and explosion investigation firms can claim this status, which requires rigorous review by the VA and is built upon veteran knowledge and experience.

Founded by Lorne Brunner, MS-CFI, Fire-pi, Inc., also is committed to veteran hiring. We believe hiring veterans provides a foundation of discipline and rigor, in addition to professional commitment to get the job done and done right. To that end, our first hire is Jake Rylander, USAF veteran with 10 years of service. Together with Lorne's 20 years of US Navy experience, they bring 30 years of veteran/military experience to each job: problem-solving, resilience, perseverance and a commitment to getting the job done and done right.

What's in it for YOU to hire an SDVOSB-certified forensic fire and explosion investigator?

- The IRS includes SDVOSBs right along with women and minority-owned businesses in the diversity supplier/hiring spectrum, providing tax incentives accordingly.
- We are one of few fire and explosion investigation firms led by an investigator who holds an advanced education in forensics, the Certified Fire Investigator credential, and is credentialed as a court-certified, expert witness.
- An independent survey revealed that 95% of American consumers feel a sense of trust and gratitude toward veterans. Seventy percent said they are more likely to buy from a veteran-owned

business, support a business owned by veterans or view a company hiring a veteran-owned business positively.

- Each year, more large corporations are setting goals within their supplier diversity programs to increase the number of their woman, veteran and minority-owned business contractors. Before you hire your next fire and explosion investigator, check out Fire-pi, Inc. We offer incentives for the first assignment you make with us.
- James Quintiere, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, James Clark School of Engineering, University of Maryland, and *the* renowned expert in the field of fire and explosion and fire science, leads the field in demanding that all origin and cause fire and explosion investigators hold a minimum of a bachelor's degree in fire science, engineering, or related education, based on the NFPA 921 (21). It's possible that if your current contractor does not hold these credentials and is not court-certified, it may put your firm at risk from multiple perspectives.



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