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Curriculum Vitae for Sharee Wells, F-ABC Forensic Scientist

FORENSIC AND SCIENTIFIC TESTING, INC. (FAST, INC) specializes in full-time professional laboratory services and support for fire investigators and adjusters in the United States and abroad, performing over 60,000 ignitable liquid determinations. FAST has recently expanded and opened a new laboratory in Alabama under the leadership of Sharee Wells.

FAST, Inc. services include the following:

- State of the art analyses
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Experience:

September 2010 – Present

Sharee Wells is Director of the FAST-lab in Thorsby, Alabama. She has performed over 10,000 ignitable liquid determinations. She is court qualified as an expert witness in fire debris analysis in counties all over the State of Alabama and in Federal courts. She serves as both the Forensic Scientist and the Quality Control Manager by overseeing the daily quality control functions to ensure the fastest most reliable results.

2000 – 2010: Forensic Scientist IV for the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences. Sharee served as both the Technical Leader and Training Coordinator for the Fire Debris Section. She developed Standard Operating Procedure Manuals and Training Manuals which led to the ASCLD accreditation of the fire debris section.

2005- Present: Adjunct Professor for the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

2009- Present: Instructor at the National Fire Academy. She also served as a subject matter expert for the Forensic Evidence Collection course.

Education:

Master of Science Degree, University of Alabama at Birmingham, 2000.
Bachelor of Science Degree, Jacksonville State University, 1998.

Professional Certification:

Certified Fellow in Fire Debris Analysis by the American Board of Criminalistics
Certified by the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences as Fire Debris Scientist, 2002.
Certified by the Alabama Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission as a State Peace Officer, 2007.

Professional Development:

U. S. Department of Justice, “Basic Photography Class” May 2001.
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, “Basic Fire Debris Analysis Course”, June 2002.
Federal Bureau of Investigation, “Laboratory Analysis of Fire Debris Evidence”, January 2003.
Alabama Association of Arson Investigators, “Basic Fire Investigation Class”, February 2003.
Alabama Fire College, “Fire Investigator Course”, May 2003.
Restek Corporation, “Comprehensive Gas Chromatography Training Seminar”, Alabama State Association of Forensic Sciences (ASAFS), July 2003.
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, "Advanced Fire Debris Analysis Course", October 2003.
Technical Working Group for Fire and Explosives Symposium (TWGFEX), November 2003
Restek Corporation, “GC/MS Training Seminar”, ASAFS, June 2004.
National Fire Academy, “Fire/Arson Investigation Course”, June 20 – July 1, 2005.
Technical Working Group for Fire and Explosives Symposium (TWGFEX), November 2005.
TWGFEX, “The Science of Burned Bodies”, November 2005.
International Association of Arson Investigators, “MagneTek: A Case Study In The Daubert Challenge”, June 16, 2006
Southern Association of Forensic Sciences, 40th Annual Meeting. September 2006.
Colorado School of Mines, Introduction to Petroleum Refining, Technology, and Economics, August 2007.
Federal Bureau of Investigations, “Advanced Fire Debris Analysis” Southern Association of Forensic Scientists (SAFS), September 2008.
National Fire Academy, “Forensic Evidence Collection – pilot” Emmitsburg, MD January 18 – 23, 2009.
TWGFEX, “Chemistry for Fire Debris Analysts”, Online portion and in class portion, Orlando, FL. September 14 -15, 2009.

Presentation History:

Alabama State Fire College, “Collection and Preservation of Fire Debris Evidence”, Quarterly since April 2001.
Mortimer Jordan High School, “Overview of Forensic Sciences”, May 2002.
Birmingham Police Academy “Evidence Collection in Arson Analysis”, February 2003.
Alabama Association of Arson Investigators, “Hot Water Heaters and Dryer Fires”, December, 2003.
Auburn University, “Basic Fire Investigator’s Class on Evidence Packaging and Collection”, May 2004.

Alabama Division of International Association for Identification “Collection and Preservation of Fire Debris Evidence”, May 2004.

Jefferson County District Attorney’s Conference “When is an ignitable liquid used as an accelerant?”, May 2004.

Southern Association of Forensic Sciences, “Identification of Isopar H in Vinyl Flooring” September 2006.

Fire Marshal’s Association of Alabama, “Collection and Preservation of Fire Debris Evidence”, May 2007.

Forensic Sciences Hoover Laboratory, “Basic Forensic Principles – Collections and Preservation of Fire Debris Evidence”, June 2007.

North Alabama Fire Marshal’s Association, “Collection and Preservation of Fire Debris Evidence”, October 2007.

University of Alabama at Birmingham, Graduate Studies. “Fire Debris Analysis: An Overview”, Yearly since 2006.

National Fire Academy, “Forensic Evidence Collection”, 2009 and 2010.

Professional Association Memberships:

Alabama State Association of Forensic Sciences (member since 2000)

2004- 2005 Vice President

Alabama State Association of Forensic Sciences 2005 – 2006 President

Technical Working Group for Fire and Explosives (TWGFEX)

Lab Fire Standards and Protocols Committee. (2004 –2005)

Ignitable Liquid Database – ILRC Committee (2005 – present)

National Fire Academy Alumni Association, July 2005.

Southern Association of Forensic Sciences, Chair – Trace 2006 meeting

International Association of Arson Investigators (2005 – present)

National Institute of Justice, Needs Assessment Task Group, “Near and long term needs in Training for Fire Debris Analysts and Forensic Fire Scene Investigators, Chair – 2007.

Ignitable Liquid Database, Co-chair, 2009.

Technical Working Group for Fires and Explosives, Executive Committee, 2009.

Professional Publications:

Wells, Sharee. The Identification of Isopar H in Vinyl Flooring. Journal of Forensic Science 2005;50(4):865-72.