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SPECIALTIES

- Fire Investigation
- Explosion Investigation
- Chemical
- Renewable Energy
- Fire Protection
- Litigation Experience

BIOGRAPHY

Cliff graduated from Glasgow University with an Honours degree in Chemistry in 1985. He started his career in forensics that same year, joining the Home Office Forensic Science Service initially as a Scientific Officer, and later a Higher Scientific Officer, where he carried out forensic investigations for the Police including the investigation of fires and explosions.

In 1990 Cliff left the Forensic Science Service to become an Associate with Geoffrey Hunt & Partners where he specialised in fire and explosion investigation, becoming a Partner in the firm in 1995 and Senior Partner in 2008. Cliff joined Halliwell Forensics from Geoffrey Hunt & Partners in 2023 and continues to specialise in the investigation of fires and explosions.

Cliff is a Chartered Chemist, a Chartered Scientist, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry, and a Member of the Institution of Fire Engineers. He has provided his expertise in some of the most high-profile fire investigations in the UK, giving evidence in the Civil, Criminal and Coroners' Courts, and at a Public Inquiry.

QUALIFICATIONS

BSc, Honours Degree in Chemistry - Glasgow University - 1985

CChem, Chartered Chemist - 1993

FRSC, Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry - 2005 (Member since 1993)

MIFireE, Member of the Institution of Fire Engineers - 2002

CSci, Chartered Scientist - 2004

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Halliwell, Consultant
- Geoffrey Hunt & Partners, Senior Partner
- Home Office Forensic Science Service, Higher Scientific Officer

REPRESENTATIVE ASSIGNMENTS

Consulting Forensic Scientist

Fires and Explosions

- Detailed investigation at the scenes of fires and explosions;

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- Interviewing witnesses;
- Liaison with the Police, Fire Brigade and other Statutory Authorities;
- Preparation of detailed illustrated fire and explosion investigation reports for litigation on behalf of Insurers, Loss Adjusters and Solicitors;
- Attending Court to give expert evidence on matters relating to the cause and spread of fires.
- Experience of providing evidence in respect of the spread of fire and has a detailed knowledge of constructional issues relating to passive fire protection and relevant Approved Documents to the Building Regulations.

Forensic Scientist

Involved in the investigation of fires and explosions, the examination of trace evidential materials, stolen vehicles, footwear and tool marks for Police Forces in England and Wales. Gained knowledge of analytical techniques including gas chromatography for fire accelerant analysis, and blood carboxyhemoglobin determinations in cases of fire death. Published paper on the X-Ray examination of fuses in fire investigations (Science & Justice).