

Leadership Bio:

Automotive Forensicist

James Siegfried **Automotive Forensicist, AccidentReview.com**

Drawing upon both his academic strengths and a lifelong passion for automobiles, James Siegfried brings over 15 years of automotive forensics expertise to AccidentReview.com.

Siegfried received his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Rhode Island (URI) in Kingston, RI, where he displayed a particular strength in Kinematics – including mechanical analysis of linkages, gear trains, and more – and Mechanics of Materials.

A Forensic Analyst and Mechanical Engineer, James specializes in vehicle fire origin and cause, vehicle theft analysis, and mechanical analysis and has extensive training and experience in analysis of theft-loss vehicles, anti-theft security devices, and vehicle mechanical failures.

Certified as a Fire and Explosion Investigator and Vehicle Fire Investigator, he has completed numerous seminars and courses in automotive locksmithing, forensic locksmithing, automotive transponder systems, and other passive security systems. He has also performed research in the fields of fire origin and cause and mechanical and electronic vehicle security systems and is certified through the National Association of Fire Investigators.

Analytical, detail-oriented, and inquisitive by nature, James incorporates the Scientific Method into each and every AccidentReview.com case. With an open mind and vast technical and automotive forensic knowledge, he considers all possible causes before reaching unbiased, educated conclusions.

Highly respected for his keen understanding of such a specialized industry, James has been asked to share his expert opinions with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) on several occasions, assisting the organization in the issuance of defect investigations and safety recalls.

In his downtime, James enjoys working on personal vehicles, assisting family and friends with mechanical and electrical work, attending automotive trade shows, drag races, and other related events. He is also a classically-trained musician, which, like forensics, demands tremendous attention to detail as well as considerable analytical ability and manual dexterity.