Ozarks
Gunsmithing
Company
offers several
brochures and
flyers written to
be informative
and educational
on various gun
topics.

## **Available Topics are:**

- Fix All Your Guns
- Cleaning
- Firearm Restoration
- Bluing, Parkerizing, and Coatings
- Firearm Enhancement
- CCW Guide
- Sights and Scopes

Other topics will be covered as our customers ask more questions and need to have straight up answers based upon our decades of experience.

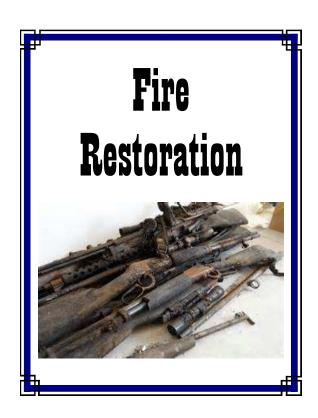
Always feel free to ask questions. We really do not consider any question a dumb one.

## Easy Access

Located in **Ozark, Missouri** with easy access from Highway 65, Highway 14, and Highway F. on Business 65 or South 3rd Street.







## Servicing ALL of your Firearms!



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## Fire Restoration...

Whether your firearms were in a safe, cabinet, or in the open during the fire, they have all been affected. Do not depend on strictly visual assessment. Heat, water, smoke can affect metrology of chambers, barrels, and actions. From a firearm perspective, all firearms are considered not operational, loaded, and the safety is not functioning. The following is our suggested steps to be prepared for a fire and the steps to take should a fire occur. We always recommend that you consult with your insurance agent, local fire prevention authorities, and discuss insurance coverage with the NRA.

- Never store firearms and ammunition in the same safe/vault. In a fire, the end result is disastrous.
- 2. A <u>confidential</u> listing of each firearm with ammunition is a good idea. However make sure it is strictly confidential. This listing should include manufacturer, model, serial number, caliber, and original price paid for the firearm. If you file an insurance claim or if the fire is investigated, this information will become public. In Missouri, at the time of this writing, the firearms do not have to be "registered" with the ATF in order to file a claim.
- 3. Before attempting to recover your firearms make sure you have been cleared to do so by your insurance agent and fire authority. Take an abundant amount of pictures before moving anything! Once you begin to recover the firearm take pictures of both side of the firearm. CONSIDER THE FIREARM LOADED AND LIVE! Fire can affect safeties. DO NOT ASSUME the safety IS FUNCTIONAL. DO NOT ASSUME A ROUND HAS DISCHARGED FROM THE EXPOSURE TO HEAT, WATER, ETC. If you are more comfortable, contact Ozarks Gunsmithing for removal and pick-up.

4. Do not attempt to function the action of the firearms. Damage can be done that we can't fix. CAREFULLY, WEARING GOOD GLOVES, MOVE THE FIREARMS, ONE AT A TIME, FOR TRANSPORT TO Ozarks Gunsmithing. Please contact us, if possible, at least 12 hours in advance of transport.

Once received, the following is the general process for fire damaged firearms conducted by Ozarks Gunsmithing.

- We attempt to identify and catalog each firearm including a tertiary visual inspection to determine if any firearms have been completely destroyed by the fire. We also check at this stage for live or spent rounds still in the firearm.
- The firearms are treated with a special chemical, surface cleaned, and wrapped for a period of time to break down the soot, rust, and smell of the fire. An ozone chamber is available and will be used when necessary.
- 3. A special proprietary process takes place at this stage.
- 4. Now that each firearm has been treated and summarily cleaned, the disassembly process begins. This stage is critical since each component is cleaned and visually examined for damage. There are visual indicators that help determine the functionality of firearm components. Some of those indicators are metallic discolorization, warped lines, fissures, and others factors indicate a fire affect and need to be replaced. This part of the process is tedious and critical to the evaluation/repair and safe operation process.
- 5. If the firearm is determined to be repairable, the next step is to closely clean and determine cost of replacement parts whether purchased or manufactured, as well as assembly time. Secondly a book market value and availability is determined for insurance purposes.

- 6. Documentation is sent to the owner with repair cost versus replacement cost should the repair exceed budget. A formal firearm appraisal is available should it be required. Our options are generally:
  - A. Complete the repair/restore.
  - B. Scrap the firearm ( Customer pays all repair costs incurred.) We take care of all the Federal requirements for decommissioning the firearm.
  - C. Re-assemble the firearm (REDTAGGED) and return to the customer after all repair costs to date are paid.
- 7. Proceeding with the advised options the reclaim/restoration process begins.
- 8. In the event of a restoration, all the metallic surfaces are prepared for finish and the stock (if a long gun) is repaired and prepped for proper finish. This process is explained in our "Firearm Restoration" brochure. It is a long process of careful reclaim and requires a great deal of time.

When all work is complete, the firearm must be proof tested. This involves a safe, careful remote set-up of the firearm and it is remotely discharged to "insure" metallic integrity and functionality. The firearm must pass this final test or it is "REDTAGGED" as unsafe to fire and the customer is notified of the results. The BATFE logs include all REDTAGGED firearms. It is unlawful to try and shoot a firearm that has been determined by a certified gunsmith as "Unsafe".

Fires are devastating and frustrating. At Ozarks Gunsmithing we endeavor to make the firearm reclamation process as painless as possible while maintaining a very high standard of safety and quality.



