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EDUCATION

- 1985 Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois, Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences/Minor in Human Biology
- 1981 Graduate, Ursuline Academy High School, Kirkwood, Missouri

SEMINARS AND ADVANCED TRAINING

- 2019
- * Fire Scene Examination: Reading and Identifying Fire Patterns – Carterson Public Safety, East Peoria, Illinois
 - * Fire Flow Analysis - CFITrainer.net
 - * 28th Annual Fire Investigators Conference – Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association, Peoria, Illinois
 - * The Practical Application of the Relationship Between NFPA1033 and NFPA 921 – CFITrainer.net
 - * DNA - CFITrainer.net
 - * Documenting the Event - CFITrainer.net
 - * Physical Evidence at the Fire Scene - CFITrainer.net
 - * Understanding Undetermined, CFITrainer.net
- 2018
- * Fundamentals of Interviewing, CFITrainer.net
 - * Electrical Safety, CFITrainer.net
 - * 27th Annual Fire Investigators Conference – Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association, Peoria, Illinois
 - * NFPA 1033 Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigator – Skills Test and Critical Tasks for Job Performance Requirements – Evaluator: Steve Riggs, PATC, Peoria, Illinois
- 2017
- * The HAZWOPER Standard, CFITraining.net
 - * NFPA 1033 and Your Career, CFITraining.net
 - * How First Responders Impact The Fire Investigation, CFITrainer.net
 - * Thermometry, Heat, and Heat Transfer, CFITrainer.net
 - * IL-IAAI Terrence Hoyle Northern Zone Training Conference, Burlington, IL
 - * Instructor – 25th Annual Fire Investigators Conference – Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association, East Peoria, Illinois

- 2016
 - * Investigating Natural Gas Systems - CFITrainer.net
 - * Residential Natural Gas Systems - CFITrainer.net
 - * 25th Annual Fire Investigators Conference - Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association, East Peoria, Illinois

- 2015
 - * Smartphone Forensics & Cellular Technology (Certificate of Attendance) Public Agency Training Council, Normal, Illinois
 - * 24th Annual Fire Investigators Conference - Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association, East Peoria, Illinois

- 2014
 - * 23rd Annual Fire Investigators Conference – Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association, Peoria, IL
 - * Hands-on Vehicle Fire/Arson Investigation – Public Agency Training Council, Bloomington, IL

- 2013
 - * 22nd Annual Fire Investigators Conference – Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association, Peoria, IL
 - * Writing the Initial Origin and Cause Report –CFITrainer.net

- 2012
 - * Investigation to Prosecution: Arson Fundamentals to Expertise Conference, Peoria, IL
 - * National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications, Pro Board Certificate NFPA 1033-2010, Certificate # 314706
 - * National Seminar on Fire Analysis Litigation, National Association of Fire Investigators & Co-Sponsored by the National Fire Protection Agency, Sarasota, FL
 - * Advanced Fire, Arson, & Explosion Investigation Training Program, National Association of Fire Investigators & Co-Sponsored by the National Fire Protection Agency, Sarasota, FL
 - * 21st Annual Fire Investigators Conference, Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association, Peoria, IL
 - * Introduction to Evidence, CFITrainer.net
 - * Physical Evidence at the Fire Scene, CFITrainer.net

- 2011
 - * 20th Annual Fire Investigators Conference, Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association, Peoria, IL

- 2010
 - * Insurance and the Fire Investigation, CFITrainer.net
 - * 19th Annual Fire Investigation Conference – Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association, Peoria, IL
 - * Motive, Means, and Opportunity: Determining Responsibility in an Arson Case, CFITrainer.net

- 2009
 - * 18th Annual Fire Investigation Conference, Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association, Peoria, IL
 - * Investigating Fatal Fires, CFITrainer.net

- 2008
- * D.O.A. Death Investigations, Wicklander-Zulawski and Associates, Normal, IL
 - * The Scientific Method for Fire and Explosion Investigation, CFITrainer.net
 - * Illinois Chapter, IAAI Southern Zone Training Conference, Fairview Heights, IL
 - * Investigating Fatal Fires, CFITrainer.net
 - * Hands-On Vehicle Fire/Arson Investigation, Public Agency Training Council, Springfield, Illinois
 - * 17th Annual Fire Investigation Training Conference - Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association, Peoria, IL
- 2007
- * Physical Evidence at the Fire Scene, CFITrainer.net
 - * Introduction of Evidence, CFITrainer.net
 - * Arson Scene Search and Evidence Recovery, Public Agency Training Council, Springfield, IL
 - * 24th Annual Illinois Chapter, IAAI Training Conference, Champaign, IL
 - * Medical Death Investigations, Public Agency Training Council, Normal, IL
 - * Court Security Training, Public Agency Training Council, Normal, IL
 - * Fire Pattern Identification and Recognition, Public Agency Training Council, Springfield, IL
 - * Analysis of the Station Nightclub Fire, CFITrainer.net
 - * Investigating Motor Vehicle Fires, CFITrainer.net
- 2006
- * Hands-On Bloodstain and Bullet Pattern Evidence Analysis for Crime Scene Reconstruction, Public Agency Training Council, Normal, IL
 - * 23rd Annual Illinois Chapter, IAAI Training Conference, Champaign, IL
 - * Rape and Sex Crimes Investigation, Public Agency Training Council, Normal, IL
 - * Violent Crimes Criminal Investigative Analysis, Public Agency Training Council, Normal, IL
 - * Homicide and Questioned Death Scene, Public Agency Training Council, Normal, IL
 - * Domestic Violence Homicide Investigation, Public Agency Training Council, Normal, IL
 - * Kinesic Interviewing, Illinois Chapter, IAAI/Northern Zone Fire Investigation Training Conference, Frankfort IL
 - * Crime Scene Investigation, Public Agency Training Council, Normal, IL
- 2005
- * Hands-On Electrical Fire/Arson Investigation, Public Agency Training Council, Springfield, IL
 - * Equivocal Death and Cold Case Homicide, Public Agency Training Council, Normal, IL
 - * 22nd Annual Illinois Chapter, IAAI Training Conference, Champaign, IL
 - * Forensic Anthropology in Death Investigations, Northern Illinois Training Advisory Board (MTU #2)
 - * 14th Annual Fire Investigation Training Conference, Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association, Peoria, IL

- 2004
 - * Certified Fire Investigator, IAAI
 - * National Board of Fire Service Professional Qualifications, Fire Investigator Certification, NFPA 1033-1998
 - * Recertified Certified Fire and Explosive Investigator, NAFI
 - * 21st Annual Illinois Chapter, IAAI, Champaign, IL
 - * Child Injury and Death Investigation, Public Agency Training Council, Normal, IL
 - * Forensic Mapping, Total Station/Cad Zone, Bloomington, IL

- 2003
 - * 20th Annual Fire Investigation Training Conference, Illinois Chapter, IAAI, Champaign, IL
 - * Law Update, Law and Justice Commission MTU #8
 - * Search and Seizure, Law and Justice Commission MTU #8
 - * Bulletproof Mind, Law and Justice Commission MTU #8

- 2002
 - * 19th Annual Fire Investigation Training Conference, Illinois Chapter IAAI, Champaign, IL
 - * Management of Evidence and Recovered Property, R.A. Doran and Associates/Police Training Consultants

- 2001
 - * 18th Annual Fire Investigation Training Conference, Illinois Chapter, IAAI, Champaign, IL
 - * Fire Investigation From A Different Perspective, MABAS Division 21 Fire Investigators/IAAI, Palos Hills, Illinois

- 2000
 - * Determining the Origin and Cause of Fires and Explosions Training Seminar, NAFI, Certified Fire and Explosive Investigators Certificate, Schaumburg, IL
 - * Fire/Arson Fatality Fire Scene Investigation, Public Agency Training Council, St. Louis, Missouri

- 1999
 - * Practical Fire/Arson Scene Search and Evidence Recovery, Public Agency Training Council, East Peoria, IL
 - * Certified Arson Investigator, Office of the State Fire Marshal, Department of State Police, and the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board
 - * By-Pass Examination, Office of the State Fire Marshal, Lexington, IL
 - * Fire/Arson Investigation I, II, and III, University of Illinois, Fire Service Institute, Champaign, IL
 - * Hostage Negotiations, Law and Justice Commission

- 1997
 - * Fingerprint Classification and Comparison, North Carolina Justice Academy in cooperation with the Law and Justice Commission MTU #8

- 1996
 - * Crime Scene Investigative Techniques, BowMac Educational Services in cooperation with North Carolina Justice Academy and the Law and Justice Commission MTU #8

- 1994
 - * Basic Narcotics School, United States Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration, South Bend, IN
 - * Interrotec Kinesic Interview Technique, Interrotec Associates

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Fraternal Order of Police – McLean County Deputies FOP Lodge #176(Retired)
Illinois Chapter, International Association of Arson Investigators
Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association
National Association of Fire Investigators

LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPERIENCE

07/2008 – 09/2015	McLean County Coroner's Office – Deputy Coroner
01/1989 – 06/2008 (Retired)	McLean County Sheriff's Department Court Security Division, Fire/Arson Investigator, (01/07 – 06/08) Detective, Criminal Investigation Division, Evidence Vault Manager, Fire/Arson Investigator, (01/94 – 01/07) Law Enforcement Sexual Assault Task Force Representative, (06/2006) Patrol Division, (01/89 – 01/94)
01/1989	Police Training Institute, University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois – Basic Law Enforcement

FIRE INVESTIGATION EXPERIENCE

1/2017 – Present	Carterson Public Safety Group – Field Instructor of Fatality Fire Investigation
09/2008 – 2/2017	Public Agency Training Council (PATC) – Fire/Law Enforcement Training Company, Field Instructor of Fatality Fire Investigations
01/2008 – Present	FireTech, Inc. – Private Origin and Cause Fire Investigation Company, Fire Investigator, Evidence Officer
2006 – Present	MABAS Division 41 - Chairperson for the MABAS 41 Fire Investigation Team
1999 – 2008	McLean County Sheriff's Department Fire/Arson Investigator
1999 – Present	McLean County Rural Fire Department's Fire/Arson Investigator(MABAS 41), in cooperation with the Illinois State Fire Marshal's Office and Private Fire/Arson Investigation Companies via Insurance Companies