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**EDUCATION**

- 2009          Master Degrees, Organizational Development, Benedictine University-  
                  Lisle, IL
- 1998          Bachelor Degree, Business Administration, National-Louis University-  
                  Schaumburg, IL
- 1997          Associate Degree, Fire Science Technology, Oakton Community College-  
                  Des Plaines, IL
- 1992          Associate Degree, Graphic Art Technology, Triton College- River Grove,  
                  IL

**SEMINARS & ADVANCED TRAINING**

- 2016          \* Hands-On Vehicle Fire Investigation, Public Agency Training Council,  
                  Tinley Park, Illinois, 20 Hours, Tested
- \* Annual Seminar, Northern Illinois Fire Investigator Strike Force,  
                  Hoffman Estates, IL
- \* Propane Fire Investigations, Northern Illinois Fire Investigator Strike  
                  Force Monthly Meeting, Norridge, IL
- \* Multi-Agency Investigation – Long Grove Explosion, Northern Illinois  
                  Fire Investigator Strike Force
- \* Photographic and Digital Documentation of the Fire Scene, IAAI  
                  Northern Zone Conference
- \* Fundamentals of Fire and Energy, Fire Dynamics and Fire Pattern  
                  Interpretation, IAAI Northern Zone Conference
- \* Forensic Fire Investigation, IAAI Northern Zone Conference
- 2015          \* Independent Fire Scene Investigations, Northern Illinois Fire Investigator  
                  Strike Force

- 2014
  - \* Investigating Motor Vehicle Fires, CFITrainer.net
  - \* Station Nightclub Fire Analysis, CFITrainer.net
  - \* Documenting the Fire Scene, CFITrainer.net
  - \* Fire Investigator Scene Safety, CFITrainer.net
  - \* Residential Electrical Systems, CFI Trainer.net
  - \* Vacant and Abandoned Buildings Investigations, CFITrainer.net
  - \* Fatal Fire Scene Investigations, CFITrainer.net
  - \* Writing the Origin and Cause Report, CFITrainer.net
  - \* Ventilation Focused Approach to the Impact of Building Structures, CFITrainer.net
  - \* Division Team Investigation Unit Review, Northern Illinois Fire Investigator Strike Force
  - \* Applying NFPA 921 and 1033 to Scene Investigations, Northern Illinois Fire Investigator Strike Force
  - \* Vehicle Fire Investigations, IAAI, Orland Park, IL
  
- 2013
  - \* Instructor, Evidence Collection Seminar, Illinois Association of Property Evidence Managers
  - \* Instructor, Origin and Cause Vehicle Fire Investigation, State Farm Insurance SIU Adjusters
  
- 2012
  - \* Fatal Fire Scene Investigation, PATC, Glenview, IL
  - \* Blue Card, Fire Scene Incident Command System, Orland Park, IL
  - \* Fire Investigations Involving Large Vehicles and Motor Homes, NISF, Rosemont, IL
  - \* Fire Investigation Report Writing, NISF, Rosemont, IL
  
- 2010
  - \* Cell Phone & Property Fire Investigation, NISF, Norridge, IL
  
- 2009
  - \* Incident Commander Boot Camp, SWUFD, Burr Ridge, IL
  - \* Serial Arson Case Review, NISF, Rosemont, IL
  - \* Incident Command System 300, FEMA, Glenview, IL
  - \* Incident Command System 400, FEMA, Glenview, IL
  
- 2008
  - \* Fire Pattern Recognition Certification, PATC Palatine, IL
  - \* Cell Phone Investigations. PATC, Warrenville, IL
  - \* Advanced Origin & Cause Investigations/ Courtroom Testimony, ATF, Emmetsburg, MD
  - \* Radiological Emergency Management IS-00003, FEMA, Glenview, IL
  - \* IAAI Arson Investigation Conference, Collinsville, IL
  
- 2007
  - \* Arson Investigators Annual Conference, Champaign, IL
  - \* NFPA 13 & 72 plan review, B&F Technical Code Services
  - \* Large Loss Subrogation Seminar, NISF
  - \* Fire Alarm System Testing & Inspections, AFAA
  - \* Strategy & Tactics II, North Aurora, IL

- 2006
  - \* Sprinkler and Fire Alarm System Plan Review, IL Fire Inspectors Association
  - \* International Fire Code, B&F Technical Code Services
  - \* International Building Code, B&F Technical Code Services
  - \* CSX Emergency Railroad Incidents, Park Ridge, IL
  
- 2005
  - \* Fire ground Company Officer School, IFSI, Champaign, IL
  - \* Spoliation of Fire Scene Evidence, NISF, Norridge, IL
  - \* Insurance Claim Subrogation's, NISF, Norridge, IL
  - \* Fire Prevention Officer I, Illinois Fire Inspectors Association, Lombard, IL
  
- 2004
  - \* Depositions, NISF, Norridge, IL
  - \* Electrical Arch Mapping, NISF, Norridge, IL
  - \* Advanced Origin and Cause, PATC , Aurora, IL
  - \* Fire Investigation Awareness, Park Ridge Fire Department, Park Ridge, IL
  - \* Certified Fire Investigator, International Association of Arson Investigators
  
- 2003
  - \* Explosives Recognition, College of Lake County, McHenry, IL
  - \* Trace analysis, NISF, Norridge, IL
  - \* NIPAS Basic Emergency Service Team, Mundelein, IL
  
- 2002
  - \* Kinesics Interviewing-, PATC, Wheaton, IL
  - \* Expert Witness Testimony Course IAAI, Collinsville, IL
  - \* Bomb Recognition / Post Blast Investigation. PATC, Crete, IL
  - \* Instructed Fire Investigation Awareness Class Park Ridge Fire Department, Park Ridge, IL
  - \* Advanced Fire Behavior Analysis ATF, Elgin, IL
  
- 2001
  - \* Advanced Cause and Origin, ATF, North Chicago, IL
  - \* Regional Serial Profiling Conference FBI, Dearborn, MI
  - \* Destructive appliance failure testing session Richard M. Hansen & Associates Electrical Engineering, Lombard, IL
  - \* 18th Annual Illinois Chapter of International Association of Arson Investigators Seminar, Urbana, IL
  - \* Electrical Fire Investigation, ATF, Elgin, IL
  - \* NFPA 921 Independent Study, Norridge, IL
  
- 2000
  - \* Determining Cause & Origin of Fires and Explosions, NAFI, Schaumburg, IL
  - \* Serial Arsonist Profiling Workshop, Rosemont, IL
  - \* Forensic Aspects in Fire Investigation FISF, Norwood Park, IL
  - \* Criminal prosecution case preparation FISF, Norwood Park, IL
  - \* Arson Profiler Seminar, FISF, Norwood Park, IL
  - \* Fire Investigation Training Conference, IAAI, Champaign, IL
  - \* Firearm Simulation Training, Park Ridge Police, Park Ridge, IL
  - \* Dupont Chemical Emergency Response Awareness, PRFD, IL

- 1999 \* Arson Investigator, University Of Illinois, Police Training Institute  
\* Halmatro rescue Tools Operation, Park Ridge Fire Dept. Park Ridge, IL
- 1998 \* Fire/Arson Investigator Modules I, II & III, Fire Service Institute,  
Westchester, IL  
\* Fire Officer 1, OSFM, Springfield, IL  
\* Firefighter III Park Ridge Fire Department, Park Ridge, IL  
\* Fire Instructor 1, Arlington Heights, IL  
\* Fire Apparatus Engineer, Elgin, IL
- 1997 \* Management II Fire Chiefs Association, River Grove, IL  
\* Management I Fire Chiefs Association, River Grove, IL  
\* 73rd Annual Fire College Fire Service Institute, Champaign, IL  
\* Confined Space/ Trench Awareness, Arlington Heights, IL  
\*Trench I, Arlington Hteights, IL
- 1995 \* Confined Space Rescue Operations, Glenview, IL  
\* Tunnel Rescue Operations, Park Ridge, IL
- 1994 \* Hazardous Materials 1<sup>ST</sup> Responder Operations, Arlington Heights, IL
- 1993 \* Illinois State Certified Firefighter II, Elgin Fire Academy, Elgin, IL  
\* Fire Apparatus Engineer, Elgin Fire Academy, Elgin, IL  
\* Fire Service Instructor 1, River Grove, IL
- 1992 \* Technical High Rise Rescue Specialist, Arlington Heights, IL  
\* Pre Hospital Trauma Life Support, Good Samaritan Hospital  
\* Emergency Medical Technician- Paramedic, Good Samaritan Hospital

<b>PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Year</b>
EMT- Basic	IDPH	1990
EMT-Paramedic	IDPH	1992
High Rise Rescue	OSFM	1992
Firefighter II	OSFM	1993
Hazardous Material Operations	OSFM	1994
Confined Space Rescue	OSFM	1997
Firefighter III	OSFM	1998
Fire Officer 1	OSFM	1998
Fire Investigator	OSFM	1998
Fire Apparatus Engineer	OSFM	1998
Trench Rescue	OSFM	1998
Arson Investigator	OSFM	1999
Fire & Explosion Investigator	NAFI	2000
Tunnel Rescue	OSFM	2001
ICS-Basic Incident Command	FEMA	2005
Fire Prevention Officer 1	OSFM	2005
Fire Service Vehicle Operator	OSFM	2006

## **FIRE SERVICE EXPERIENCE**

1993 – Present      Park Ridge Fire Department  
Lieutenant/ Paramedic, 2007 - Present  
Firefighter / Paramedic, 1993-2007  
Fire Apparatus Engineer  
Fire Investigator, 1999 - Present  
Arson Investigator, 1999 - Present

2000 – Present      FireTech Inc. Investigations, Fire Investigator

## **AWARDS**

Paramedic of the Year, Park Ridge Fire Department	1993
Paramedic of the Year, Park Ridge Fire Department	2000
Firefighter of the Year, Park Ridge Fire Department	2007
Firefighter of the Year, Park Ridge Fire Department	2009

## **PROFESSTIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

International Association of Arson Investigators  
National Association of Fire and Explosion Investigators  
International Association of Special Investigator Units  
International Association of Firefighters  
Illinois Professional Firefighter's Association  
International Association of Special Investigation Units

## **TESTIMONEY EXPERIENCE**

State Farm Insurance Vs. Michael Pactor. 08/2003	Deposition
State Farm Insurance Vs. Julio Menendez. 04/2004	Deposition
Ramano Tile Vs. Erie Insurance 07/2005	Deposition
State Farm Insurance Vs. Wisconsin Electric 09/2005	Deposition
Michelle Lombardo Vs. State Farm Insurance 05/2006	Deposition
Michelle Lombardo Vs. State Farm Insurance 04/2007	Bench Trial
Philip Oyos Vs. State Farm Insurance 10/2007	Deposition
Philip Oyos Vs. State Farm Insurance 11/2009	Jury Trial
LG Vs. Farmers Insurance 4/2012	Deposition
Star Tech Vs. Pekin Insurance 10/2012	Deposition
AAA Insurance Vs. Garage Tech 11/2012	Deposition