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**EDUCATION**

- 1983 Associate of Applied Science, Fire Science Technology, Illinois Central College, East Peoria, IL
- 1976 Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering Technology, Bradley University, Peoria, IL
- 1972 Graduate, Canton Senior High School, Canton, IL

**SEMINARS AND ADVANCED TRAINING**

- 2021 \* IL 2021 Buxton/Mazzone Southern Zone Training Conference, Caseyville, IL  
\* The Practical Application fo the Relationship Between NFPA 1033 and NFPA 921, CFITrainer.net
- 2019 \* Critical Evaluation and Testing of Commonly Reported Accidental Fire Causes, CFITrainer.net  
\* IL-IAAI 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Conference, Champaign, IL  
\* Recertified, Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator, NAFI  
\* Recertified, Certified Arson Investigator, Office of the State Fire Marshal, IL  
\* Recertified, Certified Fire Investigator, Office of the State Fire Marshal, IL
- 2018 \* National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications, Fire Investigator  
\* Recertified as Certified Fire Investigator, IAAI  
\* Arc Mapping Basics, CFITrainer.net  
\* Illinois Chapter, IAAI 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Conference, Champaign, IL  
\* Process of Elimination, CFITrainer.net  
\* 27<sup>th</sup> 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 \* NFPA 921 Update 2017, IAAI/CFITrainer.net, Sharonville, OH
- 2016 \* Illinois Chapter, IAAI 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Training Conference, Champaign, IL

- 2015
  - \* Recertification, Certified Fire & Explosion Investigator, National Association of Fire Investigators, Sarasota, FL
  - \* Recertified, Certified Arson Investigator, Office of the State Fire Marshal, IL
  - \* Recertified, Certified Fire Investigator, Office of the State Fire Marshal, IL
- 2014
  - \* Illinois Chapter, IAAI 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Training Conference, Champaign, IL
- 2013
  - \* National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications, Fire Investigator
  - \* Recertified as Certified Fire Investigator, IAAI
  - \* Fire Investigator Scene Safety, CFITrainer.net
  - \* Illinois Chapter, IAAI 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Fire Training Conference, Champaign, IL
- 2012
  - \* National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications, Fire Investigator
  - \* NFPA 921 & NFPA 1033 Changes, IAAI, Chicago, IL
  - \* Illinois Chapter, IAAI Southern Zone Training Conference, Fairview Heights, IL
  - \* Illinois Chapter, IAAI Northern Zone Fire Investigation Training Conference, Mokena, IL
- 2011
  - \* Recertified as Certified Fire Investigator, Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal
  - \* Recertified as Certified Arson Investigator, Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal
- 2010
  - \* Certified Fire & Explosion Investigator, National Association of Fire Investigators, Sarasota, FL
  - \* Illinois Chapter, IAAI Southern Zone Training Conference, Collinsville, IL
- 2009
  - \* Illinois Chapter, IAAI 26th Annual Training Conference, Champaign, IL
- 2008
  - \* Recertified as Certified Fire Investigator, IAAI
  - \* National Board on Fire Service Qualifications, Fire Investigator, Certificate # 316503
  - \* Illinois Chapter, IAAI Southern Zone Training Conference, Fairview Heights, IL
  - \* Illinois Chapter, IAAI 25th Annual Training Conference, Champaign, IL
- 2006
  - \* Fire/Arson Fatality Fire Scene Investigation, PATC, Springfield, IL
- 2005
  - \* Illinois Chapter, IAAI 22nd Annual Training Conference, Urbana, IL
- 2004
  - \* Illinois Chapter, IAAI 21st Annual Training Conference, Urbana, IL
  - \* Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association Training Conference, Peoria, IL
- 2002
  - \* August F. Mazzone Fire Investigation Conference, Collinsville, IL
  - \* Recertified as Certified Fire Investigator, IAAI
- 2001
  - \* Illinois Chapter, IAAI 18th Annual Training Conference, Urbana, IL
- 2000
  - \* Illinois Chapter, IAAI 17th Annual Training Conference, Urbana, IL
  - \* Re-Elected three year term as Central Zone Director of the Illinois Chapter, IAAI

- 1998
  - \* IAAI 49th Annual Seminar, Portland, OR
  - \* Flashover and Its Effects on Origin and Cause Investigations Conference, Belleville Area Community College, Belleville, IL
  
- 1997
  - \* Advanced Arson Investigation, MABAS Division 10, Des Plaines, IL
  - \* Re-Elected three year term as Central Zone Director of the Illinois Chapter, IAAI
  - \* Recertified as Certified Fire Investigator, IAAI
  
- 1996
  - \* Illinois Chapter, IAAI 13th Annual Training Conference, Urbana, I
  - \* IAAI 47th Annual Seminar, St. Louis, MO
  
- 1995
  - \* Illinois Chapter IAAI 12th Annual Training Conference, Urbana, IL
  - \* Third District Arson Seminar, Harvey, IL
  
- 1994
  - \* IAAI 45th Annual Seminar, Biloxi, MS
  - \* Southern Illinois Arson Investigation Conference, Collinsville, IL
  - \* Advanced Origin and Cause\Court Techniques, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. National Academy, Glynco, GA
  - \* Re-Elected three year term as Central Zone Director of the Illinois Chapter, IAAI
  - \* Illinois Chapter I.A.A.I. 11th Annual Training Conference, Urbana, IL
  - \* Southern Illinois Arson Investigation Seminar, Collinsville, IL
  
- 1993
  - \* Illinois Chapter I.A.A.I. 10th Annual Training Conference, Urbana, IL
  
- 1992
  - \* Southern Illinois Arson Investigation Conference, Collinsville, IL
  - \* Illinois Chapter IAAI 9th Annual Training Conference, Urbana, IL
  - \* Re-Elected two-year term as Central Zone Director of the Illinois Chapter, IAAI
  - \* Recertified as Certified Fire Investigator, IAAI
  
- 1991
  - \* Illinois Chapter, IAAI 8th Annual Training Conference, Urbana, IL
  - \* Advanced Origin and Cause Seminar, Illinois Advisory Committee on Arson Prevention, Des Plaines, IL
  - \* Third District 5th Annual Arson Seminar, Harvey, IL
  
- 1990
  - \* Vehicle Searches, Eye Witness I.D., and Confession, Western Illinois Police Training Unit, Canton, IL
  - \* Illinois Chapter, IAAI 7th Annual Training Conference, Urbana, IL
  - \* Re-Elected two-year term as Central Zone Director for the Illinois Chapter, IAAI
  
- 1989
  - \* Southern Illinois Arson Investigation Seminar, Collinsville, IL
  - \* Education and Training Committee for the Annual Training Conference, Illinois Chapter, IAAI
  - \* Third District Annual Arson Seminar, Harvey, IL
  
- 1988
  - \* Fire Investigation Training Conference, Illinois Chapter, IAAI, Champaign, IL
  - \* Southern Illinois Arson Investigation Seminar, Collinsville, IL
  - \* Two-year term as Central Zone Director for the Illinois Chapter of the IAAI

- 1987 \* Northern Illinois Arson Seminar, South Beloit, IL  
\* Southern Illinois Arson Investigation Seminar, Collinsville, IL  
\* Certified Fire Investigator, Illinois Chapter IAAI
- 1986 \* Northern Illinois Arson Seminar, South Beloit, IL  
\* Southern Illinois Arson Investigation Seminar, Collinsville, IL
- 1985 \* Northern Illinois Arson Seminar, Rockford, IL  
\* Certified Fire Investigator, Illinois
- 1984 \* Northern Illinois Arson Seminar, Rockford, IL
- 1983 \* Northern Illinois Arson Seminar, Rockford, IL
- 1982 \* Certified Arson Investigator, Illinois
- 1981 \* Roland Behrens Arson Seminar, Normal, IL
- 1980 \* Certified Advanced Fire Fighter, Illinois
- 1979 \* Collection and Preservation of Evidence, Macomb, IL  
\* Field Note-taking, Report Writing and Crime Scene Sketching, Macomb, IL
- 1977 \* Arson and Criminal Investigation, Macomb, IL
- 1976 \* Constitutional Aspects of Search and Seizure, Macomb, IL
- 1975 \* Certified Basic Fire Fighter, Illinois

### **INSTRUCTOR**

- 2000 \* Team Leader, Practical Field Exercise, 17th Annual Training Conference, Illinois Chapter, IAAI, Urbana, IL
- 1999 \* Co-Instructor, Essentials of Fire Scene Investigation, 16th Annual Training Conference, Illinois Chapter, IAAI, Urbana, IL
- 1994 \* Co-Instructor for Practical Field Exercise, 11th Annual Training Conference, Illinois Chapter, IAAI, Urbana, IL
- 1988-2000 \* Member, Education and Training Committee, Illinois Chapter, IAAI
- 1988 \* Team Coordinator, Advanced Field Exercise, Fire Investigation Training Conference, Illinois Chapter, IAAI, Champaign, IL
- 1984-86 \* Co-Training Officer, Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association

- 1983-84      \* Guest Speaker, Criminal Investigation Class, Spoon River College  
\* Guest Instructor, Various Fire Departments in Central Illinois  
\* Guest Speaker, Local Professional and Civic Groups

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

International Association of Arson Investigators  
National Association of Fire Investigators  
Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association  
Illinois Chapter, International Association of Arson Investigators

## **FIRE SERVICE EXPERIENCE**

- 4/11 – Present      Fire Fighter, Fairview Fire Protection District
- 5/89 – Present      FireTech, Inc.  
Fire Investigator, 1/20 - Present  
Partner and Fire Investigator, 5-89 – 12/19
- 2/07 – 11/15      Operations Branch Chief, Mutual Aid Box Alarm System
- 1/88 – 4/89      C.E. Waltzer Detective Services, Fire Investigator
- 9/86 – 12/87      Professional Investigations, Inc., Special Agent
- 4/75 – 7/07      Canton Fire Department, Canton, IL  
Fire Investigator, 9/83-7/07  
Fire Fighter, 4/75-9/89  
Lieutenant, 9/89-6/94  
Assistant Chief, 6/94-4/99  
Fire Chief, 5/99 - 7/07
- 9/75 – 12/86      Fairview Police Department, Fairview, IL  
Chief of Police, 7/77-12/86  
Assistant Chief, 9/75-7/77