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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

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

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

## FIRE INVESTIGATION EXPERIENCE

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| 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 |