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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

- 2019 * Critical Evaluation and Testing of Commonly Reported Accidental Fire Causes, CFITrainer.net
* IL-IAAI 36th 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 35th Annual Training Conference, Champaign, IL
* Process of Elimination, 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 * NFPA 921 Update 2017, IAAI/CFITrainer.net, Sharonville, OH
- 2016 * Illinois Chapter, IAAI 33rd 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 31st 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 30th 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., Partner and Fire Investigator
- 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