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Curriculum Vitae



Education:

B.S. Fire Science Management-Southern Illinois University

A.A.S Fire Science-Moraine Valley Community College

University of Illinois Police Training Institute

University of Illinois Fire Service Institute

Fire Service Experience:

Ward & Associates Forensic Fire Investigation	1-2014 - Present
Orland Fire Protection District	11-1992 - Present
Illinois IAAI Vice-President	9-2014 - Present
Illinois IAAI Board of Director T/E Chair	9-2011 - 9-2014
Rayburn Fire Scene Investigations, Inc.	9-2006 - 5-2014
East Joliet Fire Protection District	7-1987 - 1-2009
Rimkus Consulting Group	9-2004 - 9-2006
Homer Township Fire Protection District	7-1989 - 10-1992

Certifications:

International Association of Arson Investigators-Certified Fire Investigator (IAAI-CFI)

International Association of Arson Investigators-Certified Evidence Technician (IAAI-ETC)

National Association of Fire Investigators-Certified Fire & Explosion Investigator (NAFI-CFEI)

National Association of Fire Investigators-Certified Vehicle Fire Investigator (NAFI-CVFI)

Illinois State Certified Fire Investigator
Illinois State Certified Arson Investigator
Illinois State Certified Chief Officer
Illinois State Certified Fire Officer III
Illinois State Certified Firefighter III
Illinois State Certified Instructor II
Illinois State Certified Training Program Manager
Illinois State Certified Incident Safety Officer
Illinois State Certified Hazardous Materials Incident Command
Illinois State Certified Hazardous Materials Technician A
Illinois State Certified Fire Apparatus Engineer
Illinois State Certified Roadway Extrication Technician
Illinois State Certified Paramedic
National Incident Management System 100-200-400-500-700

Licenses:

Illinois Private Detective	115.002390
Illinois Private Detective Agency	117.001682
Indiana Private Detective Agency	PI21400027
Iowa Private Detective Agency	4363
Iowa Private Detective	1527
Wisconsin Private Detective	12336-63
Wisconsin Private Detective Agency	17107-62
Illinois IDPH Paramedic	

Teaching Experience:

National Association of Subrogation Professionals (NASP)- Fire Investigation Principles / Live Fire
Lloyds of London Insurance-Fire Investigation Principles and Live Fire Demonstration
International Association of Fire Investigators-Vehicle Fire Investigation / Live Fire
Illinois Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators-Live Fire Scenarios
South Suburban Fire Investigation Task Force
Will, Cook, Grundy Fire Investigation Task Force
M.A.B.A.S Division 15 &19 Fire Investigation Teams
National Association of Subrogation Professionals (NASP)-Vehicle Fire Investigation

International Association of Arson Investigators-Evidence Collection Instructor
Illinois SIU Association-Fire Investigation
College of Dupage-Fire Investigation Modules
Illinois ASIU & Illinois NSPII Seminar-Fire Investigation for the Insurance Industry
IL-IAAI / IL-IASIU / IL-NSPII / IL-IAAI Joint Seminar Fire Investigation

Affiliations/Memberships:

International Association of Arson Investigators
Illinois Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators
National Association of Fire Investigators
International Association of Fire Investigators
Will, Cook, Grundy Fire Investigation Taskforce
Illinois SIU Association
M.A.B.A.S Div. 15 & 19 Fire Investigation Team
International Association of Fire Chiefs
Illinois Fire Chiefs Association
Illinois Society of Fire Service Instructors
Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal-Fire/Arson Educational Committee
International Association of Arson Investigators-Insurance Committee

Professional Development:

- 2016 IL-IAAI Northern Zone Seminar 16 hrs. Tested
Will, Cook, Grundy Fire Investigation Task Force Seminar 24 hrs. tested
IL-IAAI Annual Training Conference 27 hrs. Tested
- 2015 IL-IAAI Northern Zone Seminar- Electrical Fire Investigations / Burn Patterns 16hrs
Central Illinois Fire Investigators Seminar-Fire Dynamics / Flashover
IL-IAAI Southern Zone Seminar- Large Scene Fire Loss / 16 hrs Tested
IAAI International Training Conference- Chicago, IL 40 hrs. Tested
IAAI-Evidence Collection Technician-Facilitator Southern Zone Seminar
IAAI- Evidence Collection Technician-Facilitator-IAAI ITC Chicago
IL-IAAI Annual Training Conference Champaign, IL 27 hrs. Tested
- 2014 Will, Cook, Grundy Fire Investigation Task Force 40 hrs. Tested Seminar
Instructed the Live Fire Demonstration of 30 Vehicles for testing and instruction
IL-IAAI Northern Zone Seminar 16 hrs. Tested Seminar Vehicle Fire Class
IAAI International Training Conference- Las Vegas, NV 40 hrs. Tested
IAAI Evidence Collection Technician-Facilitator
IL-IAAI Southern Zone Seminar 16 hrs. Tested Seminar
IAAI-Report Writing and CV Class
- 2013 Illinois IAAI 16hr Northern Zone Seminar
IAAI Evidence Technician Certification IAAI-ETC
Illinois IAAI 40hr Annual Training Conference Champaign, IL
IAAI 8hr Vehicle Fire Investigation seminar
Instructed the Live Fire Demonstration of 12 Vehicles for testing and instruction
Instructed Classroom and Live Fire Demonstration for Lloyds of London
Instructed Classroom and Live Fire Demonstration of the National Association of
Subrogation Professionals
Illinois Private Investigator exam and License # 115.002390
- 2012 Illinois IAAI 16hr Winter Seminar-Mokena, IL
Illinois IAAI Southern Zone Seminar-Fairview Heights, IL
South Suburban Task Force 40 hr. Seminar-Orland Park, IL
Illinois IAAI 40hr Conference Champaign, IL
- 2011 Illinois IAAI 16 hr. Winter Conference
Fire Department Instructors Conference Indianapolis
Illinois IAAI 40hr Conference Champaign, IL
Illinois Office of the Sate Fire Marshal Fire Investigator Recertification
Police Training Institute Basic Arson Investigator Class 2934
Attended Monthly M.A.B.A.S Div. 19 Fire Investigator Training
- 2010 IAAI CFI-Recertification
Illinois IAAI 40hr Conference Champaign, IL
MABAS 19 / ATF 40 hr. Seminar
Fire Department Instructor Conference

- 2009 Attended IAAI / ATF Advanced Arson Investigation Glyenco, Ga
Instructor Illinois IAAI Chapter Courtroom Class / Field Exercise, Urbana, IL
Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal Fire Investigation Modules, Car Fire live
burns and investigation.
Fire Department Instructors Conference Indianapolis, IN
Attended Monthly M.A.B.A.S. Div. 19 Fire Investigator Training
- 2008 Attended National Association of fire Invest. Vehicle Fire Class, Springfield, IL
National Association of Fire Investigators Certified Vehicle Fire Investigator
Attended 23rd Annual Training Conference, Illinois IAAI, Urbana, IL
Fire Department Instructors Conference Indianapolis, IN
- 2007 Attended Northern Illinois IAAI Winter Training Conference Frankfort, IL
Attended Central Illinois Fire IAAI Training Seminar Peoria, IL (Auto Fires)
Attended Monthly M.A.B.A.S. Div. 19 Fire Investigator Training
Bachelors Degree in Fire Science Management SIU
Illinois State Certified Fire Officer III
Fire Department Instructor Conference Indianapolis, In
Fire Findings Investigation of Gas & Electrical Fires
Illinois State Certified Incident Safety Officer
- 2006 Attended 23rd Annual Training Conference, Illinois IAAI, Urbana, IL
Attended Monthly M.A.B.A.S Div. 19 monthly training 40 hrs.
Training Officer South Suburban Arson Task Force
Fire Department Instructor Conference Indianapolis, In
- 2005 Attended 22nd Annual Training Conference, Illinois IAAI, Urbana, IL
IAAI Certified Fire Investigator Exam
Monthly M.A.B.A.S. Div. 19 monthly training 40 hrs.
Training Officer M.A.B.A.S Div. 19 Fire Investigators
Training Officer South Suburban Arson Task Force
Associates Degree in Fire Science, Moraine Valley C.C.
Certified Fire Investigator Exam IAAI
Fire Department Instructor Conference Indianapolis, In
- 2004 Attended 21st Annual Training Conference, Illinois IAAI, Urbana, IL
Attended IAAI Court Room Testimony class
Attended Monthly M.A.B.A.S. Div. 19 monthly training 40 hrs
Training Officer M.A.B.A.S Div. 19 Fire Investigators
Fire Department Instructor Conference Indianapolis, In
- 2003 Attended 20th Annual Training Conference, Illinois IAAI, Urbana, IL
Instructor in Live Burn Exercise for Illinois Chapter IAAI, Urbana, IL
Attended Monthly M.A.B.A.S. Div 19 Fire Investigator Training 40hrs

- Attended Northern Illinois IAAI Winter Training Conference Frankfort, IL
Training Officer M.A.B.A.S Div. 19 Fire Investigators
Fire Department Instructor Conference Indianapolis, IN
Illinois State Certified Training Program Manager
- 2002 Attended 19th Annual Training Conference, Illinois IAAI, Urbana, IL
Instructor in Live Burn Exercise for Illinois Chapter IAAI, Urbana, IL
Attended Monthly M.A.B.A.S. Div. 19 Fire Investigator Training 40hr
Training Officer M.A.B.A.S Div. 19 Fire Investigators
Fire Department Instructor Conference Indianapolis, IN
- 2001 Attended 18th Annual Training Conference, Illinois IAAI, Urbana, IL
Instructor in Live Burn Exercise for Illinois Chapter IAAI, Urbana, IL
Attended Monthly M.A.B.A.S. Div. 19 Fire Investigator Training 40hr
IAAI Courtroom Testimony-Loyal College of Law
Fire Department Instructor Conference Indianapolis, IN
- 2000 Attended 17th Annual Training Conference, Illinois IAAI, Urbana, IL
Instructor Live Burn Exercise for Illinois Chapter IAAI, Urbana, IL
Attended Monthly M.A.B.A.S. Div. 19 Fire Investigator Training 40hr
Fire Department Instructor Conference Indianapolis, IN
Illinois Certified Fire Officer II
- 1999 Attended 16th Annual Training Conference, Illinois IAAI
Ride along with Chicago Fire Department, Office of Fire Investigation
Attended Monthly M.A.B.A.S. Div. 19 Fire Investigator Training 40hr
Fire Department Instructor Conference Indianapolis, IN
- 1998 Attended 15th Annual Training Conference, Illinois IAAI
Attend Northern Illinois IAAI Fall Conference
Attended Monthly M.A.B.A.S. Div. 19 Fire Investigator Training 40hr
Fire Department Instructor Conference Indianapolis, IN
Illinois State Certified Fire Service Instructor II
- 1997 Attended 14th Annual Training Conference, Illinois IAAI
Attend Northern Illinois IAAI Fall Conference
Attended Monthly M.A.B.A.S. Div. 19 Fire Investigator Training 40hr
Fire Department Instructor Conference Indianapolis, IN
Ride along Chicago Fire Department, Office of Fire Investigation
Illinois Fire Service Haz-Mat Incident Command
- 1996 Illinois State Certified Fire Officer I
Fire Department Instructor Conference Indianapolis, IN
John Reid School-Interviewing and Interrogation

- 1995 Illinois Certified Haz-Mat Tech A
Illinois Certified Instructor I
- 1994 Illinois Certified Haz-Mat First Responder
Illinois Certified Haz-Mat Awareness
- 1993 Illinois State Certified Rescue / Specialist
- 1992 Illinois State Certified Fire Investigator
- 1991 Illinois State Certified Firefighter III