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## Curriculum Vitae



### Education:

University of Illinois Police Training Institute

University of Illinois Fire Service Institute

United States Army Fort McClellan, Alabama

### Fire Service Experience:

Ward & Associates Forensic Fire Investigation                      10-2017 - Present

Homer Township Fire Protection District                              11-1998 - Present

### Certifications:

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

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 I

Illinois State Certified Firefighter III

Illinois State Certified Instructor I

Illinois State Certified Hazardous Materials First Responder-Operations

Illinois State Certified Hazardous Materials Awareness

Illinois State Certified Technical Rescue Awareness

Illinois State Certified Fire Apparatus Engineer  
National Incident Management System 100-200-400-500-700  
Military Police Officer 95B10-OSUT Class 201-98

**Licenses:**

Illinois IDPH Paramedic  
Illinois Perc Card 129.416823

**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  
M.A.B.A.S Div. 19 Fire Investigation Team

## **Professional Development:**

- 2018** Major Crimes Task Force and Fatal Fires (1.5 Hours)  
Scene Safety and Introduction to Cook County Homeland Security (2.5 Hours)  
Will Cook Grundy County Fire Investigation Task Force Conference (32 Hours)  
Evidence Collection (2.25 Hours)  
Joined Will Grundy Major Crimes Task Force  
Evidence Collection Practical (2 Hours)  
Basic Evidence Collection Technician (40 Hours)  
Fire Alarms and Sprinkler Systems (2 Hours)
- 2017** Law and Legal Updates for Fire Investigators (2 Hours)  
Legal and Law Review Updates for Fire/Arson Investigators (2 Hours)  
Use of Force for Fire & Arson Investigators (6 Hours)  
International Association of Arson Investigators Certified Fire Investigator  
NFPA 921 Review/Bridging the Gap between Private and Public Investigators  
Will Cook Grundy County Fire Investigation Task Force Annual Conference  
Will County Coroner's Office Information on Fatal Fires (1.5 Hours)?  
Constitutional Law Updates for Police (8 Hours)  
C.R.I.M.E. 1-2-3 "Criminal Related Interviewing Made Easy (8 Hours)
- 2016** Will Cook Grundy County Fire Investigation Task Force Conference (32 Hours)  
Charleston Super Sofa Store Fire CFITrainer.net (4 Hours)  
Explosion Dynamics CFITrainer.net (4 Hours)  
Public Agency Training Council Hands on Vehicle Fire/Arson  
National Association of Fire Investigators Certified Vehicle Fire Investigator
- 2015** Case Management (2 Hours)  
Annual Terrance Hoyle Northern Zone Conference (16 Hours)  
Fire Investigator Safety (2 Hours)  
Will Cook Grundy County Fire Investigation Task Force Annual Conference  
Sikh Culture and the Fire Investigator (2 Hours)  
Evidence Preservation & Awareness (2 Hours)  
The Deposition Part 1: Format, Content, and Preparation CFITrainer.net  
The Deposition Part 2: Questioning Tactics and Effective Responses  
NFPA 921 and 1033 2014 Editions: Important Revisions CFITrainer.net  
International Association of Arson Investigators Illinois Chapter Seminar  
National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI-CFEI)
- 2014** Will Cook Grundy County Fire Investigation Task Force Conference (32 Hours)

- 2013** The Scientific Method for Fire and Explosion Investigation CFITrainer.net  
NFPA 1033 and Your Career CFITrainer.net (2 Hours)  
The Practical Application of the Relationship between NFPA 1033 and NFPA 921  
CFITrainer.net (2 Hours)  
Ethics and the Fire Investigator CFITrainer.net (3 Hours)  
DNA CFITrainer.net (3 Hours)  
Evidence Examination: What Happens at the Lab? CFITrainer.net (4 Hours)  
International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI-FIT)
- 2012** Advanced Cause and Origin Seminar (40 Hours) (S.S.F.I.T.F.)  
Attended monthly MABAS 19 Investigation Training (40 Hours)
- 2011** Police Training Institute Basic Arson Investigator Class 2934 (200 hours)  
The Fire Investigator & the 2011 NFPA 921 Changes CFITrainer.net (4 hours)  
Search and Seizure CFITrainer.net (4 hours)  
Car Fire Training Seminar (8 hours) (S.S.F.I.T.F.)  
Advanced Cause & Origin Training Seminar (40 hours) (S.S.F.I.T.F.)  
Electrical fire Investigation (16 hours) (ATF)  
“Common Sense” Building Construction for the Street Smart Firefighter  
A Ventilation-Focused Approach to the Impact of Building Structures and  
Electrical Safety CFITrainer.net (3 hours)  
Attended Monthly M.A.B.A.S. 19 Fire Investigation Training (40 hours)
- 2010** Post Flashover Fires CFITrainer.net (4 hours)  
Fundamentals of Residential Building Construction CFITrainer.net (3 hours)  
Physical Evidence at the Fire Scene CFITrainer.net (4 hours)  
Motive, Means and opportunity: Determining Responsibility in an Arson Case  
CFITrainer.net (4 hours)  
Digital Photography and the Fire Investigator CFITrainer.net (4 hours)  
Introduction to Evidence CFITrainer.net (4 hours)  
Documenting the Event CFITrainer.net (4 hours)  
Understanding Fire Through the Candle Experiment CFITrainer.net (4 hours)  
Investigating Fatal Fires CFITrainer.net (4 hours)  
Managing Complex Fire Scene Investigations CFITrainer.net (4 hours)  
Investigating Motor Vehicle Fires CFITrainer.net (4 hours)  
Fire Investigator Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal (120 hours)

International Association of Arson  
Investigators, Inc.


**CERTIFIED FIRE INVESTIGATOR**

Hereby Certifies That

**Steven John Rybka, IAAI-CFI**

Has successfully demonstrated the ability to meet the standards for certification in the  
Certified Fire Investigators Program and is hereby recognized by them as a  
Certified Fire Investigator

Certificate No. 12-012488  
Expires: 1/24/2022

  
Rodney L. Pevy, IAAI-CFI  
Chairman, Certification Committee

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE INVESTIGATORS, INTERNATIONAL.

**STEVEN J RYBKA**  
**Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator**

Number: 20399-11696  
Effective: 09/25/2015



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Signature of Employee

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