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## Great Lakes Service Center

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### **EDUCATION:**

Master's of Science in Administration  
Central Michigan University, 2011

Bachelor of Leadership, Leadership in Public Safety  
Baker College, 2009

Associate Degree in General Studies  
Macomb Community College, 2006

### **EMPLOYMENT:**

Unified Investigations & Sciences  
Detroit, Michigan  
Special Investigator  
2011 to present

City of St. Clair Shores Fire Department  
Fire Marshal  
2003-present  
Interim Fire Chief  
May – July 2010  
Fire Inspector  
1999-2003  
Firefighter/Medic  
1988-1999

Macomb Community College  
Adjunct Instructor  
1990-present

City of Roseville Fire Department Fire Department  
Firefighter/EMT  
1988

## **EMPLOYMENT (CON'T):**

City of Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety,  
Fire Division / Paramedic  
1986-1988

Harrison Township Fire Department  
Part-Pay Firefighter / Paramedic / Rescue Dive Team Member  
1984-1987

## **SPECIALIZED TRAINING:**

- International Association of Arson Investigators, Fire Protection Systems. 3 hrs., (tested)
- International Association of Arson Investigators, Fire Investigator Scene Safety. 3 hrs., (tested)
- Qualifying as an Expert Witness, and Exhaust Manifold Fires, Case Studies, Michigan Chapter of the International association of Arson Investigators (IAAI), November, 2010. 6 hrs. (tested)
- Fire Investigations, Preservation of the Scene, Macomb County Fire Prevention Association, September, 2010. 2 hrs (non-tested)
- Open Forum for Arson Updates, and Information Affecting Communities. Presented by Special Agent Kim Battle, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), April, 2010. 3 hrs. (non-tested)
- 2011 Structural and Mobile Property Fire Investigations training, Michigan Arson Prevention Committee, live fire training, June, 2011. 8 hrs. (non-tested)
- Profiling the Arsonist from Childhood through Adult Life, Michigan Social Work Continuing Education Collaborative, course # 120408-34. May, 2009. 6 hrs. (non-tested)
- Fire Pattern Certification, Public Agency Training Council, April, 2009. 24 hrs. (tested)
- Advanced Digital Photography, Macomb County Criminal Justice Training Center. April, 2008. 16 hours (non-tested)
- 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Juvenile Arson Seminar, Michigan Arson Prevention Committee. February, 2008. 20 hrs. (non-tested)
- 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Michigan Fire Inspectors Society, Fall Educational Seminar. September, 2007. 26 hrs. (non-tested)
- 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Michigan Fire Inspectors Society, Fall Educational Seminar. September, 2006. 26 hrs. (non-tested)

## **SPECIALIZED TRAINING (CON'T):**

- Fire Loss Estimating, Metro Detroit Fire Inspectors Society. February, 2006. 2 hrs. (non-tested)
- Bringing an arson case to your prosecutor. Assistant Macomb County Prosecutors Steve Kaplan & Steve Steinhardt. March, 2006. 3 hrs. (non-tested)
- Risk Management, Your Role in Public Safety Operations, by Gordon Graham. December, 2005. 6 hrs. (non-tested)
- Hazardous Materials Response to Clandestine Methamphetamine Labs, Michigan State Police, Lt. Saucedo. December, 2005. 3 hrs. (non-tested)
- 2003 International Fire Code Fundamentals, International Code Council. September, 2005 6 hrs. (non-tested)
- Fire Alarm Systems, Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. August, 2005. 7 hrs (tested)
- 2003 International Building Code Hazardous Material, International Code Council. December, 2004. 6 hrs. (non-tested)
- 2003 International Building Code, Fire Protection Systems, International Code Council. December, 2004. 6 hrs. (non-tested)
- 2003 International Fire Code Fundamentals, International Code Council. November, 2004. 6 hrs (non-tested)
- Public Agency Training Council, Electrical Fire / Arson Investigation. October, 2004. 22 hrs. (tested)
- UL 1254, Suppression Systems for Gasoline Service Stations and Spray Booths, Kidde / Fenwal Fire Suppression Company. May, 2004. 6 hrs. (non-tested)
- NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) Plan Examiner I certification. June, 2003. (tested)
- Juvenile Arson School, Michigan Arson Prevention Committee. January, 2003. 20 hrs. (non-tested)
- NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) 921 Seminar, Michigan Arson Prevention Committee. November, 2002. 6 hrs. (non-tested)
- Management Institute for Fire Marshals, International Fire Marshals Association. April, 2002 16 hrs. (non-tested)
- Advanced Fire Investigation School, Michigan State Police. March 2001, 34 hrs (tested)

## **SPECIALIZED TRAINING (CON'T):**

- 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Michigan Fire Inspectors Society, Fall Educational Seminar. September, 2001. 26 hrs. (non-tested)
- Fire Fatality Investigation, Public Agency Training Council. May, 2001, 16 hrs. (tested)
- Fireworks Laws, Analysis of Fire Debris & Evidence Collection, Metropolitan Detroit Fire Inspectors Society, Oakland County Fire Prevention Society & Macomb County Fire Inspectors Society. May, 2001, 6 hrs. (non-tested)
- Advance Fire Investigation Michigan State Police. March, 2001, 34 hrs (tested)
- Performing Nonstructural Plan Review, Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc. February, 2001, 10 hrs. (non-tested)
- Certified Fire Inspector Training, NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) Macomb Community Collage 80 hr, (tested and certified by NFPA and State of Michigan)
- Fireworks Displays in Municipalities, Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Act (MIOSHA), State of Michigan, May, 2000 8 hrs (non-tested)
- Arson and Fire Investigation, (*Fire modeling, Fatal Fire Reconstruction, Press Relations, Fire Dynamics, Evidence Collection and Preservation*) Oakland County Association of Arson and Fire Investigators. April, 2000, 12 hrs. (tested)
- Vehicle Fire Investigation School, Michigan State Police. August 2000, 32 hrs. (tested)
- Plan Review of Gas Suppression Kitchen Hood Systems, Fire Safety Consultants, Inc. November, 1999, 6 hrs. (non-tested)
- Arson / Fire Origin Investigation, Public Agency Training Council. November, 1999, 24 hrs. (tested)
- Basic Fire Investigation School, Michigan State Police September, 1999, 68 hrs (tested)
- Automatic Fire Sprinkler Plan Review, Fire Safety Consultants, Inc. September, 1999, 6 hrs. (non-tested)
- Michigan Arson School, International Association of Arson Investigators, Michigan Chapter. May, 1999. 28 hrs. (non-tested)

**EXPERIENCE:**

John has over ten years of experience conducting and directing origin and cause investigations of fires and explosions involving vehicles, single, multi-family, and business occupancies that resulted in serious injuries, single and multiple fatalities. He brings with him the practical awareness and skills to identify and preserve a scene and physical findings concerning criminal, civil, and subrogation issues. With his formal training and real-life experience as a Fire Inspector and Marshal, he has attained a working knowledge of fire suppression, detection and notification systems. Serving within the City of St. Clair Shores, which has one of the largest collections of privately owned watercraft in the U.S., gives John an unique understanding in conducting investigation of fires involving watercraft and marina environments.

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:**

The Michigan Fire Inspectors Society  
The Southeastern Michigan Fire Inspectors Association  
Macomb County Fire Prevention Association  
International Association of Arson Investigators

**COURT QUALIFICATIONS:**

Deposed as expert in civil cases  
Recognized as an expert witness concerning criminal cases in District and Circuit Courts, Michigan

**CERTIFICATIONS:**

Licensed Paramedic, License issued by State of Michigan, Department of Community Health ID# 3201002455

Certified as a Firefighter II by the State of Michigan Firefighters Training Council

Certified Lead Fire Instructor by The State of Michigan Firefighter Training Council

Certified Fire Inspector by NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) #FII-01-0054

Certified Fire Inspector by Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth, Bureau of Fire Services, State of Michigan #01-437

Certified Fire Investigator, National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) 1033 Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigator

**GUEST LECTURER/INSTRUCTOR:**

John has been an Adjunct Instructor for Macomb Community College, in Michigan, for twenty years. He has conducted classes and educational programs for Fire Academy students, specialized educational programs, local municipalities, area Fire Departments, and private industries. Subjects' material includes fire behavior, building construction, fire alarm and communication systems, fire sprinkler system installation, testing and operations, as well as others. John has been sought out as a guest speaker by numerous organizations, such as local and regional business and professional associations, related law enforcement and fire officer programs, and other educational programs, including the "Leadership Macomb Program".