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EDUCATION:

Technical College of the Lowcountry
Beaufort, South Carolina
Associate of Science
Criminal Justice

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

Unified Investigations & Sciences, Inc.
Western & Gulf Coast Regions
Assistant Vice President – Regional Director
July 2011-present

Unified Investigations & Sciences; Inc.
Jacksonville, Florida; January 2007 – June 2011
Territorial Manager

Unified Investigations & Sciences; Inc.
Indianapolis, Indiana; April 2002-January 2007
Territorial Manager

Unified Investigations & Sciences; Inc.
Greenville, South Carolina; June 2000-April 2002
Senior Investigator

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY (Cont.):

S.C. Farm Bureau Insurance Companies (SIU)
Greenville, South Carolina
Special Investigator
March 1996 to June 2000

Beaufort County Sheriff's Office
Beaufort, South Carolina
Detective
August 1988 to March 1996

City of Beaufort Fire Department
Beaufort, South Carolina
Firefighter/Fire Investigator
January 1984 to August 1988

Bluffton Township Fire Department
Bluffton, South Carolina
Volunteer Firefighter
1981 to 1984

SPECIALIZED TRAINING:

- New Mexico Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators; Las Cruces, New Mexico; 2011 NFPA 921 Updates; February 2012; 16 hours (tested)
- National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators; Bloomingdale, Illinois; 2011 Advanced Insurance Fraud Seminar; November 2011; 8 hours
- ExecuSummit, Uncasville, Connecticut, 8th Annual National Property Subrogation Strategies Conference; April 2011; 12 hours
- South Carolina Fire Academy, Columbia, South Carolina; Commercial Kitchen Systems and Fire Extinguishers; March 2011; 14 hours
- Interscience (United Kingdom); San Francisco, California; Principles of Electrical Fires and Explosions; February 2011; 16 hours
- Florida Advisory Committee on Arson Prevention; FACAP Training Conference; Ocala, Florida November 2010; 16 hours
- National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators; Lexington, Kentucky; 2010 Advanced Insurance Fraud Seminar; November 2010; 8 hours

SPECIALIZED TRAINING (Cont.):

- International Association of Special Investigation Units (IASIU); Orlando, Florida; Annual Insurance Fraud Seminar; September 2010; 20 hours
- Florida Insurance Fraud Education Committee (FIFEC); Orlando; Florida; 2010 Insurance Fraud Seminar; June 2010; 16 hours
- International Association of Arson Investigators; Orlando, Florida; Annual Fire Investigation Seminar and General Meeting; May 2010; 36 hours
- National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators; Orlando, Florida; 2010 Regional Insurance Fraud Seminar; April 2010; 8 hours
- National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators; Columbus, Ohio; 2009 Advanced Insurance Fraud Seminar; November 2009; 8 hours
- Florida Advisory Committee on Arson Prevention; FACAP Training Conference; Ocala, Florida November 2009; 16 hours
- Property Loss Research Bureau (PLRB) Central Regional Claims Conference; Austin, Texas; October 2009; 16 hours
- Property Loss Research Bureau (PLRB) Central Regional Claims Conference; Lombard, Illinois; September 2009; 16 hours
- Indiana Chapter-International Association of Arson Investigators; Indianapolis, Indiana; Fire Investigation Seminar; August 2009; 21 hours (tested)
- Property Loss Research Bureau (PLRB) Eastern Regional Claims Conference; Providence, Rhode Island; June 2009; 16 hours
- Florida IAAI Chapter Regional Seminar; Howey in the Hills, Florida; Electrical Causes of Residential Structure Fires; June 2009; 8 hours (tested)
- Insurance Committee for Arson Control, Sandestin, Florida; 2009 Annual Arson Investigation Seminar; February 2009; 24 hours
- Florida Advisory Committee on Arson Prevention (FACAP); Ocala, Florida; 2008 FACAP Training Conference; November 2008; 20 hours
- National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators; Louisville, Kentucky; 2008 Advanced Insurance Fraud Seminar; November 2008; 8 hours

SPECIALIZED TRAINING (Cont.):

- National Association of Subrogation Professionals (NASP); Sarasota, Florida, Subro-College, July 2008, 7 hours (tested)
- Florida Insurance Fraud Education Committee (FIFEC); Orlando; Florida; 2008 Insurance Fraud Seminar; June 2008; 16 hours
- Property Loss Research Bureau (PLRB) Southeast Regional Claims Conference; Tampa, Florida; June 2008; 16 hours
- Fire Findings Laboratory; Benton Harbor, Michigan; Investigating Residential Dryer Fires; May 2008; 16 hours (tested)
- South Carolina Chapter-International Association of Arson Investigators; Moncks Corner, South Carolina; Live Burns & Fire Progression Analysis; 4.5 hours
- Florida Advisory Committee on Arson Prevention (FACAP); Ocala, Florida; 2007 FACAP Training Conference; November 2007; 20 hours
- National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators; Indianapolis, Indiana; 2007 Advanced Insurance Fraud Seminar; November 2007; 8 hours
- Florida Insurance Fraud Education Committee (FIFEC); Orlando, Florida; 2007 Insurance Fraud Seminar; June 2007; 16 hours
- National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators; Cincinnati, Ohio; 2006 Advanced Insurance Fraud Seminar; November 2006; 12 hours
- Illinois Chapter-International Association of Arson Investigators; Champaign, Illinois; Fire Investigation Conference; September 2006; 12 hours (tested)
- Indiana Chapter-International Association of Arson Investigators; Indianapolis, Indiana; Fire Investigation Seminar; August 2006; 24 hours (tested)
- National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators; Nashville, Tennessee; 2005 Advanced Insurance Fraud Seminar; November 2005; 12 hours
- Idaho Chapter-International Association of Arson Investigators; Twin Falls, Idaho; Fire Investigation Conference; November 2005; 20 hours (tested)
- American Institute for Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters (CPCU); National Conferment & Conference; Atlanta; Georgia; October 2005; 16 hours
- Property Loss Research Bureau (PLRB) Midwest Regional Claims Conference; Indianapolis, Indiana; September 2005; 16 hours

SPECIALIZED TRAINING (Cont.):

- Illinois Chapter-International Association of Arson Investigators; Whittington, Illinois; Fire Investigation Conference; May 2005; 14 hours
- National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators; Louisville, Kentucky; 2004 Advanced Insurance Fraud Seminar; November 2004; 8 hours
- Indiana Chapter-International Association of Arson Investigators, Indianapolis; Indiana; Fire Investigation Seminar; August 2004; 24 hours (tested)
- International Association of Arson Investigators & Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers; Las Vegas, Nevada; Investigation of Electrical Appliance Related Fires; July 2004; 20 hours (tested)
- Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association; Peoria, Illinois; Fire Investigation Conference; March 2004; 15 hours (tested)
- NC/SC Chapters-International Association of Arson Investigators; Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; Fire Investigation Seminar; October 2003; 34 hours
- Fire Findings Laboratory; Benton Harbor, Michigan; Investigation of Gas and Electric Appliance Fires; October 2002; 16 hours (tested)
- Indiana Chapter-International Association of Arson Investigators; Indianapolis; Indiana; Fire Investigation Seminar; August 2002; 24 hours (tested)
- NC/SC Chapters-International Association of Arson Investigators; Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; Fire Investigation Seminar; November 2001; 32 hours
- South Carolina Chapter-International Association of Arson Investigators; Lexington, South Carolina; Mobile Homes Live Burn; December 2000; 12 hours (tested)
- Lee S. Cole & Associates; Vehicle Fire Investigation; Charleston, South Carolina; November 2000; 16 hours (tested)
- NC/SC Chapters-International Association of Arson Investigators; Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; Fire Investigation Seminar; October 2000; 30 hours (tested)
- Greenville Technical College; Greenville, South Carolina; Basic Electricity (Engineering curriculum program); August-December 2000; 60 hours (tested)
- South Carolina Insurance Fraud Investigators (SCIFI); Columbia, South Carolina; Insurance Fraud Investigation; November 1999; 16 hours
- Summit Engineering; Columbia; South Carolina, Fire Findings School; July 1999; 8 hours

SPECIALIZED TRAINING (Cont.):

- Carolina Fire Investigators; Greenville, South Carolina; NFPA 921 Seminar Series; June 1999; 26 hours (tested)
- Farm Bureau Insurance Companies; Traverse City, Michigan; Fire/Fraud Seminar; June 1999; 12 hours
- International Association of Arson Investigators; Las Vegas, Nevada; Annual Fire Investigation Seminar and General Meeting; May 1999; 28 hours
- North Carolina Insurance Crime Information Exchange (NCICIE); Southern Pines, North Carolina; Insurance Fraud Seminar; February 1999; 30 hours
- North Eastern Technical Services; Fall River, Massachusetts; Forensic Analysis of Vehicle Theft/Burn Incidents; August 1998; 6 hours
- South Carolina Chapter-International Association of Arson Investigators; Columbia, South Carolina; Vehicle Fire Investigation; May 1998; 6 hours (tested)
- International Association of Arson Investigators; Portland, Oregon; Annual Fire Investigation Seminar and General Meeting; May 1998; 27.5 hours (tested)
- Public Agency Training Council; Orlando, Florida; Electrical Fire Investigation; January 1998; 24 hours (tested)
- South Carolina Chapter-International Association of Arson Investigators; Columbia, South Carolina; Heater Failure Analysis; December 1997; 5 hours
- National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB); Houston, Texas; Advanced Special Investigations Academy; December 1997; 36 hours
- NC/SC Chapters-International Association of Arson Investigators; Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; Arson Investigation Seminar; October 1997; 32 hours
- International Association of Special Investigation Units; Charlotte, North Carolina; Insurance Fraud Conference; September 1997; 32 hours
- International Association of Arson Investigators; Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; NFPA 921 Sword & Shield; March 1997; 17.5 hours (tested)
- Georgia Fire Investigators Association; Decatur, Georgia; Appliance Fire Investigation; March 1997; 17 hours (tested)
- National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB); Leesburg, Virginia; Special Investigations Academy; September 1996; 36 hours

SPECIALIZED TRAINING (Cont.):

- South Carolina Chapter-International Association of Arson Investigators; Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; Arson Investigation Seminar; August 1996; 30 hours (tested)
- Virginia Chapter of the International Association of Special Investigation Units; Richmond, Virginia; Insurance Fraud Seminar; May 1996; 16 hours
- Southern Farm Bureau Tech; Jackson, Mississippi; Fire Cause Investigations; March 1996; 36 hours
- Federal Bureau of Investigation; Columbia, South Carolina; Bomb Investigators Seminar; July 1991; 40 hours
- South Carolina Chapter-International Association of Arson Investigators; Charleston, South Carolina; Arson Investigation Seminar; August 1990; 15 hours
- FBI Academy; Quantico, Virginia; Police Bombing Crime Scene School; June 1990
36 hours (tested)
- South Carolina State Fire Marshal's Office; Hilton Head Island, South Carolina; Arson Symposium; February 1990; 24 hours
- South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy; Columbia, South Carolina; Certified Arson Investigators Training Program; November 1989; 64 hours (tested)
- South Carolina Chapter-International Association of Arson Investigators; Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; Arson Investigation Seminar; August 1989; 24 hours
- FBI Academy; Quantico, Virginia; Police Arson Crime Scene Training School; April 1989; 36 hours (tested)
- South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy, Columbia; South Carolina; Basic Law Enforcement; March 1989; 320 hours (tested)
- South Carolina Chapter-International Association of Arson Investigators; Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; Arson Investigation Seminar; August 1988; 24 hours
- Federal Law Enforcement Training Center; Glynco, Georgia; Advanced Arson for Profit Investigation; August 1988; 64 hours (tested)
- Federal Bureau of Investigation; Washington, DC; Arson Incident Reporting Conference; January 1988; 24 hours
- South Carolina Chapter-International Association of Arson Investigators; Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; Arson Investigation Seminar; August 1987; 16 hours
- Bureau of Alcohol; Tobacco and Firearms; Charlotte, North Carolina; Arson for Profit Seminar; March 1986; 24 hours

SPECIALIZED TRAINING (Cont.):

- Calhoun County Fire Officers Association; St. Mathews, South Carolina; Arson Investigation; February 1986; 8 hours
- University of Georgia; Athens, Georgia; Southeastern Arson School; August 1985; 40 hours
- Francis Marion College; Florence, South Carolina; Fire & Arson Symposium; June 1985 24 hours
- National Fire Academy; Emmitsburg, Maryland; Building Construction for the Fire Service; October 1984; 13 hours
- National Fire Academy Field Program, Beaufort; South Carolina; Arson Detection; January 1984; 15 hours
- S.C. Criminal Justice Academy; Columbia, South Carolina; Basic Arson Investigation; August 1983; 80 hours (tested)
- Francis Marion College; Florence; South Carolina, Fire & Arson Symposium; June 1983; 32 hours
- Beaufort Technical College, Beaufort, South Carolina; Fire Cause Determination (part of a fire science curriculum program) September-November 1982; 60 hours (tested)

EXPERIENCE:

Mr. Reynolds has over 1,900 hours of classroom fire investigation training and over 29 years of proven and court-tested experience as a fire origin and cause investigator; working within the fire service; law enforcement; the insurance industry and now the private sector. He has investigated and/or supervised several thousand fire and explosion incidents throughout the United States and has international loss experience as well. These investigations have involved significant product liability/subrogation issues; fuel gas explosions; multi-million dollar losses and those with multiple fatalities.

INTERNATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS:

Mr. Reynolds has investigated international fire incident assignments that occurred in:

Port-au-Prince, Haiti (Caribbean)
Caracas, Venezuela (South America)
Lagos, Nigeria (West Africa)

CERTIFICATIONS:

Certified Fire Investigator (IAAI-CFI) - International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI); since 1989; Certification # 33-001; Re-certifications: 1994, 1999, 2004 and 2009

Certified Fire Investigator (CFI) - National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications; since 1994; Registration # 61150

Certified Fire & Explosion Investigator (CFEI) - National Fire Investigators Association; current since 2001; Registration # 7859-3252

Fraud Claims Law Specialist (FCLS) -American Educational Institute; Inc.; 2001

Certified WARDFLEX CSST Installer; Ward Manufacturing; Certificate # 113580

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

Mr. Reynolds maintains membership in and has taken a leadership role in a number of professional organizations that are associated with insurance investigations and insurance defense. Some of those include:

International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI)
(Independent Investigators Advisory Committee: 2004-2006)

Numerous Chapters-International Association of Arson Investigators
(SC Board of Directors: 1987-1990)

National Fire Investigators Association (NAFI)

Florida Insurance Committee for Arson Prevention (FACAP)

Many Florida Regional Claims Associations

Florida Insurance Fraud Education Committee (FIFEC)
(Executive Seminar Committee 2008-2012)

National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators (NSPII)
(National President: Current position)
(National 1st Vice-President: 2011)
(National 2nd Vice-President: 2010)
(Indiana Chapter Board of Directors: 2004-2006)
(Florida Chapter President 2008-2010)

South Carolina Insurance Fraud Investigators (SCIFI)
(President: 1999; Board of Directors: 1998)

National Association of Subrogation Professionals (NASP)

COURT/EXPERT WITNESS QUALIFICATIONS:

Mr. Reynolds has qualified and testified as an expert witness in South Carolina Civil & Criminal Court trials. Mr. Reynolds has also given expert witness testimony by deposition in Gibson County, Indiana State Court and in the Federal Courts in both the Northern and Southern Districts of Georgia.

PUBLISHED ARTICLES:

Chinese Drywall and Insurance Fraud Concerns; National Society of Professional Insurance Fraud Investigators (NSPII), Spring 2009 newsletter.

Chinese Drywall and Subrogation; National Association of Subrogation Professionals (NASP), Subrogator magazine, Fall 2009.

Focus on Forensics; National Society of Professional Insurance Fraud Investigators (NSPII), Winter 2012 newsletter.

GUEST LECTURER-INSTRUCTOR:

Mr. Reynolds has presented many fire and forensic investigation training programs for various groups throughout the United States. Topics have included fire origin and cause investigation; physical evidence identification; collection and preservation; and forensic photography techniques. He has also served as an Associate Faculty Instructor for the Southern Farm Bureau Tech Adjuster School in Jackson; Mississippi and he was the featured speaker for the 54th annual conference of the S.C. State Association of Fire Chiefs. Mr. Reynolds often speaks to insurance companies, law firms and claims organizations. Some of those have included:

The Hartford Insurance Company
Farm Bureau Insurance Companies
Driver's Choice (Vesta) Insurance Company
Nationwide Insurance Company
United Farm Family Mutual Insurance Company
American Integrity Insurance Company
Safeco Insurance Company
American Strategic Insurance Company
Indiana Insurance Company
Go America Insurance Company
Direct General Insurance Company
Great American Insurance Group
Mid-Continent Casualty Insurance Company
South Carolina Chapter of IAAI; Columbia, South Carolina
Florida Chapter of IAAI, Orlando, Florida
North Carolina Insurance Crime Inform. Exchange; Charlotte, North Carolina

GUEST LECTURER-INSTRUCTOR (cont.):

Piedmont Claims Association; Greenville, South Carolina
Tri-State Adjusters Association; Evansville, Indiana
Charleston Claims Association; Charleston, South Carolina
Central Indiana Claims Association; Indianapolis, Indiana
Calumet Claims Adjuster's Association; Merrillville, Indiana
South Bend Adjusters Association; South Bend, Indiana
Fort Wayne Adjusters Association; Fort Wayne, Indiana
Claims Adjusters Association of Chicago; Chicago, Illinois
Mutual Insurance Companies Association of Indiana; Indianapolis, Indiana
UIS Subrogation Seminar; Seattle, Washington
CPCU Society; Indianapolis, Indiana
Seibel's Claim Services, Orlando, Florida & Columbia, South Carolina
Butler Pappas Law Firm; Tampa, Florida
West Virginia Association of Insurance Companies, Wheeling West Virginia
CPCU Society; Jacksonville, Florida
Southern Loss Association; Atlanta, Georgia
Groelle & Salmon, PA, West Palm Beach, Florida
N.C. Association of Mutual Insurance Companies, Blowing Rock, North Carolina
Columbia Claims Association, Columbia, South Carolina
2009 Florida Insurance Fraud Education Committee Conference, Orlando, Florida
2010 Florida Insurance Fraud Education Committee Conference, Orlando, Florida
2011 Florida Insurance Fraud Education Committee Conference, Orlando, Florida
PLRB 2009 Eastern Regional Adjusters Conference, Providence Rhode Island
PLRB 2009 Central Regional Adjusters Conference, Lombard, Illinois
PLRB 2009 Western Regional Adjusters Conference, Austin Texas
ExecuSummit, 2011 Property Subrogation Conference, Uncasville, Connecticut
Cramer, Johnson & Wiggins (CJW), Orlando, Florida
Vericclaim, Orlando, Florida
Gulf Coast Claims Association, Pensacola, Florida
Mobile Claims Association, Mobile, Alabama
National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
Southwest Florida Claims Association, Ft. Myers, Florida
South Florida Claims Association's 2011 Annual Seminar, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
2011 Greater Cincinnati Fire/Arson Investigation Seminar, Cincinnati, Ohio
2011 South Carolina Insurance Fraud Investigators' Seminar, Charleston, SC
Orlando Claims Association, Orlando, Florida

CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDER:

Mr. Reynolds is an approved continuing education (CE) instructor in the state of Florida and has the following courses approved to deliver to insurance adjusters upon request:

- Fire Scene Investigation (2 CE hours)
- CSST – Lightning Caused Fires (1 CE hour)
- Investigating Pre-fire Premises Security (1 CE hour)
- Eliminating Accidental Fire Causes (2 CE hours)
- Vehicle Fire Investigation (1 CE hour)