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Gulf Coast Service Center

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EDUCATION:

Redemptorist High School
New Orleans, Louisiana

Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Communications

Loyola University
New Orleans, Louisiana
Criminal Justice

30 years experience in fire investigation

EMPLOYMENT:

Unified Investigations & Sciences, Inc.
New Orleans, Louisiana
Senior Investigator
December 2009 to Present

PT&C Forensic Consulting Services, P.A.
New Orleans, Louisiana
Regional Manager
December 2005 to December 2009

Crawford Investigation Services, Inc.
New Orleans, Louisiana
Southern Regional Manager
November 1996 to December 2005

EMPLOYMENT (Cont.):

INS Investigations Bureau, Inc.
New Orleans, Louisiana
District Manager
April 1996 to November 1996

INS Investigations Bureau, Inc.
Nashville, Tennessee
District Manager
September 1989 to March 1996

INS Investigations Bureau, Inc.
New Orleans, Louisiana
Special Agent
May 1983 to September 1989

Jefferson Parish Fire Department
Metairie, Louisiana
Firefighter, Fire Inspector, Fire Investigator
November 1976 to May 1983

SPECIALIZED TRAINING:

- Safety Unlimited, Inc. – OSHA Compliant Safety Training 29 CFR 1910.120 – HAZMAT Refresher , June 2011, 8 Hours Tested
- International Association of Arson Investigators, Louisiana Chapter, Fire Investigation, Shreveport, Louisiana, March 2011, 12 Hours Tested
- Unified Investigations & Sciences, Inc. – Aerosols under Fire Conditions
New Orleans, Louisiana, May 2010, 8 Hours Tested
- International Association of Arson Investigators, Louisiana Chapter, Fire Investigation, Shreveport, Louisiana, April 2009, 16 Hours Tested
- International Association of Arson Investigators, Louisiana Chapter, Recreation Vehicle Fires, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, July 2008, 8 Hours Tested
- Worley Claims Exposition, Hammond, Louisiana, Catastrophe Response, February 2008, 9 Hours
- Central Texas Fire Investigators Association, Principals of Electrical Fires, Austin, Texas, December 2006, 16 Hours

SPECIALIZED TRAINING (Cont.):

- Insurance Commission for Arson Control (ICAC), 16th Annual National Arson Investigation Training Seminar, Destin, Florida, February 2005, 26 Hours
- Insurance Commission for Arson Control (ICAC), 15th Annual National Arson Investigation Training Seminar, Destin, Florida, February 2004, 26 Hours
- Louisiana IAAI & LSU Fireman Training Center, Electrical Fire Investigations, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, November 2003, 24 Hours
- IASIU, 18th Annual Seminar on Insurance Fraud, Lake Buena Vista, Florida, September 2003, 16 Hours
- Louisiana Claims Conference (LCA), Insurance Coverage Issues in Toxic Mold Claims, Products Liability, Mediation, Avoiding Claims for Penalties & Attorney's Fees, Investigating Fraudulent Claims, Ethics, Foundation Failure, Biloxi, Mississippi, May 2003, 8 Hours
- Property Loss Research Bureau (PLRB), PLRB National Mold Symposium – “Truth about Mold”, Charlotte, North Carolina, October 2001, 12 Hours
- International Association of Special Investigation Units (IASIU), 16th Annual Seminar on Insurance Fraud, Palm Springs, California, September 2001, 16 Hours
- Tennessee IAAI & Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office, Modern Techniques of Fire & Arson Investigation, Gatlinburg, Tennessee, August 2001, 40 Hours
- Southeast Louisiana Private Investigators Association, Civil & Criminal Records Research, New Orleans, Louisiana, December 2000, 8 Hours
- International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI), Fire Investigation, Las Vegas, Nevada, May 1999, 40 Hours
- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Various Subjects, Atlanta, Georgia, November 1998, 16 Hours
- National Association of Fire Investigations (NAFI), NFPA 921 & CFEI Certification, Atlanta, Georgia, August 1998, 8 Hours
- International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI), Electrical Fires, Nashville, Tennessee, January 1996, 20 Hours
- Tennessee Advisory Committee on Arson (TACA), Tennessee State Fire School, Fire Investigation, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, May 1995, 24 Hours

SPECIALIZED TRAINING (Cont.):

- Tennessee Chapter, IAAI, Modern Investigation Techniques, Gatlinburg, Tennessee, August 1994, 40 Hours
- Tennessee Advisory Committee on Arson (TACA), Tennessee State Fire School, Level II, Advanced Cause and Origin, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, May 1994, 20 Hours
- Tennessee Chapter, IAAI, Fire Investigation, Gatlinburg, Tennessee, August 1993, 24 Hours
- Tennessee Advisory Committee on Arson (TACA), Tennessee State Fire School, Investigation Techniques, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, May 1992, 16 Hours
- Georgia Tech Research Institute, Hazardous Material Control & Emergency Response, Atlanta Georgia, March 1992, 40 Hours
- National Fire Academy, Building Construction, Emmitsburg, Maryland, November 1991, 16 Hours
- Tennessee Advisory Committee on Arson (TACA), Tennessee State Fire School, Tennessee Fire Investigation, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, May 1991, 20 Hours
- Tennessee Chapter, IAAI, Fire Investigation, Johnson City, Tennessee, July 1990, 40 Hours
- Tennessee Advisory Committee on Arson (TACA), Tennessee State Fire School, Fire Investigation, Arson in Tennessee, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, May 1990, 32 Hours
- Mississippi State Fire Academy, Fire/Arson Investigation, Jackson, Mississippi, October 1988, 20 Hours
- Louisiana Chapter, IAAI, Structural Fire Investigation, Alexandria, Louisiana, September 1987, 32 Hours
- Louisiana State University, Arson for Profit, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, May 1983, 30 Hours
- Jefferson Parish Fire Training Academy, Electrical Fire Investigations, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, January 1983, 16 Hours
- Louisiana State University, Law Enforcement – Field-In-Service Training, New Orleans, Louisiana, December 1982, 45 Hours
- National Fire Academy, Fire/Arson Investigation, Emmitsburg, Maryland, October 1982, 120 Hours

SPECIALIZED TRAINING (Cont.):

- Rutgers University, Fire/Arson Investigation, New Brunswick, New Jersey, June 1982, 40 Hours
- Louisiana State University, Fire Inspector I and Fire Investigator II, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 240 Hours
- National Fire Academy, Fire/Arson Detection, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, December 1981, 16 Hours
- Jefferson Parish Fire Academy, Firefighting Training, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, November 1976, 240 Hours

EXPERIENCE:

Mr. Horaist has investigated/supervised fire & explosion incidents and various complex insurance losses throughout the continental United States and in Europe, South America and the Caribbean. His investigations have involved some of the largest fire losses reported by the National Fire Protection Association.

Mr. Horaist has been conducting fire investigations for over thirty years. During this time he personally participated in, or was involved with the supervision of, well over 4,000 fire investigations. These investigations include fires and explosions involving multiple fatalities, large storage facilities, assembly building, and manufacturing plants. He has been involved in multi-million dollar subrogation litigations and liability defense work on behalf of insurers, manufacturers, and corporations.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI)
National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI)
Louisiana Chapter, IAAI (Former member Board of Directors)
Mississippi Fire Investigators Association (MS Chapter IAAI)
Tennessee Chapter, IAAI (Former member Board of Directors)
Tennessee Advisory Committee on Arson (Former TACA President)
Honorable Order of Blue Goose International (Former President)
Louisiana Claims Association
(New Orleans, Baton Rouge & Lafayette Chapters)
Mississippi Claims Association

CERTIFICATIONS:

Certified Fire Investigator II, National Fire Protection Association
(NFPA 1031, 1977 ed.)

Certified Fire Inspector I, National Fire Protection Association
(NFPA 1031, 1977 ed.)

Certified Fire & Explosion Investigator, CFEI
(National Association of Fire Investigators Certification)

Hazardous Material Technician (OSHA Rule 29 CFR 1910.120)
(Georgia Tech Research Institute Certification)

**COURT
QUALIFICATIONS:**

Expert witness - Fire causation
State Courts - Louisiana & Tennessee
Federal Courts – Louisiana & Tennessee

GUEST LECTURER-INSTRUCTOR:

Worley Catastrophe 2011 Claims Exposition, Memphis, Tennessee
Causes of Accidental Structure Fires

USAA Insurance Company – In-House SIU Training Conference, Tampa, Florida,
Vehicle Fire Investigations – Using the Scientific Method

Louisiana Arson & Fire Prevention Association Annual Conference, Gretna, Louisiana,
Civil Issues affecting Fire Investigators

Arkansas Chapter IAAI Annual Seminar, Eureka Springs, Arkansas, NFPA 921 Update

Louisiana Claims Association Annual Conference, Biloxi, Mississippi, Recent Court
Decisions affect on Expert Testimony

Honorable Order of Blue Goose International, New Orleans, Recent Court Decisions and
the Impact of NFPA 921

Mississippi Fire Investigators Association, Biloxi, Mississippi, Impact of NFPA 921

Kansas City Arson Task Force, Kansas City, Missouri, Impact of NFPA 921

Tennessee Chapter, International Association of Arson Investigators, Gatlinburg,
Tennessee, Impact of NFPA 921

GUEST LECTURER-INSTRUCTOR (Cont.):

GAB National Education Center, Denver, Colorado, Fire Cause and Origin

Tennessee Advisory Committee on Arson, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Impact of NFPA 921

Graward General Insurance Company, Nashville, Tennessee, Fire Cause and Origin

Tennessee Chapter, International Association of Arson Investigators, Gatlinburg, TN,
Impact of NFPA 921

Tennessee Advisory Committee on Arson, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Impact of NFPA 921

Tennessee Advisory Committee on Arson, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Safety at Fire Scenes

Tennessee Advisory Committee on Arson, Nashville, Tennessee, Insurance Investigations

Agency Management Corporation, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Fire Cause and Origin

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms, Hammond, Louisiana, Fire Cause & Origin

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms, New Orleans, Louisiana, Arson for Profit –
Insurance Section

Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office Training Academy, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, Fire
Cause & Origin

Louisiana Arson & Fire Prevention Association, New Iberia, Louisiana, Fire Cause &
Origin

Jefferson Parish Vocational -Technical School, Metairie, Louisiana, Fire/Arson Detection