



Atlantic Coast Service Center

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Senior Investigator

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EDUCATION:

Gaston College
Dallas, North Carolina
Fire Protection Technology 1983

Asheville Buncombe Technical College
Asheville, North Carolina
Law Enforcement Technology 1986

EMPLOYMENT:

Unified Investigations and Sciences, Inc
Charlotte, North Carolina
Senior Investigator
January 2007 – Present

City of Black Mountain, North Carolina
August 1974 – August 2006
Director of Public Safety [April 2005 – August 2006]
Fire Chief [July 1978 – April 2005]
City's Primary Fire Investigator [July 1986 – August 2006]
Fire Captain/Firefighter [August, 1974 - July, 1978]
Reserve Police Officer [July 1989 – August 2006]

Buncombe County Sheriffs Department, Asheville, North Carolina
November 1986 – November 1989
Reserve Deputy assigned to Fire Investigations

Buncombe County Fire Investigation Support Team,
Asheville, North Carolina
October 1982 – July 1990
Volunteer Fire Investigator/Team Leader

SPECIALIZED TRAINING:

- NC/SC Chapter International Association of Arson Investigators, Myrtle Beach, SC, Fire Investigative Approaches, October 22, 2010, 36 hours (tested)
- Investigating Motor Vehicle Fires, CFITrainer.net, December 2009, 4 hours (tested)
- NC/SC Chapter International Association of Arson Investigators, Myrtle Beach, SC, Fire Investigative Approaches, October 24, 2008, 32 hours (tested)
- NC/SC Chapter International Association of Arson Investigators, Myrtle Beach, SC, Fire Investigative Approaches, October 26, 2007, 32 hours (tested)
- NC/SC Chapter International Association of Arson Investigators, Myrtle Beach, SC, Fire Investigative Approaches, October 20, 2006, 36 hours (tested)
- NC/SC Chapter International Association of Arson Investigators, Myrtle Beach, SC, Fire Investigative Approaches, October 21, 2005, 36 hours (tested)
- Safety Force Training, Asheville, NC, Ethics in Law Enforcement, August 23, 2005, 8 hours
- Asheville Buncombe Technical College, Hazardous Materials Operation Update, December 07, 2004, 4 hours (tested)
- NC/SC Chapter International Association of Arson Investigators, Myrtle Beach, SC, Fire Investigative Approaches, October 22, 2004, 32 hours (tested)
- NC Chapter International Association of Arson Investigators, Burlington, NC, Advanced Investigative Approaches, May 3, 2002, 32 hours (tested)
- Durham Technical College, Durham, NC, Wild land Fire Investigations, November 18, 1999, 12 hours (tested)
- NC Chapter International Association of Arson Investigators, Burlington, NC, Advanced Investigative Approaches, May 1, 1998, 28 hours (tested)
- NC Chapter International Association of Arson Investigators, Burlington, NC, Advanced Investigative Approaches, May 9, 1997, 29 hours (tested)
- NC Chapter International Association of Arson Investigators, Burlington, NC, Advanced Investigative Approaches, May 10, 1996, 14 hours (tested)
- NC Chapter International Association of Arson Investigators, Burlington, NC, Advanced Investigative Approaches, March 3, 1995, 26 hours (tested)

SPECIALIZED TRAINING (CON'T):

- NC Chapter International Association of Arson Investigators, Burlington, NC, Advanced Investigative Approaches, March 11, 1994, 26 hours (tested)
- US Fire Administration, Asheville, NC, Juvenile Fire Setter's Intervention, June 25, 1993, 16 hours
- NC Chapter International Association of Arson Investigators, Charlotte, NC, Advanced Cause and Origin, November 02, 1990, 20 hours (tested)
- Asheville Buncombe Technical College, Arson Conference, June 8, 1990, 18 hours (tested)
- North Carolina Department of Labor, Asheville, NC, Hazardous Materials Operations, October 12, 1989, 24 hours (tested)
- NC Chapter International Association of Arson Investigators, Charlotte, NC, Fire Investigation Seminar, November 01, 1987, 32 hours (tested)
- National Fire Academy, Emmetsburg, MD, Hazardous Materials Response, May 30, 1987, 16 hours
- NC Chapter International Association of Arson Investigators, Charlotte, NC, Fire Investigation Seminar, November 07, 1986, 32 hours (tested)
- NC Chapter International Association of Arson Investigators, Charlotte, NC, Fire Investigation Seminar, November 03, 1985, 28 hours (tested)
- Asheville Buncombe Technical College, LP Gas Emergencies, March 1, 1984, 12 hours
- North Carolina Justice Academy, Salemburg, NC, Arson Investigation, October 21, 1983, 90 hours (tested)
- Forsyth Technical College, Winston Salem, NC, Hazardous Materials Operations, January 23, 1983, 24 hours
- National Fire Academy, Emmetsburg, MD, Fire Arson Detection, August 25, 1983, 12 hours
- Cleveland Technical College, Shelby, NC, Arson Detection and Investigation, June 17, 1982, 12 hours
- Asheville Buncombe Technical College, Arson Investigation, April 3, 1982, 24 hours (tested)
- Forsyth Technical College, Winston Salem, NC, Fire Causes, January 27, 1980, 12 hours

SPECIALIZED TRAINING (CON'T):

- North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation, Asheville, NC, Fire Report and Documentation Procedures, March 25, 1980, 6 hours

TESTIMONY AS QUALIFIED EXPERT:

Expert Witness in Fire Origin and Cause:

US District Court

Juvenile, District, Grand Jury, and Superior Courts in the State of North Carolina

CERTIFICATIONS:

- Certified Fire Investigator (CFI), International Association of Arson Investigators; Certification # 24-046
- National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications
Fire Investigator (CFI); Certification # 235731
- North Carolina State Fire Commission
Certified Fire/Arson Investigator (CFI) 1989; with re-certifications in 1994, 1999, 2004, 2009
- North Carolina State Fire Commission
Certified as Level II Fire Service Instructor
- North Carolina State Fire Commission
Certified as Certified Level II Firefighter
- North Carolina State Fire Commission
Certified NFPA 1403 Live Burn Instructor
- North Carolina Emergency Management
Certified Incident Commander
- US Environmental Protection Agency
Hazardous Materials Operation Level

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

- International Association of Arson Investigators
- North Carolina Chapter of International Association of Arson Investigators
- Former Board Member Asheville Buncombe Arson Task Force

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS (CON'T):

- North Carolina Retired Peace Officers Association
- North Carolina Firemen's Association
- Secretary / Treasurer North Carolina Local Fireman's Relief Fund

FIRE SCENE EXPERIENCE:

Conducted over 2000 fire scene examinations and investigations as the primary investigator; served as a fire investigator/team leader for the Buncombe County Fire Investigation Support Team assisting in approximately 300 fire investigations.

As a Fire Service Instructor conducted or assisted in over 100 Live Burn Training Exercises [NFPA 1403] using donated structures for training.

Member of the U.S. Forest Service western response regional teams 1985 - 2001 Firefighter, Squad Leader, Assistant Crew Boss, Engine Strike Team Leader on twenty-seven [27] different fires fought in Arizona, California, Texas, Wyoming, Idaho, Montana, Washington, Oregon and Utah.

INSTRUCTION PROVIDED:

Instructed college level courses in the field of fire protection technology on the topics of: Fire Prevention and Inspections, Fire Cause and Origin, Hazardous Materials Operations, Fire Control, Sprinkler Systems, Hydraulics and Water Supply, Wild land Urban Interface Fires, Wild land Fire Investigation. Served as the Lead Instructor on many annual upgrade classes for both the Police and Fire Departments on various topics including Vehicle Fire Investigation, Origin and Cause, Maintaining Jurisdiction of Fire Scenes, Statutory Updates, Hazardous-Materials, Technical Report Writing, Meth Lab Recognition, as well as other State mandated topics.

AWARDS:

- 2004 Received the "Order of the Long Leaf Pine", the highest civilian award given by State of North Carolina Governor Mike Easley, in part for assisting in solving one of largest fires to ever occur in Western North Carolina.
- Asheville-Buncombe County Excellence in Public Service Award
- North Carolina Forest Service, Regional Foresters Award
- Outstanding Young Men of America Award