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### **EDUCATION:**

Bachelor of Science  
Weber State University  
Major: Criminal Justice  
1991

### **EMPLOYMENT:**

Unified Investigations and Sciences, Inc.  
Senior Investigator  
November 2006-Present

Utah Valley University  
Utah Fire and Rescue Academy  
Adjunct Instructor  
September 1990-Present

Provo Utah Police Department  
Police Officer, Detective, Sergeant  
October 1984-November 2006

Castle Dale Utah Volunteer Fire Department  
Firefighter, Assistant Chief  
June 1978-October 1984

Emery County Utah Sheriff's Office  
Deputy Sheriff, Sergeant  
September 1975-September 1984

**EMPLOYMENT (CON'T):**

Oceanside California Police Department  
Police Officer  
January 1975-August 1975

Chula Vista California Police Department  
Reserve Police Officer  
September 1972-January 1975

**SPECIALIZED TRAINING:**

- CFITrainer.net, International Association of Arson Investigators, Fire Protection Systems, July 10, 2011, 3 hours, tested
- International Association of Arson Investigators, Annual Training Conference, Las Vegas, NV, 34 hours, tested
- CFITrainer.net, International Association of Arson Investigators, Evidence Examination: What Happens at the Lab?, April 25, 2011, 4 hours, tested
- CFITrainer.net, International Association of Arson Investigators, Physical Evidence at the Fire Scene, April 25, 2011, 4 hours, tested
- CFITrainer.net, International Association of Arson Investigators, Documenting the Event, April 22, 2011, 4 hours, tested
- CFITrainer.net, International Association of Arson Investigators, DNA, April 22, 2011, 3 hours, tested
- CFITrainer.net, International Association of Arson Investigators, The Scientific Method for Fire and Explosion Investigation-Updated 2009, April 21, 2011, 3 hours, tested
- Utah Chapter, International Association of Arson Investigators, Vehicle Electric Fires and Wildland Fire Investigation, West Wendover, NV, February 2011, 20 hours, tested
- CFITrainer.net, International Association of Arson Investigators, Wildland Fires Investigation, June 18, 2010, 5 hours, tested
- CFITrainer.net, International Association of Arson Investigators, Fundamentals of Building Construction, June 8, 2010, 3 hours, tested
- International Association of Arson Investigators, Annual Training Conference, Orlando, FL, May 2010, 38 hours, tested

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

- CFITrainer.net, International Association of Arson Investigators, The HAZWOPR Standard, April 9, 2010, 4 hours, tested
- Utah Chapter, International Association of Arson Investigators, Photography and Propane Fires, West Wendover, NV, February 2010, tested
- CFITrainer.net, International Association of Arson Investigators, Preparation for the Marine Fire Scene, November 24, 2009, 4 hours, tested
- CFITrainer.net, International Association of Arson Investigators, Arc Mapping Basics, September 4, 2009, 4 hours, tested
- International Association of Arson Investigators, Annual Training Conference, Arlington, TX, May 2009, 40 hours, tested
- CFITrainer.net, International Association of Arson Investigators, Ethics and the Fire Investigator, May 8, 2009, 3 hours, tested
- CFITrainer.net, International Association of Arson Investigators, Fire and Explosion Investigations: Utilizing NFPA 1033 and 921, May 8, 2009, 4 hours, tested
- Utah Chapter, International Association of Arson Investigators, Interview and Interrogation, West Wendover, NV, March 2009, 20 hours, tested
- CFITrainer.net, International Association of Arson Investigators, Post Flashover Fires, October 24, 2008, 4 hours, tested
- CFITrainer.net, International Association of Arson Investigators, A Ventilation-Focused Approach to the Impact of Building Structures and Systems on Fire Development, September 2008, 4 hours, tested
- CFITrainer.net, International Association of Arson Investigators, Managing Complex Fire Scene Investigations, July 2008, 4 hours, tested
- CFITrainer.net, International Association of Arson Investigators, Fire Investigator Scene Safety, June 2008, 3 hours, tested
- CFITrainer.net, International Association of Arson Investigators, Investigating Fatal Fires, May 2008, 4 hours, tested
- CFITrainer.net, International Association of Arson Investigators, Introduction to Evidence, April 2008, 4 hours, tested

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

- CFITrainer.net, International Association of Arson Investigators, Digital Photography, April 2008, 4 hours, tested
- Utah Chapter, International Association of Arson Investigators, Small Appliance and Electrical Fires, West Wendover, NV, February 2008, 20 hours, tested
- CFITrainer.net, International Association of Arson Investigators, Insurance and the Fire Investigation, May 2007, 4 hours, tested
- CFITrainer.net, International Association of Arson Investigators, Investigating Motor Vehicle Fires, May 2007, 4 hours, tested
- Utah Chapter, International Association of Arson Investigators, Vehicle Fires, West Wendover, NV, February 2007, 12 hours, not tested
- Unified Investigations and Sciences, Investigation School, Dallas, TX, January 2007, 40 hours, not tested
- Western Community Policing Institute, Mobile Video Instructor, Salt Lake City, UT, September 2006, 40 hours, tested
- Provo Fire and Rescue, Respiratory Protection, Provo, UT, March 2006, 6 hours, not tested
- Utah Chapter, International Association of Arson Investigators, Fatal Fire Investigation, West Wendover, NV, February 2006, 24 hours, tested
- International Association of Arson Investigators, Annual Training Conference, Washington, D.C., April 2005, 28 hours, tested
- International Association for Property and Evidence, Managing Property and Evidence in Law Enforcement Agencies, Bountiful, UT, March 2005, 16 hours, tested
- Hazardous Materials Institute, National Incident Management System, Provo, UT, February 2005, 4 hours, not tested
- Utah Chapter, International Association of Arson Investigators, Courtroom Procedures, West Wendover, NV, February 2005, 20 hours, tested
- International Association of Arson Investigators, Vehicle Fire Investigations, Salt Lake City, UT, September 2004, 20 hours, tested

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

- International Association of Arson Investigators, Annual Training Conference, St. Louis, MO, April 2004, 28 hours, tested
- Utah Chapter, International Association of Arson Investigators, Low Energy Mechanisms and Ignition Sources, West Wendover, NV, February 2004, 20 hours, tested
- Metro Fire Investigations Seminar, Basic Electricity, Non-destructive testing, Evidence Collection, Salt Lake City, UT, November 2003, 24 hours, tested
- International Association of Arson Investigators, Annual Training Seminar, Sparks, NV, April 2003, 28 hours, tested
- National Fire Academy, Utah Fire and Rescue Academy, Arson Detection for the First Responder-Train the Trainer, Provo, UT, March 2003, 16 hours, tested
- Utah Chapter, International Association of Arson Investigators, Profiling, Interviewing, Chemical Fires, West Wendover, NV, February 2003, 20 hours, tested
- Metro Fire Investigations Seminar, Origin and Cause, Serial Arsonist, Salt Lake City, UT, November 2002, 24 hours, tested
- State of Utah, Effective Communications, Sandy, UT, October 2002, 16 hours, not tested
- Northwestern University, Traffic Accident Reconstruction I, Murray, UT, September 2002, 80 hours, tested
- International Association of Arson Investigators, Annual Training Seminar, Milwaukee, WI, May 2002, 32.5 hours, tested
- National Wildfire Coordinating Group, Wildfire Origin and Cause Determination, Provo, UT, May 2002, 24 hours, tested
- Utah Chapter, International Association of Arson Investigators, Advanced Fire Investigations, West Wendover, NV, April 2002, 20 hours, tested
- Metro Fire Investigations Seminar, Defending Your Decision, NFPA 921 Update, Salt Lake City, UT, November 2001, 24 hours, tested
- Utah Chapter, International Association of Arson Investigators, Advanced Fire Investigation, Courtroom Testimony, West Wendover, NV, February 2001, 20 hours, tested

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

- Metro Fire Investigations Seminar, Fatal Fire Investigations, West Valley City, UT, November 2000, 24 hours, tested
- State of Utah, Basic Public Information Officers Course, Salt Lake City, UT, August 2000, 24 hours, not tested
- Utah Peace Officer Standards and Training, Vehicle Fire Investigation, Salt Lake City, UT, June 2000, 16 hours, tested
- Metro Fire Investigations Seminar, Photography, Canine, West Valley City, UT, May 2000, 16 hours, tested
- Utah Chapter, International Association of Arson Investigators, Clandestine Lab Awareness, West Wendover, NV, February 2000, 20 hours, tested
- Metro Fire Investigations Seminar, Mobile and Manufactured Homes, Gas and Electrical Appliances, Evidence Spoliation, Expert Testimony, West Valley City, UT, November 1999, 24 hours, tested
- Utah Fire and Rescue Academy, Hazardous Materials Awareness, Railroad Emergency Response, Provo, UT, July 1999, 6 hours, tested
- Utah Chapter, International Association of Arson Investigators, Advanced Fire Investigation, West Wendover, NV, February 1999, 20 hours, tested
- Metro Fire Investigations Seminar, Interview and Interrogation, Origin and Cause, Fire Behavior, Fire Scene Documentation, NFPA 921 Update, West Valley City, UT, November 1998, 24 hours, tested
- Utah Chapter, International Association of Arson Investigators, Emergency Response to Terrorism, West Wendover, NV, February 1998, 16 hours, tested
- Metro Fire Investigations, Natural Gas and Propane Explosions, Fire Modeling and Computer Reconstruction, West Valley City, UT, September 1997, 24 hours, tested
- Utah Peace Officer Standards and Training, Field Training Officer, Provo, UT, April 1997, 40 hours, tested
- Utah Chapter, International Association of Arson Investigators, Advanced Fire Investigation, West Wendover, NV, February 1997, 20 hours, tested

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

- Metro Fire Investigations Seminar, NPFA 921, West Valley City, UT, September 1996, 24 hours, tested
- Utah Fire and Rescue Academy, Juvenile Fire Setters, Orem, UT, August 1996, 16 hours, tested
- Provo Police Department, Crime Scene Investigation, Suspect Profiling, Provo, UT, August 1996, 8 hours, not tested
- Children's Justice Center, Witness Training, Provo, UT, March 1996, 8 hours, not tested
- Utah Chapter, International Association of Arson Investigators, Fire Investigations, Gangs, Insurance Fraud, Oklahoma City Bombing Review. Haz Mat, West Wendover, NV, February 1996, 24 hours, tested
- Utah Peace Officer Standards and Training, Basic Internal Affairs, Salt Lake City, UT, November 1995, 24 hours, tested
- Utah Peace Officer Standards and Training, Background Investigations, Orem, UT, November 1995, 16 hours, tested
- Metro Fire Investigations Seminar, Fire Dynamics, Fire Death Investigation, Building Construction, Neuro-linguistic Programming, West Valley City, UT, September 1995, 24 hours, tested
- Utah Chapter, International Association of Arson Investigators, Basic and Advanced Fire Investigation, West Wendover, NV, March 1995, 24 hours, tested
- Utah Peace Officer Standards and Training, Patrol Staffing, Salt Lake City, UT, January 1995, 24 hours, tested
- Metro Fire Investigations Seminar, Electrical Fire Investigation, Arson Prosecution and Case Management, NFPA 921, NFPA 1033, Vehicle Fire Investigation, West Valley City, UT, October 1994, 24 hours, tested
- Utah Chapter, International Association of Arson Investigators, Fire Scene Documentation, West Wendover, NV, February 1994, 24 hours, tested
- Metro Fire Investigations Seminar, Law and Interview Techniques, West Valley City, UT, September 1993, 8 hours, tested
- Utah Chapter, International Association of Arson Investigators, Fire Dynamics, Salt Lake City, UT, September 1993, 24 hours, tested

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

- Utah Chapter, International Association of Arson Investigators, Vehicle Fire Investigation, Salt Lake City, UT, June 1993, 24 hours, tested
- Utah Chapter, International Association of Arson Investigators, Structure Fire Investigation, West Wendover, NV, February 1993, 24 hours, tested
- Combined Agencies, Advanced Arson/Bomb Investigation Seminar, Camp Williams, UT, September 1992, 40 hours, tested
- Utah Peace Officer Standards and Training, Fire Cause Determination, Salt Lake City, UT, June 1992, 24 hours, tested
- Wicklander-Zulawski and Associates, The Reid Method of Criminal Interviews and Interrogation, Bountiful, UT, January 1992, 24 hours, tested
- Identi-Kit Company, Identi-Kit System, Salt Lake City, UT, January 1992, 8 hours, not tested
- FBI Law Enforcement Officers Training School, Advanced Latent Fingerprint Techniques, Salt Lake City, UT, December 1991, tested
- National Fire Academy, Fire/Arson Investigation, Emmitsburg, MD, November 1991, 80 hours, tested
- Utah Peace Officer Standards and Training, Instructor Development, American Fork, UT, October 1990, 40 hours, tested
- Utah Peace Officer Standards and Training, Budgeting for the Police Administrator, Salt Lake City, UT, April 1990, 40 hours, tested
- Utah Peace Officers Association, Staged Accident Investigations, Orem, UT, November 1989, 8 hours, tested
- Utah Peace Officer Standards and Training, Advanced Accident Investigation, Salt Lake City, UT, May 1989, 40 hours, tested
- Utah Peace Officer Standards and Training, Accident Reconstruction, Salt Lake City, UT, May 1988, 80 hours, tested
- Utah Peace Officer Standards and Training, Intermediate Accident Investigation, Salt Lake City, UT, January 1987, 40 hours, tested

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

- Utah Peace Officer Standards and Training, First Line Supervision, Castle Dale, UT, April 1984, 40 hours, tested
- Emery County Sheriff's Office, Management Skills, Castle Dale, UT, November 1983, 12 hours, not tested
- Calibre Press, Street Survival Seminar, Park City, UT, September 1983, 16 hours, not tested
- State Fire Training, Utah Technical College at Provo/Orem, Handling Hazardous Materials Incidents, Orem, UT, August 1983, 16 hours, tested
- National Law Enforcement Institute, Homicide Investigations Seminar, Salt Lake City, UT, May 1983, 16 hours, not tested
- DanCor Ltd., Officer Survival and Advanced Field Tactics, Salt Lake City, UT, November 1982, 16 hours, not tested
- Utah Peace Officer Standards and Training, Traffic Accident Investigation, Salt Lake City, UT, December 1981, 40 hours, tested
- FBI Law Enforcement Officers Training School, Major Case-Crime Scene Seminar, Castle Dale, UT, January 1977, 24 hours, not tested
- Utah Peace Officer Standards and Training, Basic Police Academy, Salt Lake City, UT, January-March 1977, 440 hours, tested

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:**

International Association of Arson Investigators

Utah Chapter, International Association of Arson Investigators

National Fire Protection Association

**CERTIFICATIONS:**

Certified Fire Investigator  
International Association of Arson Investigators  
Certification Number 50-090801  
September 2003-Present

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

Certified Investigator I  
Utah Fire Service Certification Council  
March 2000-Present

National Board on Fire Service  
Professional Qualifications  
Certified Fire Investigator, NFPA 1033-2006  
Certificate number 280321  
September 2008

Licensed Private Investigator, Utah, Arizona, Nevada

Certified Law Enforcement Officer  
Utah Peace Officer Standards and Training  
1977-2010

## **COURT QUALIFICATIONS:**

Expert testimony on fire origin and cause has been presented in:

1. State of Utah v. James R. Stephenson, 4<sup>th</sup> District Court Case Number 931400713, December 22, 1993
2. State of Utah v. Glenn James Freeman, 4<sup>th</sup> District Court Case Number 971401265, January 26, 1998 and July 8, 1998
3. State of Utah v. Shelly Huynh, 4<sup>th</sup> District Court Case Number 001401103, July 12, 2000

Court testimony was presented on numerous misdemeanor and felony cases while a police officer.

## **INSTRUCTOR:**

Vehicle Fire Investigation, Utah Peace Officer Standards and Training, 2002, 2003, 2004

Origin and Cause Investigation I, Utah Fire and Rescue Academy, 2003

Fire Investigator, Train-The-Trainer, Utah Fire and Rescue Academy, 2004

Fire Investigator I, Utah Fire and Rescue Academy, 2004

Fire Investigator I, Utah Fire and Rescue Academy, 2008

Motives and Indicators of Arson, UIS Investigation and Engineering Seminar, 2009

Fire Investigator I, Utah Fire and Rescue Academy, Utah Valley University, 2010