



Unified

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Southeast Service Center

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EDUCATION:

Bluefield College
Bluefield, Virginia
Bachelor of Science
Major – Behavioral Sciences

College of Health Sciences
Roanoke, Virginia
Associate in Sciences
Emergency Health Sciences-Paramedic

EMPLOYMENT:

Unified Investigations & Sciences, Inc.
Suwanee, Georgia
Field Supervisor
July 2011 to Present

Unified Investigations & Sciences, Inc.
Suwanee, Georgia
Senior Investigator
February 2009 to July 2011

Unified Investigations & Sciences, Inc.
Roanoke, Virginia
Special Investigator
August 2005 to February 2009

EMPLOYMENT (CON'T.):

Roanoke County Fire Marshal's Office
Roanoke, Virginia
Deputy Fire Marshal / Fire Investigator
May 2003 to April 2005 (Full Time)
July 2001 to May 2003 (Part Time)

City of Salem Department of Fire and EMS
Salem, Virginia
Senior Firefighter/Paramedic
December 1996 to May 2003

Roanoke County Fire and Rescue Department
Roanoke, Virginia
Paramedic/Firefighter
April 1995 to July 2001 (Part Time)

SPECIALIZED TRAINING:

- Asbestos Operations and Maintenance, January 2012, 16 hours (Tested)
- Scientific Approach to Vehicle Fire Investigations, International Associations of Arson Investigators-Georgia Chapter, March 2010, 16 hours (Tested)
- Post Flashover Fires, CFITrainer.net, October 2009, 4 hours (Tested)
- Arc Mapping Basics, CFITrainer.net, October 2009, 4 hours (Tested)
- The Scientific Method for Fire and Explosion Investigation, CFITrainer.net, August 2009, 3 hours (Tested)
- Fire Investigator Training, International Association of Arson Investigators-Virginia Chapter, March 2008, 24 hours (Tested)
- Gang Activity in Fire Investigations, Southwest Virginia Fire Investigators Association, December 2007, 8 hours (Tested)
- Serial Arsonist-Case Management, Southwest Virginia Fire Investigators Association, December 2006, 7 hours (Tested)
- Investigations of Vehicle Fires, Southwest Virginia Fire Investigators Association, April 2006, 7 hours (Tested)

SPECIALIZED TRAINING (CONT'D):

- Inspection & Testing of Water Based Fire Suppression Systems, Southwest Virginia Fire Investigators Association, March 2006, 2 hours (Tested)
- Arson Homicide-Case Study, Southwest Virginia Fire Investigators Association, February 2006, 2 hours (Tested)
- Orientation School for Insurance Investigators, Unified Investigations & Sciences, Dallas, TX, November 2005, 40 hours
- Fire Investigation Training, International Association of Arson Investigators- Virginia Chapter, October 2005, 36 hours (Tested)
- Suicide Bombings, New Mexico Tech- Testing Center, April 2005, 3 hours (Tested)
- Fingerprint Lifting Techniques, Southwest Virginia Fire Investigators Association, April 2005, 2 hours
- Clandestine Meth Lab Investigations, Southwest Virginia Fire Investigators Association, April 2005, 4 hours (Tested)
- Law Enforcement for Fire Marshals, Virginia Fire Marshals Academy, November 2004, 320 hours (Tested)
- DCJS Law Enforcement Firearms Training, Virginia Fire Marshals Academy, November 2004, 40 hours (Tested)
- Fire Scene Investigative Techniques, Southwest Virginia Fire Investigators Association, August 2004, 2 hours (Tested)
- Fire Behavior, Southwest Virginia Fire Investigators Association, July 2004, 2 hours (Tested)
- Miranda Rules Update, Southwest Virginia Fire Investigators Association, July 2004, 2 hours (Tested)
- Investigations: Role of Fire Chaplains, Southwest Virginia Fire Investigators Association, June 2004, 3 hours
- Forensic Lab Analysis for Investigations. Southwest Virginia Fire Investigators Association, May 2004, 3 hours (Tested)
- Car Fire Investigations, Southwest Virginia Fire Investigators Association, April 2004, 2 hours (Tested)

SPECIALIZED TRAINING (CONT'D):

- Fire Investigative Techniques, Southwest Virginia Fire Investigators Association, April 2004, 2 hours (Tested)
- Suicide Bombings, Southwest Virginia Fire Investigators Association, April 2004, 8 hours (Tested)
- Fire Fatality Investigations, Southwest Virginia Fire Investigators Association, March 2004, 2 hours (Tested)
- Fire Investigator Training, Virginia Chapter- IAAI, March 2004, 20 hours (Tested)
- Hazardous Materials Storage, Virginia Fire Prevention Association, April 2003, 5 hours (Tested)
- Night Club / Place of Assembly Inspections, Virginia Fire Prevention Association, April 2003, 3 hours (Tested)
- Environmental Crimes Investigations, Virginia Fire Prevention Association, April 2003, 8 hours (Tested)
- NFA Leadership II, National Fire Academy, April 2003, 16 hours (Tested)
- Fire Inspector Training, Virginia Fire Prevention Association, October 2003, 16 hours (Tested)
- Environmental Crimes, Scene Operations & Evidence Collection, United States Environmental Protection Agency, December 2003, 40 hours (Tested)
- Fire Pattern Certification, Public Agency Training Council, October 2002, 20 hours (Tested)
- Arson for Profit, Public Agency Training Council, October 2002, 16 hours (Tested)
- Inspector: Means of Egress, Virginia Fire Prevention Association, November 2002, 4 hours (Tested)
- Explosives: Officer Recognition and Survival, Southwest Virginia Fire Investigators Association, August 2002, 5 hours (Tested)
- Car Fires and K-9's, Southwest Virginia Fire Investigators Association, February 2002, 3 hours (Tested)
- Explosive Investigations, Southwest Virginia Fire Investigators Association, June 2001, 3 hours (Tested)

SPECIALIZED TRAINING (CONT'D):

- Fire Alarm Systems, Southwest Virginia Fire Investigators Association, August 2001, 2 hours (Tested)
- Legal Case Study, Southwest Virginia Fire Investigators Association, December 2001, 2 hours (Tested)
- Nelson Firestop Product Training, Nelson Firestop Products, December 2001, 8 hours
- Public Safety Response to Terrorism, Virginia Department of Emergency Services, March 2000, 8 hours (Tested)
- Managing Company Tactical Operations, National Fire Academy, March 2000, 24 hours (Tested)
- Hazardous Materials for EMS Provider, Virginia Department of Emergency Services, February 1998, 8 hours (Tested)
- Hazardous Materials Operations, Virginia Department of Fire Programs, December 1996, 32 hours (Tested)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

- International Association of Arson Investigators
- International Association of Arson Investigators - Georgia Chapter
- National Association of Fire Investigators
- National Society of Professional Investigators

CERTIFICATIONS:

- Certified Fire Investigator (CFI), International Association of Arson Investigators, February 2009. Certification # 08-020907
- Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator (CFEI), National Association of Fire Investigators, April 2006. Registration #11206-5333
- Fire Officer I, Virginia Dept. of Fire Programs, September 2004, 64 hours
- NFPA 1031, Fire Inspector, Virginia Fire Marshals Academy, January 2002
- NFPA 1033, Fire Investigator, Virginia Fire Marshals Academy, April 2000
- Fire Instructor I, Virginia Dept. of Fire Programs, May 1998
- Hazardous Materials Technician, Virginia Dept. of Emergency Services, March 1997

COURT QUALIFICATIONS:

Expert Witness in Fire Origin and Causation:

Defendant	Court	Case #
Commonwealth of Virginia vs. Deborah Ann Watson	Roanoke County Grand Jury	CR0300585
Commonwealth of Virginia vs. John Henry Conner	Roanoke County Circuit Court	CR03-1012
Commonwealth of Virginia vs. Deborah Ann Watson	Roanoke County General District Court	CR03-585
Commonwealth of Virginia vs. John Henry Conner	Roanoke City Circuit Court	770CR03001557-00
Commonwealth of Virginia vs. Juvenile	Roanoke County Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court	161JJ020821-05-00
Commonwealth of Virginia vs. Clay D. Redd	Roanoke County General District Court	GC04-1049
Commonwealth of Virginia vs. Linda F. Steele	Roanoke County General District Court	GC04-1174
Commonwealth of Virginia vs. Deborah K. Jahnke	Roanoke County General District Court	GC04-1080
Commonwealth of Virginia vs. Juvenile	Roanoke County Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court	161JJ018816-02-00
Commonwealth of Virginia vs. Juvenile	Roanoke County Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court	161JJ023738-02-00
Parkers Seafood, Inc v. Quality Fire	Roanoke City Circuit Court-Civil Division	CL08000204-00
Equipment, Vulcan-Hart Corporation, ITW Food Equipment Group, LLC (deposition)		
Main Street America Group v. Sears, Roebuck and Co. (deposition)	United States District Court, District of Maryland	1:08-CV-3292