Unified
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# Southern Service Center


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**EDUCATION:**

Ivy Tech State College
Automotive Fuel Systems
Fort Wayne, Indiana, 2001

Ivy Tech State College
Automotive Electrical Accessory Systems
Fort Wayne, Indiana, 2000

Indiana University/Purdue University
English (Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics)
Fort Wayne, Indiana, 1997

Ivy Tech State College
English Composition
Fort Wayne, Indiana, 1996

ITT Technical Institute
Associate Degree, Electrical Engineering Technology
Fort Wayne, Indiana, 1986-1988

Upper Wabash Vocational School (Heartland Career Center)
Electronics/Robotics Program
Wabash, Indiana, 1984-1986

Southwood Jr./Sr. High School
Wabash, Indiana, 1980-1986

Updated 12/2010

**EMPLOYMENT:**

Unified Investigations & Sciences, Inc.
Special Investigator, Senior Investigator
Birmingham, Alabama
December 2006 to Present

Barker & Herbert Analytical Laboratories, Inc.
New Haven, Indiana
1995 – 2006
Senior Fire Investigator/Electrical Engineering Technician

Noble Township Volunteer Fire Department
Wabash County, Indiana
Fire Fighter/Medical Responder/Fire Investigator
1987 - 1998

Wabash Metal Products Inc.
Wabash, Indiana
Service Engineer
1987 – 1995

Ford Meter Box Inc. (part-time)
Wabash, Indiana
1984

Peru Appliance Center (part-time)
Peru, Indiana
1986 - 1987

Kip's Electronics (part-time)
Wabash, Indiana
Electronic Repair Technician
1984 - 1985

**SPECIALIZED TRAINING:**

- Advance Arson Seminar, Alabama Association of Arson Investigators, (30-hours), 2010, (Tested)
- Advance Arson Seminar, Alabama Association of Arson Investigators, (30-hours), 2009, (Tested)
- Investigating Motor Vehicle Fires, CFITrainer.net, (4-hours), 2009, (Tested)

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

- UPDATED 2009-The Scientific Method for Fire and Explosion Investigations, CFITrainer.net, (3-hours), 2009, (Tested)

- Using Computer & The Internet for Private Investigators, (3 hours), 2008, (Tested)

- Meth Knowledge For Private Investigators, (3 hours), 2008, (Tested)

- Indiana Fire and Arson Investigation Conference, Fire Deaths, (24 hours), 2006 (Tested)

- Indiana Public Safety Training Seminar, Fire Pattern Recognition, (24 hours), 2006 (Tested)

- Midwestern Ohio Fire Investigators Association, Recreational Vehicle Fire Investigations, (16 hours), 2005 (Tested)

- Lee S. Cole & Associates, Investigation of Vehicle Fires Seminar, (24 hours), 2005 (Tested)

- Michigan State Police, Vehicle Fire Investigation School, (34 hours), 2004 (Tested)

- National Association of Fire Investigators, Vehicle Fire, Arson & Explosion Investigation Science & Technology Seminar, (28 hours), 2002 (Tested)

- Global Atmospherics, Inc., Lightning 101, Indianapolis, Indiana (3 hours), 2001

- International Association of Arson Investigators, NFPA 921, Structural and Vehicle fires, and Live Burns Seminar, Louisville, Kentucky (20 hours), 2001 (Tested)

- The National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators, Ohio Chapter, Claims Handling and Preparing for Depositions, Columbus, Ohio, (6 hours), 2000 (Tested)

- Indiana Fire Instructors Association, Power Point For The Instructor II, Indianapolis, Indiana, (6 hours), 2000

- Macomb Community College Criminal Justice Training Center, Fire Litigation 2000, Lansing, Michigan, (7 hours), 2000 (Tested)

- Indiana Fire School, Investigation of Vehicle Fires, Chesterton, Indiana, (6 Hours), 1999 (Tested)

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

- Indiana Fire School, Investigation of Vehicle Fires, Chesterton, Indiana, (6 Hours), 1997 (Tested)
- Maytag Corporation, Factory Service Seminar- Kitchen Appliances, (40 hours), 1997 (Tested)
- Tennessee Advisory Committee on Arson, Criminal and Civil Arson Litigation, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, (24 Hours), 1997 (Tested)
- International Association of Arson Investigators, Vehicle Arson/Theft investigations, Uniondale, Long Island, New York (24 Hours), 1997 (Tested)
- Indiana Fire School, Legal Tips, Tricks & Traps, Indianapolis, Indiana, (12 Hours), 1996 (Tested)
- Indiana Fire School, Fire & Arson Detection, Chesterton, Indiana, National Fire Academy Certified, (12 Hours), 1996 (Tested)
- Indiana Fire School, Investigation of Structure Fires, Indianapolis, Indiana, (12 Hours), 1996
- Barker and Herbert Analytical Laboratories, Inc., Gas and Electrical Appliance Fires, (16 Hours), 1995 (Tested)
- Indiana Fire School, Cause & Origin in Electrical Appliances, New Haven, Indiana (6 Hours), 1996
- Indiana Fire School, Bomb & Explosives Recognition, New Haven, Indiana (6 Hours), 1996
- Indiana Fire School, Fire and Arson-Investigation, Chesterton, Indiana, (12 Hours), 1992
- Allen-Bradley Support Division, Programmable Controller School, PLC-5, Fort Wayne, Indiana (40 Hours), 1990 (Tested)
- Indiana Fire School, Electrical Hazards of Emergency Services, Indianapolis, Indiana (6 Hours), 1989
- Indiana Fire School, Fire & Arson Detection, Lafayette, Indiana, National Fire Academy Certified, (12 Hours), 1989 (Tested)
- Indiana Fire School, Fire Behavior & Personnel Safety, Indianapolis, Indiana, (12 Hours), 1988 (Tested)

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:**

- National Association of Fire Investigators
- International Association of Arson Investigators
- Alabama Associations of Arson Investigators
- Georgia Fire Investigators Associations
- Charter member of Squad 85, Fire Investigation Team of Wabash County

**PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS:**

- Certified Vehicle Fire Investigator (CVFI), National Association of Fire Investigators, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2010
- Certified Fire Investigator (CFI), International Association of Arson Investigators, 2004, 2009
- National Board of Fire Service Professional Qualifications, 1033 Professional Fire Investigator, 2004, 2009
- Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator (CFEI), National Association of Fire Investigators, 1998, 2010
- Certified Master Firefighter in Fire Investigations, Indiana Board of Fire Fighting Personnel Standards and Education, 1997
- Certified Fire Investigator I, Indiana Board of Fire Fighting Personnel Standards and Education, 1997
- Certified Master Firefighter in Driver/Operator, Indiana Board of Fire Fighting Personnel Standards and Education, 1994
- Certified First Class Firefighter, Indiana Board of Fire Fighting Personal Standards and Education, 1990
- Certified Second Class Firefighter, Indiana Board of Fire Fighting Personnel Standards and Education, 1989

**COURT QUALIFICATIONS:**

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| Indiana | State Court |
| Indiana | District Court |
| Illinois | State Court |
| Kentucky | State Court |
| Michigan | State Court |
| Ohio | State Court |
| Idaho | District Court |

**INSTRUCTION PROVIDED ON FIRE INVESTIGATION:**

- Bowling Green State University Fire School, Northwestern Ohio Volunteer Firemen's Association, Vehicle Fire Investigations, 2006

- Ohio Chapter IAAI Fire Seminar, Zanesville, Ohio, Appliance Fires and Failure Analysis, 2006

- Paintsville, Kentucky Regional Fire School, Paintsville, Kentucky, Electrical Failure Analysis, 2006

- Bowling Green State University Fire School, Northwestern Ohio Volunteer Firemen's Association, Electrical Failure Analysis, 2005

- Country Companies Insurance, Illinois, In-house training seminar on Implement Fire Analysis, 2005

- Paintsville, Kentucky Regional Fire School, Paintsville, Kentucky, Electrical Failure Analysis, 2005

- Bowling Green State University Fire School, Northwestern Ohio Volunteer Firemen's Association, Vehicle Fire Investigations, 2004

- Williams County Fire School, Edgerton, Ohio, "Answers from the Ashes" Basic Fire Investigations, 2004
- 2004 Spring Adjusters Seminar, Lightning Damage Investigations, Barker & Herbert Analytical Laboratories, 2004

- Bowling Green State University Fire School, Northwestern Ohio Volunteer Firemen's Association, Electrical Failure Analysis, 2003

**INSTRUCTION PROVIDED ON FIRE INVESTIGATION (CON'T):**

- 2003 Spring Adjusters Seminar, Vehicle Fires Investigations, Barker & Herbert Analytical Laboratories, 2003

- Bowling Green State University Fire School, Northwestern Ohio Volunteer Firemen's Association, Vehicle Fire Investigations, 2002

- Mercer County Fire School, Celina Fire Department, Vehicle Fire Investigations and Live Vehicle Burn, 2002

- Bowling Green State University Fire School, Northwestern Ohio Volunteer Firemen's Association, Electrical and Vehicle Fire Investigations, 2001

- 2001 Spring Adjusters Seminar, Lightning Damage and Vehicle Fires Investigations, Barker & Herbert Analytical Laboratories, 2001

- Vehicle and Electrical Fire Investigations, Northwestern Ohio Volunteer Firemen's Association, 2000

- Electrical Fire Causes and Tools of the Trade, Barker & Herbert Analytical Laboratories, 2000

- Investigative Tune-Up, Allen County Training Center, Analysis of Vehicle Fires, 1999

- Erie Insurance Adjusters Seminar on Lightning Damage and Vehicle Fires, 1997

- Farm Bureau Adjusters Seminar on Lightning Damage, 1996

**TECHNICAL ADVISEMENT:**

- Public Education Officer, Noble Township Fire Department, Wabash County, 1993-1995, 1997 – 1998

- Training Officer Squad 85, Fire Investigation Team of Wabash County, 1996 – 1997

- "Insulation Investigation", CBS-WANE-TV, News Channel 15, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 1996

- Technical Adviser in electronics for the Science Olympiad team, Wabash High School, 1997

- Assistant Training Officer, Noble Township Fire Department, Wabash County, 1997