



## **Midwest Service Center**

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### **EDUCATION:**

Lewis University  
Romeoville, IL  
Bachelor of Arts Degree  
Criminal Justice

University of Illinois  
Champaign, IL  
1973-1976

### **EMPLOYMENT:**

Unified Investigations & Sciences, Inc.  
Bloomington, IL  
Special Investigator  
November 2010- Present

City of St. Charles Fire Department  
St. Charles, IL  
Firefighter/Lieutenant/Section Supervisor/Arson  
Investigator/Head of Fire Setter Program  
1990-Present

EFI Global  
Carol Stream, IL  
Certified Fire Investigator  
2002-2005

**EMPLOYMENT (CON'T):**

Village of Schaumburg Police Department  
Schaumburg, IL  
Police Officer/Criminal Investigator/Arson Investigator/Head  
of Fire Setter Program  
1978-1990

**SPECIALIZED TRAINING:**

- Fire Training Institute of Champaign, IL, Lightweight BLDG Const., October 6, 2004
- Kane County Fire Investigation Task Force, NFPA 921 Updates, January 4, 2004
- National Fire Academy, Tactics and Strategy II, December 19, 2003
- Engineering & Fire Investigations, Principles of Vehicle Fire, December 11, 2003
- National Fire Academy, Fire Management IV, December 5, 2003
- National Fire Academy, Fire Management III, November 21, 2003
- National Fire Academy, Instructor II, October 3, 2003
- National Fire Academy, Tactics and Strategy I, April 11, 2003
- National Fire Academy, Fire Management II, March 21, 2003
- National Fire Academy, Fire Management I, March 7, 2003
- Engineering & Fire Investigations, Principles of Fire Investigation, October 30, 2002
- Illinois State Fire Marshal, Technical Rescue Awareness, November 18, 2002
- Engineering & Fire Investigations, Vehicle Fire Investigation, September 27, 2002
- International Association of Fire Chiefs, Command School 2002, March 27, 2002
- Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms, Electrical Fire Investigation, June 22, 2001
- Fire Training Institute of Champaign, IL, Vehicle Fire Investigation, May 3, 2001
- Fire Training Institute of Champaign, IL, Fire Alarm Systems, February 27, 2001
- Fire Training Institute of Champaign, IL, NFPA 921, December 20, 2000
- Saint Charles Fire Department, Confined Space, December 18, 2000
- Aurora Fire Dept., Instructor I, December 11, 2000
- Fire Training Institute of Champaign, IL, NFPA 1033, October 24, 2000
- Fire Training Institute of Champaign, IL, Fire Death Investigation, October 24, 2000
- Fire Training Institute of Champaign, IL, Fire Behavior & Dynamics, February 23, 2000

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

- North Aurora Fire Department, Fire Prevention & Principals, January 22, 2000
- Fire Training Institute of Champaign, IL, Sprinkler Systems , January 20, 2000
- Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms, Bomb Scene Investigation, April 17, 1999
- Federal Aviation Administration, Aviation Fire and Rescue, March 17, 1999
- University of Illinois, Arson Case Management, December 5, 1997
- University of Illinois, Specialized Airport Firefighter, May 12, 1996
- Buffalo Grove Fire Department, Vehicle Fire Investigation, October 13, 1994
- Lyle/Woodridge Fire Protection Dist. , Juvenile Fire Setting, June 1, 1994
- Saint Charles Fire Department, Cert. Firefighter III, October 2, 1993
- Fire Training Institute of Champaign, IL, Cert. Arson Investigator, October 23, 1992
- Ill. State Police Lab, Joliet, IL., Evidence Recovery, January 27, 1992
- Saint Charles Fire Department, Cert. Fire Apparatus Engineer, May 20, 1991
- Saint Charles Fire Department, Cert. Firefighter II, March 7, 1991
- Saint Charles Fire Department, Cert. Firefighter I, December 6, 1990
- Schaumburg Police Department, Analytical Crime Charting, September 22, 1989
- Schaumburg Police Department, SWAT Training, September 13, 1989
- Schaumburg Police Department, SWAT Training, August 9, 1989
- Schaumburg Police Department, Judgmental Firearms, June 6, 1989
- Schaumburg Police Department, SWAT Training, June 2, 1989
- Schaumburg Police Department, SWAT Training, May 2, 1989
- Schaumburg Police Department, SWAT Training, March 15, 1989
- North East Multi-Regional Training Inst., Auto Theft Investigations, March 14, 1989
- Schaumburg Police Department, SWAT Training, February 15, 1989
- North East Multi-Regional Training Inst., Interview & Interrogations, February 10, 1989
- Schaumburg Police Department, SWAT Training, January 18, 1989
- Schaumburg Police Department, SWAT Training, December 7, 1988
- North East Multi-Regional Training Inst., Electronic Surveillance, October 13, 1988
- North East Multi-Regional Training Inst., Bombing Crime Scene Adv., September 30, 1988

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

- Chicago Police Department, Ritualistic Crime, September 14, 1988
- Schaumburg Police Department, Judgmental Firearms, June, 20 1988
- Police Training Institute Champaign, IL., Patrol Strategy & Tactics, June 10, 1988
- Police Training Institute Champaign, IL., Police Tactical Firearms, June 12, 1987
- Identi-kit Company, Inc, Identi-kit Systems, May 20, 1987
- North East Multi-Regional Training Inst., Utilization of Informants, February 19, 1987
- Midwest Tactical Training Institute Inc., Special Weapons, November 7, 1986
- North East Multi-Regional Training Inst., Underwater Operations, October 23, 1986
- Illinois Juvenile Officers Assoc., Street Gangs, October 17, 1986
- R. Schwarz & Associates, Ltd., Fire Investigation, September 26, 1986
- DanCor Ltd., Tact. Supervision/Deployment, June 6, 1986
- Schaumburg Police Department, Scouting & Officer Rescue, May 14, 1986
- North East Multi-Regional Training Inst., Human Behavior, April 1, 1986
- North East Multi-Regional Training Inst., Arson Investigation, March 26, 1986
- North East Multi-Regional Training Inst., Stress Management, March 13, 1986
- North East Multi-Regional Training Inst., Burglary Investigations, February 21, 1986
- Police Training Institute Champaign, IL., Police Firearms Instructor, October 16, 1985
- North East Multi-Regional Training Inst., Surveillance Workshop, October 16, 1985
- John E. Reid College, Interview & Interrogation, October 16, 1985
- National Fire Academy, Juvenile Fire Starters, May 9, 1985
- North East Multi-Regional Training Inst., Sexual Abuse of Children, April 25, 1985
- North East Multi-Regional Training Inst., Gang Control Management, March 13, 1985
- North East Multi-Regional Training Inst., Interview & Interrogation, February 18, 1985
- North East Multi-Regional Training Inst., Child Abuse & Neglect, February 6, 1985
- North East Multi-Regional Training Inst., Narcotic Law Review, January 11, 1985
- North East Multi-Regional Training Inst., Interpersonal Violence, January 7, 1985
- Cook County State's Attorney's Office, Sexual Assault Law, August 1, 1984
- Chicago Police Department, Gang Control & Administration, March 27, 1984

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

- North East Multi-Regional Training Inst., Interaction Youth Offender, February 2, 1984
- Northeastern Metropolitan Drug Enforcement, Narcotics & Dangerous Drugs, October 24, 1983
- North East Multi-Regional Training Inst., Interaction Youth Offender, October 22, 1983
- Federal Bureau of Investigation, Firearm Instructor Training, March 18, 1982
- Federal Bureau of Investigation, Anti-Sniper Training, March 15, 1982
- Schaumburg Police Department, Defensive Driving, December 19, 1978
- Schaumburg Police Department, Basic In-Service Training, December 8, 1978
- Police Training Institute Champaign, IL, Basic Law Enforcement, November 17, 1978

**EXPERIENCE:**

Thirty two years of full-time experience; responding to and managing emergency situations. Conducted and managed fire scene investigations since 1984.

Three unit citations from the Schaumburg Police Department.

Two department commendations from the Schaumburg Police Department.

Cook County State's Attorney's Professionalism Award.

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:**

International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI)

**CERTIFICATIONS:**

Certified Police Officer, Police Training Institute, University of Illinois, Champaign, IL 1978.

Certified Criminal Interrogation, John E. Reid College, Chicago IL, 1985.

Certified Fire / Arson Investigator, Illinois Fire Service Institute University of Illinois, 1986.

Certified Firefighter II, Illinois State Fire Marshal, 1986.

**CERTIFICATIONS (CON'T):**

Certified Firefighter III, Illinois State Fire Marshal, 1993.

Certified Fire Apparatus Engineer, Illinois State Fire Marshal, 1991.

Hazardous Materials Awareness, Illinois State Fire Marshal, 1997.

Confined Space/Trench Awareness, Illinois State Fire Marshal, 2000.

Technical Rescue Awareness, Illinois State Fire Marshal, 2002.

Hazardous Waste Technician, 29 CFR Part 1910.120, Environmental Contractors of Illinois, 2002.

Certified Fire Officer I, Illinois State Fire Marshal, 2003.

Vertical I Rescue Specialist, Illinois State Fire Marshal, 2003.

Certified Fire Officer II, Illinois State Fire Marshal, 2004

Certified Hazardous Materials Operations, Illinois State Fire Marshal, 2005.

Certified Hazardous Materials Technician A, Illinois State Fire Marshal, 2005.

**COURT QUALIFICATIONS:**

Expert testimony on fire origin / cause and fire behavior has been presented in cases in Cook County Illinois Circuit Court and Kane County Illinois Circuit Court.

Judged expert witness for fire behavior, origin and cause investigations in Cook and Kane counties.

**GUEST LECTURER-  
INSTRUCTOR:**

SWAT Team and Firearms Instructor