



Unified
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Western Service Center

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EDUCATION:

Mt San Antonio College
Crafton Hills College
Santa Rosa College
Rio Hondo College
Fire Science

Pasadena City College
Los Angeles Trade Tech
Electrical Theory

EMPLOYMENT:

Unified Investigations & Sciences, Inc.
Southern California
Special Investigator
September, 2010 to Present

NMS Investigations, Inc.
Owner
Fire / Arson, Explosion Investigations
Southern California
2005 to September, 2010

St. Paul Travelers Insurance Company
Fire Investigator Western Region
2004 to 2005

NMS Electric
Southern California
Electrical Contractor, Electrical Consultant
2001 to Present

EMPLOYMENT (CON'T):

Pasadena Fire Department
Pasadena, California
Arson / Fire / Explosive Investigator
Captain
Apparatus Engineer
Firefighter
1986 to 2001

The Professionals
Altadena, California
Electrical Contractor
1989 to 1991

City of Pasadena
Pasadena, California
Apprentice / Journeyman Electrician
1981 to 1986

SPECIALIZED TRAINING:

- Certified Fire Investigator Trainer - Understanding Fire Through the Candle Experiments, California, February 4, 2010, 4 hours – tested
- Certified Fire Investigator Trainer – Motive, Means, and Opportunity: Determining Responsibility in an Arson Case, California, February 3, 2010, 4 hours – tested
- Certified Fire Investigator Trainer - Investigating Fatal Fires, California, February 4, 2010, 4 hours – tested
- Certified Fire Investigator Trainer – Arc Mapping Basics, California, February 2, 2010, 4 hours- tested
- Certified Fire Investigator Trainer – The Scientific Method for Fire and Explosion Investigation, California, February 2, 2010, 3 hours – tested
- Certified Fire Investigator Trainer – Investigating Motor Vehicle Fires, California, February 2, 2010, 4 hours – tested
- California Conference of Arson Investigators, Fire / Arson Investigation, March 2008, San Luis Obispo, California, 20 hours – tested
- California Conference of Arson Investigators, Fire / Arson Wildland Investigation, March 2008, San Luis Obispo, California, 20 hours – tested

SPECIALIZED TRAINING (CON'T)

- California Conference of Arson Investigators, Fire / Arson Investigation, January 2001, San Luis Obispo, California, 22 hours – tested
- Southern California Fraud Investigators Association, Fraud Training, October 2000, Palm Springs, California, 165 hours
- California District Attorneys Association, Real Estate Fraud Seminar, December, 2000, Indian Wells, California, 40 hours
- Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Fire Administration, Juvenile Fire Setters Intervention Training, November 1999, Los Angeles, California, 16 hours
- International Association of Arson Investigators, Investigation of Electrical Appliance Related Fires, November 1999, Reno, Nevada, 20 hours – tested
- Federal Emergency Management Agency / National Fire Academy Course, Emergency Response To Terrorism, August 1998, California, 8 hours
- Emergency Training Institute, Profile of a Serial Arsonist, June 1998, 8 hours
- Federal Bureau of Investigation, Advance Post Blast Crime Scene School, May 1998, China Lake, California, 40 hours – tested
- Federal Bureau of Investigation, Post Blast Investigator School, November 1997, San Nicholas Island, California, 40 hours –tested
- San Bernardino Sheriff's Department, Courtroom Survival, August 1997, San Bernardino, California, 8 hours
- South Bay Regional Public Safety Training, Interview and Interrogation, Fall 1997, 36 hours
- Pasadena Police Department, Telecommunications Training, February 1997, Pasadena, California, 4 hours
- California Conference of Arson Investigators, Fire / Arson Investigation, January 1997, 20 hours
- Sheriff-Coroner Department, Laser Firearm Training, January 1997, 8 hours
- California State Fire Marshals Office, Fire Investigation 2B, November 1996, California, 40 hours – tested

SPECIALIZED TRAINING (CON'T)

- Santa Rosa Training Center, Background Investigations, September 1996, 40 hours – tested
- California State Fire Marshal, Explosives Recognition and Reconnaissance, September 1996, 40 hours
- San Luis Obispo County Fire Service, Wildland Fire Investigation, June 1996, San Luis Obispo, California, 15 hours
- National Police Forensic Video, Arson Crime Scene Video, June 1996, California, 8 hours
- California Specialized Training Institute, Officer Safety & Field Tactics for Arson Investigators, April 1996, San Luis Obispo, California, 40 hours
- Fireworks America, Regulating Proximate Pyrotechnics and Special Effects Safety, April 1996, San Diego, California, 8 hours
- Arson Training Institute, Continuing Legal Education, March 1996, San Diego, California, 40 hours
- Penal Code Section 832 / Power of Arrest, February 1996, 64 hours – tested
- California State Fire Marshals Office, Fire Investigation 1B, December 1995, California, 40 hours – tested
- California State Fire Marshals Office, Fire Investigation 2A, December 1995, California, 40 hours – tested
- California State Fire Marshals Office, Fire Investigation 2B, 40 hours – tested
- California State Fire Marshals Office, Fire Prevention 1C, May 1994, California, 40 hours – tested
- California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, First Responder Operational, June 1990, San Luis Obispo, 24 hours – tested
- California State Fire Marshals Office, Fire Investigation 1A, November 1992, California, 40 hours – tested
- California State Fire Marshals Office, Fire Management, October 1992, California, 40 hours – tested

SPECIALIZED TRAINING (CON'T)

- California Fire Instructors, California Fire Instructors Workshop, April 1992, San Jose, California, 40 hours – tested
- California State Fire Marshals Office, Fire Command 1B, April 1992, California, 40 hours – tested
- California State Fire Marshals Office, Fire Prevention 1B, March 1992, California, 40 hours – tested
- California State Fire Marshals Office, Fire Apparatus Driver / Operator 1A, February 1992, 40 hours – tested
- California State Fire Marshals Office, Fire Apparatus Driver / Operator 1B, February 1992, 40 hours – tested
- California State Fire Marshals Office, Fire Command 1A, October 1991, California, 40 hours – tested
- California State Fire Marshals Office, Fire Prevention 1A, August 1991, California, 40 hours – tested
- California State Fire Marshals Office, Fire Instructor 1B, April 1991, California, 40 hours – tested
- California State Fire Marshals Office, Fire Instructor 1A, March 1991, California, 40 hours – tested
- Completed over 8,000 electrical theory, construction and maintenance with the City of Pasadena, California, 1982-1986 - tested

EXPERIENCE:

Investigated over 2500 investigations as it relates to arson, fire, explosions, building code violations, fatalities, subrogation and multi-million dollar loses.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

National Association of Fire and Explosion Investigators #10600-4905

International Association of Arson Investigators

**PROFESSIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS (CON'T):**

California Conference of Arson
Investigators #607

Retired Peace Officers Association #3561

CERTIFICATIONS:

Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator
Certified Fire Investigations Instructor
National Association of Fire and Explosion
Investigators
Valid through 3/12/2015

Certified Fire Investigator
California Conference of Arson
Investigators
Valid through 3/1/2013

Certified Arson and Bomb Investigator
California State Board of Fire Services,
August 3, 1998

Certified Fire Investigator II
California State Fire Marshals Office,
July 1999

Certified Fire Officer, Firefighter 1,
Firefighter II
California State Fire Marshals Office,
January 1994

Certified Apparatus Driver / Operator 1 -
California State Fire Marshals Office,
April 1998

Certified Fire Prevention Officer 1
California State Fire Marshals Office,
October 19

Certified Fire Investigator I
California State Fire Marshals Office,
October 1997

Certified as a Journeyman Electrician,
International Brotherhood of Electrical
Workers
Pasadena, California, 1986

**CALIFORNIA STATE
LICENSES:**

Private Investigators License # PI 23963

Electrical C-10 Contractors License
#560455

COURT QUALIFICATIONS:

Expert witness – Fire Causation
Los Angeles County Grand Jury, Superior
Court of Los Angeles, Orange County and
Riverside County, Kings County Superior
Court

Expert witness – Explosions
Los Angeles County Superior Court

Expert witness – Electrical
Los Angeles County Superior Court and
Riverside County Superior Court, Kings
County Superior Court

Expert witness – Explosives
Los Angeles County Superior Court,
Municipal Court and Juvenile Court

RECENT COURT TESTIMONY:

People of the State of California v. Brad
Duinkerken
Kings County Superior Court
10CM3792-2011

People vs. Mark Barron & Christopher
Gallegos
BLF004258
Palm Springs Superior Court – 2010

People vs. EJLC Robertson, OCA1203
Los Angeles Superior Court - 2010

Cynlyn Corp vs. Canon USA
07CC10692 consolidated with 07CC12531
& 00101503
Orange County Superior Court - 2009

Sequoia Insurance Company vs.
International Recording Studio
EC040537
Burbank Superior Court - 2008

RECENT DEPOSITIONS:

Guadalupe Rodriguez vs. Electropedic
Manufacturing / Wishing Well Products
#GC042892 - 2011

Gamliel vs. Farmers Insurance Group
BC400645 - 2010

Volando vs. Tyco
CGC-05-441279 - 2010

Cynlyn Corp vs. Canon USA
07CC10692 consolidated with 07CC12531
& 00101503 - 2009

Sequoia Insurance Company vs.
International Recording Studio
EC040537 - 2007

PUBLICATIONS:

“FIRE INVESTIGATOR”, Principles and
Practice to NFPA 921 and 1033, Third
Edition
Publisher – Jones and Bartlett Learning,
LLC and the National Fire Protection
Association. (Copyright 2012)

Article: **“Voices of Experience”**(pg 281)
Photographs: (pg 276, pg 286- figure 19-7,
pg 280-figure 19-4)

**GUEST SPEAKER –
INSTRUCTOR:**

Guest Speaker – The Discovery Channel,
topic “Explosions Gone Wrong”
2010, Produced by KAOS

Instructor - Arroyo Seco Fire Academy,
Pasadena / Glendale, CA 1997-2001

Guest Instructor – 8th International
Conference of Fire Service Women,
Topic “Don’t Get Shocked”,
February 1999, Los Angeles, California

Adjunct faculty - Glendale Community
College, Glendale, CA 1998

Instructor - Foothill Fire Academy,
Pasadena, CA 1992-1997