



**Unified**

Investigations & Sciences, Inc.



## Western Service Center

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### **EDUCATION:**

University of California  
Davis, California  
Biological Science/Chemistry

American River Community College  
Sacramento, California  
Fire Technology

Diablo Valley Community College  
Pleasant Hill, California  
Associate of Arts Degree

Contra Costa Community College  
San Pablo, California  
General Education

### **EMPLOYMENT:**

Unified Investigations & Sciences, Inc.  
Plumas Lake, California  
Territorial Manager  
June 2006 to Present

California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection  
Office of the State Fire Marshal  
Peace Officer/Arson Bomb Investigator  
1997 to 2006

**EMPLOYMENT (Con't):**

Hamilton City Volunteer Fire Department  
Hamilton, California  
Commissioner  
1995 to 1998

California State Fire Marshal's Office  
Peace Officer/Arson & Bomb Investigator  
1985 to 1997

City of Roseville Fire Department  
Roseville, California  
Firefighter, Engineer, Acting Captain, Training Officer, Fire  
Inspector, Emergency Medical Technician, and Fire Investigator  
1975 to 1985

City of Davis Fire Department  
Davis, California  
Paid Volunteer Firefighter  
1973 to 1975

**SPECIALIZED TRAINING:**

- California Conference of Arson Investigators' Seminar, November, 2010, 24 hours
- Fire/Arson Investigation Training, California Conference of Arson Investigators, San Luis Obispo, California, 2008, 24 hours
- Electrical Systems, California Conference of Arson Investigators, San Luis Obispo, California, 2006, 24 hours
- Wildland Fire Investigation, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection, Red Bluff, California, April 2005, 40 hours
- Vehicle Fire Investigation, CCAI, Oroville, California, June 2005, 8 hours
- Advanced Officer Training, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection Academy, Ione, California, 2004, 36 hours
- Complex Fire Investigation, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms, Sacramento, California, 2002, 40 hours

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

- Advanced Explosive-Bomb Investigation Course, CA Dept. of Forestry, Office of State Fire Marshal, March, 2001, 24 Hours
- Advanced Post Blast Crime Scene Seminar, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Vandenburg Air Force Base, 1999, 36 Hours
- Basic Post Academy, California Dept. of Forestry & Fire Protection Academy, Ione, California, January – May 1997
- NFPA 921 Sword & Shield, International Association of Arson Investigators, Lake Tahoe, Nevada, July 1996, 12 Hours
- Fire Investigation 2B, California State Fire Marshal, Weed, California, October 1996
- Fire Investigation 2A, California State fire Marshal, Weed, California, May 1995
- Hazardous Device School, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Davis, California, April 1994, 40 hours
- Basic Arson Investigation & Fire Behavior Refresher, California Conference of Arson Investigators, Fresno, California, June 1993, 24 hours
- Evidence Preservation Conference, California Conference of Arson Investigators, Fresno, California, January 1992, 24 Hrs
- Hazardous Device Technician School, Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama, January 1991, 160 hours
- Fire Scene Preservation, Butte County Task Force, Chico, California, 1990, 4 hours
- Fire Extinguisher Training, California State Fire Marshal, Sacramento, California, 1989, 8 hours
- Advanced Improvised Explosives Devices & Terrorist Activities, International Association of Bomb Technicians and Investigators, 1989, 20 hours
- Kinesic Interview Techniques, California Conference of Arson Investigators, San Jose, California, 1989, 18 hours
- Explosive Entry Training, California State Fire Marshal, Yuba City, California, 1988, 6 hours

**SPECIALIZED TRAINING (Con't.):**

- Public Presentations on Fire Investigation, California State Fire Marshal, Sacramento, California, 1988, 6 hours
- Explosive Recognition Course, California State Fire Marshal, Sacramento, California, 1988, 24 hours
- Hazardous Materials Response Training/Pipeline, California State Fire Marshal, Sacramento, California, 1988, 6 hours
- Fundamentals of Explosive Safety, Coulson Consulting Corporation, San Ramon, CA 1987, 36 Hours
- Basic Origin and Cause, California State Fire Marshal, Sacramento, 1986, 20 hours
- Arson Investigation, Origin and Cause, Hayward Police Department, 1986, 20 hours
- Criminal Investigation and Report Writing, Alan Hancock College, Santa Maria, 1985, 24 hours
- Behavioral Analysis and Interviewing, United States Air Force, Sacramento, 6 Hours
- Fire Investigation/Structure Burn, California State Fire Marshal, Santa Rosa, California, 1985, 16 hours
- Basic POST Specialized Investigators Training, Sacramento, California, 1985, 240 hours
- Completed requirements for Fire Science AA degree, American River Community College 540 Hours
- Fire Investigation II, California State Fire Marshal, Grass Valley, California, 1983, 40 hours
- Fire Investigation I, California State Fire Marshal, Monterey, California, 1982, 40 hours
- Fire Investigation, California State Fire Marshal, Davis, California, 1982, 24 hours

**EXPERIENCE:**

Instructor for police/fire personnel for over 225 structural fires, 400 vegetation fires, and over 75 vehicles training burns

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:**

California Conference of Arson Investigators  
International Association of Arson Investigators  
Butte County, California Arson Task Force  
Sutter County, California Arson Task Force

**CERTIFICATIONS:**

International Association of Arson Investigators – Certified Fire Investigator  
California Conference of Arson Investigators – Certified Fire Investigator  
State of California Fire Science Teaching Credential  
Certified Fire Investigator I & II, State of California  
Certified Hazardous Device Technician

**COURT QUALIFICATIONS:**

Expert witness in Fire Origin and Cause: Superior Courts Throughout California  
Expert witness Federal Court, San Francisco, California  
Deposition: CSU Maritime Academy – vs. – Michael Kinzie, Troy Cichowlaz and Mitka Von Reis Crooks  
Defendant Civil case No. FCS027731, September 24, 2007