



Michigan Service Center

Donald S. Kownacki, CFI
Special Investigator

Chicago, Illinois
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EMPLOYMENT:

Unified Investigations & Sciences, Inc.
Atlanta, Georgia
January 15, 2008 to Present

Mazzone Investigations Inc.
Chicago IL.
Fire Investigator
October 2006 to January 14, 2008

Bloomington IL. Fire Protection District
Firefighter/EMT
June 1981 to Present

Bloomington IL Fire Protection District.
Fire Investigator
March 1985 to Present

SPECIALIZED TRAINING:

- BATF Arsonist Profiling November 2007 Elgin IL Comm. College – 8 Hours - Tested
- IAAI 24th Annual Fire Investigation Training Conference September 2007 – 32 hours - Tested
- IAAI 23rd Annual Training Conference Champaign IL Sept. 2006 32 Hours – Tested
- DuPage Co. Task Force Live Burn study Wheaton IL June 2006 8 Hours - Tested

SPECIALIZED TRAINING (CON'T):

- IAAI 22nd Annual Fire Investigation Training Conf. Champaign IL 32 Hours - Tested
- IAAI 56th Annual Fire Investigation Training Conf. Milwaukee WI April 2005 36 Hours - Tested
- IL IAAI 21st Annual Fire investigation Training Conf. Sept 2004 Champagne IL 32 Hours - Tested
- NITA Courtroom Testimony Course Loyola Law School March 2004 24 Hours - Tested
- PTI Law Enforcement Training March 2003 – May 2003 200 Hours - Tested
- DuPage County IL BATF Canine Training 4 Hours February 2003
- IL Chapter IAAI Northern Zone Winter Seminar Frankfort IL Fire/Arson Investigation 24 Hours - Tested February 2003
- IAAI 26th Annual Northern IL Arson Seminar Rockford IL. 32 Hours - Tested Nov 2002
- 53rd IAAI Annual Training Conf. Atlantic City NJ Fire & Arson Investigation 36 Hours – Tested
- IL Chapter IAAI 19th Annual Training Conf Sept 2002 36 Hours - Tested
- College of DuPage IL BATF Fire Scene Interview Techniques March 2002 8 Hours - Tested
- Illinois State Police New Evidence Collection Techniques March 2002 3 Hours - Tested
- National Fire Academy Emmetsburg MD Fire & Arson Investigation June 2001 80 Hours - Tested
- DuPage County IL Sheriff Dept. Evidence Technician Program 40 Hours Feb 2001 – Tested
- John E. Reid Technique of evaluation and interviewing, 24hours- January 2001 - Tested
- Fire Findings Investigation of Gas & Electric Appliance Fires 24 Hours - Tested Nov 2000

SPECIALIZED TRAINING (CON'T):

- BATF Computer Fire Modeling 3 Hours Sept 2000 - Tested
- Illinois Chapter IAAI Training Conference Fire & Arson Investigation Champaign IL September 2000 - Tested
- Illinois State Fire Marshal Division Arson Investigation Leadership Forum August 2000 24 Hours

EXPERIENCE:

Mr. Kownacki has personally investigated over 400 structural fire investigations as well as several hundred vehicle fires. Investigations include fires and explosions, involving single & multiple fatalities, fraud and subrogation loss.

He was appointed to the Training & Education Committee of The IAAI IL Chapter and served in that capacity from August 2002 to January 2008

Mr. Kownacki has been a team leader of the DuPage County Fire investigation Task Force since September 2000

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI)

Illinois Chapter - International Association of Arson

National Association of Fire Investigators

International Association of Fire Fighters

Illinois Advisory Committee on Arson Prevention

Fire Investigation Strike Force

CERTIFICATIONS:

Certified Fire Investigator – IAAI February 2005

Evidence Technician Basic IL State Fire Marshal Feb 2001

Arson Investigator - Police Training Institute
University of Illinois

COURT QUALIFICATIONS:

Fire Origin & Cause Expert DuPage County IL