



Georgia Service Center

C. Michael Lane, IAAI-CFI
Senior Investigator

Millen (Savannah), Georgia
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EDUCATION:

Academy of Richmond County
Augusta, Georgia
Diploma - Academic

Georgia Military College
Milledgeville, Georgia
Associate Degree - Fire Science

EMPLOYMENT:

Unified Investigations & Sciences, Inc.
Millen (Savannah), Georgia
Senior Investigator
June 2004 to Present

Crawford Investigation Services
Millen (Savannah), Georgia
National Product Manager
July 1997 to May 2004

Georgia Commissioner of Insurance – Arson Unit
Atlanta, Georgia
Fire Investigator
November 1994 to July 1997

Burke County Sheriff's Department
Waynesboro, Georgia
Deputy Sheriff/Investigator
August 1988 to November 1994

EMPLOYMENT (Cont.): Decatur Fire Department
Decatur, Georgia
City Fire Marshal
October 1979 to August, 1988

Richmond County Fire Department
Augusta, Georgia
Battalion Chief/Fire Investigator
March 1977 to October 1979

Charlotte Fire Department
Charlotte, North Carolina
Fire Investigator
September 1976 to February 1977

GAB Fraud & Arson Unit (INS)
Charlotte, North Carolina
Special Agent/Fire Investigator
October 1975 to September 1976

SPECIALIZED TRAINING:

- Tennessee IAAI Seminar, Gatlinburg, Tennessee, Vehicle Fire Investigation, Modular/manufactured Home Investigations, Scientific Method in Fire Investigation August 2005, 36 hours (Tested)
- International Association of Arson Investigators, Reno, Nevada, Civil & Criminal Law, Fire Modeling, Photography, Wildland Fire Investigation Techniques, April 2003, 27 hours
- Tennessee IAAI Seminar, Gatlinburg, Tennessee, Digital Photography, Explosion Investigations, Vehicle Fire Investigations (tested), August 2002, 36 hours (Tested)
- International Association of Arson Investigators, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Computer Fire Modeling, Fire Death Investigation, Forensic Engineering, May 2002, 20 hours (Tested)
- 37th Southeastern Arson Seminar, Brunswick, Georgia, Appliance Fire Investigation; Lab Analysis of Debris, August 2001, 20 hours (Tested)
- Caterpillar Equipment School, Peoria, Illinois, Construction, Forestry & Agricultural Equipment Systems, June 2001, 8 hours
- International Association of Arson Investigators, Atlantic City, New Jersey, IL Testing Update, NFPA 921 Update: Electrical Fire Causes, May 2001, 20 hours

SPECIALIZED TRAINING (Cont.):

- Global Atmospherics, Inc., Augusta, Georgia, Lightning 101 Seminar, April 2001, 8 hours
- Georgia Fire Investigator's Association, Helen, Georgia, Fire Modeling & Vehicle Fire Investigation (tested), March 2001, 17 hours (Tested)
- National Fire Academy, Emmitsburg, Maryland, Instructor Course: Expert Witness Testimony, February 2001, 24 hours (Tested)
- Lee Cole & Associates, Charleston, South Carolina, Investigation of Vehicles Fires (tested), November 2000, 16 hours (Tested)
- 35th Southeastern Arson Seminar, Brunswick, Georgia, Certificate Awarded (tested), July 1999, 20 hours (Tested)
- Fire Findings Laboratories, Benton Harbor, Michigan, Investigation of Gas & Electric Appliance Fires, Certificate Awarded (tested), May 1999, 16 hours (Tested)
- Georgia Fire Investigator's Association, Athens, Georgia, Arson Seminar, Certificate Awarded, March 1999, 16 hours
- Georgia Fire Academy, Forsyth, Georgia, Hazardous Materials Technician, Certificate Awarded (tested), March 1998, 40 hours (Tested)
- Georgia Public Safety Training Center, Forsyth, Georgia, Evidence Presentation, Certificate Awarded (tested), June 1997, 16 hours (Tested)
- Georgia Public Safety Training Center, Forsyth, Georgia, Financial Investigations, Certificate Awarded (tested), February 1997, 40 hours (Tested)
- Georgia Insurance Commission, Brunswick, Georgia, 32nd Southeastern Arson Seminar, Certificate Awarded, September 1996, 20 hours (Tested)
- Georgia Auto Theft Council, Athens, Georgia, Automobile Fires, Certificate Awarded, February 1996, 16 hours
- Georgia Police Academy, Forsyth, Georgia, Advanced Peace Officer, Certificate Awarded, January 1995, 240 hours (Tested)
- Georgia Police Academy, Forsyth, Georgia, Crime Scene Technician, Certificate Awarded, April 1994, 40 hours (Tested)

SPECIALIZED TRAINING (Cont.):

- Georgia Police Academy, Forsyth, Georgia, Blood Pattern Analysis, Certificate Awarded, June 1992, 40 hours (Tested)
- Georgia Police Academy, Forsyth, Georgia, Advanced Interviews and Interrogations, Certificate Awarded, March 1992, 40 hours (Tested)
- Georgia Police Academy, Forsyth, Georgia, Homicide Investigations, Certificate Awarded, February 1992, 40 hours (Tested)
- Federal Bureau of Investigation, Augusta, Georgia, Advanced Latent Print Techniques, Certificate Awarded, March 1991, 40 hours (Tested)
- Federal Bureau of Investigation, Augusta, Georgia, Fingerprint Classification, Certificate Awarded, January 1991, 40 hours (Tested)
- Georgia Peace Officers Standards & Training Council, Augusta, Georgia, Basic Police Officers Mandate Training, Certificate Awarded, September 1988, 320 hours (Tested)
- Georgia Fire Academy, Marietta, Georgia, Fire Investigator's Short Course, Certificate Awarded, November 1979, 40 hours (Tested)
- North Carolina Justice Academy, Salemburg, North Carolina, Arson Investigation Course, Certificate Awarded, October 1976, 90 hours (Tested)
- College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia, Virginia State Arson Investigation School, Certificate Awarded, July 1976, 32 hours (Tested)
- Central Piedmont Community College, Charlotte, North Carolina, Detection of Arson and Unlawful Burning, Certificate Awarded, May 1976, 40 hours
- Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia, First Class Firefighter, Certificate Awarded, December 1975, 320 hours (Tested)
- Florida State Fire College, Ocala, Florida, Arson Detection and Investigation, Certificate Awarded, July 1975, 40 hours (Tested)

EXPERIENCE:

Mr. Lane has personally worked or supervised, to date, more than 4,000 fire and explosion investigations across the United States and has over 30,000 hours on-site experience.

**PROFESSIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS:**

International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI); Member Training & Education Committee (Southeastern Training Administrator); Member Chapters Liaison Committee (GA, FL, AL); International Coordinator for NFPA 921 Update 2001

National Association of Fire Investigators

Georgia Fire Investigators Association – Second Vice President (2001); Board of Directors; CFI Chair; State Proctor for Advanced Testimony Course; First Vice President (2002)

Central Savannah River Area Fire Investigators Association (Past President)

National Fire Protection Association

Middle Georgia Claims Association

**COURT
QUALIFICATIONS:**

Expert Witness – Fire Investigation

U.S. District Courts

Atlanta, GA

Augusta, GA

Columbus, MS

San Juan, PR

Jacksonville, FL

Expert Witness - Fire Investigation

Superior Courts, State of Georgia

Richmond County - Augusta

Dekalb County - Decatur

Jefferson County - Louisville

Toombs County - Lyons

Bryan County - Pembroke

Burke County - Waynesboro

Bulloch County - Statesboro

Screven County - Sylvania

Long County - Ludowici

McIntosh County - Darien

Dougherty County - Albany

Sumter County - Americus

Lowndes County - Valdosta

Chatham County - Savannah

COURT

QUALIFICATIONS (Cont.):

Expert Witness – Fire Investigation
Superior Courts, State of South Carolina
State Berkley County - Moncks Corner
Greenville County - Greenville

Expert Witness – Fire Investigation
Superior Courts, State of North Carolina
Mecklenburg County - Charlotte
Durham County - Durham

Expert Witness – Fire Investigation
Superior Courts, State of Mississippi
Washington County - Greenville
Lowndes County - Columbus

CERTIFICATIONS:

International Association of Arson Investigators
Certified Fire Investigator (No. 08-039)

National Association of Fire Investigators
Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator (No. 6177-2033)

National Board of Professional Qualifications (NFPA)
Certified Fire Investigator (No. 34892)

Georgia Peace Officer Standards & Training Council
Certified Arson Investigator (No. PS07950044N)

Georgia Firefighter Standards & Training Council
Hazardous Materials Technician (No. AHH01H)

Georgia Peace Officer Standards & Training Council
Senior Law Enforcement Instructor (No. PS125597023)

Georgia Firefighter Standards & Training Council
Fire Service Instructor

GUEST LECTURER:

North Carolina Justice Academy
Salemberg, North Carolina
Arson Investigator
November 1976

Georgia State Fire Marshal's Office
Athens, Georgia
Technical Aids to Fire Investigation
October 1977

Georgia Fire Academy
Marietta, Georgia
Basic Fire Investigation
November 1979

U. S. Fire Academy
Emmitsburg, Maryland
Fire Scene Photography & Burn Pattern Analysis
November 1982

Wheeled Coach Corporation
Orlando, Florida
Emergency Vehicle Electrical Systems
July 1986

C.S.R.A. Regional Police Academy
Augusta, Georgia
Crime Scene Processing
August 1989

Central Savannah River Area Regional Police Academy
Augusta, Georgia
Property Crimes Investigation
June 1990

Central Savannah River Area Regional Police Academy
Augusta, Georgia
Evidence Presentation
July 1991

Central Savannah River Area Regional Police Academy
Augusta, Georgia
Property Crimes Investigation
October 1992

GUEST LECTURER (Cont.):

Central Savannah River Area Regional Police Academy
Augusta, Georgia
Advanced Interviews and Interrogations
June 1993

Central Savannah River Area Regional Police Academy
Augusta, Georgia
Task Force Case Management
October 1994

Central Savannah River Area Regional Police Academy
Augusta, Georgia
Crime Scene Processing
May 1995

Georgia Fire Academy
Forsyth, Georgia
Accidental Fire Causes
March 1997

Georgia Police Academy
Forsyth, Georgia
Advanced Arson/Electrical Fires
April 1997

Georgia Fire Academy
Forsyth, Georgia
Accidental Fire Causes
May 1997

Georgia Police Academy
Forsyth, Georgia
Advanced Arson/Electrical Fires
June 1997

Central Savannah River Area Regional Police Academy
Augusta, Georgia
Law Enforcement Photography
August 1997

GUEST LECTURER (Cont.):

Georgia Police Academy
Forsyth, Georgia
Accidental Fire Causes
October 1997

Georgia Police Academy
Forsyth, Georgia
Advanced Arson/Electrical Fires
January 1998

Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Forsyth, Georgia
NFPA 921 Symposium Chair
February 1998

Georgia Fire Academy
Forsyth, Georgia
Accidental Fire Causes

Georgia Fire Academy
Forsyth, Georgia
Advanced Arson Investigation

Georgia Fire Chief's Association
Georgia Firefighters Association
Atlanta, Georgia
Combined Conferences – Arson Awareness
April 1998

Georgia Police Academy
Forsyth, Georgia
Fire Scene Investigation
March 1999

Georgia Police Academy
Forsyth, Georgia
Advanced Electrical Fire Causes
August 1999

Georgia Police Academy
Forsyth, Georgia
Accidental Fire Causes
October 1999

GUEST LECTURER (Cont.):

Georgia Police Academy
Forsyth, Georgia
Advanced Electrical Causes
November 1999, October 2002

Richland County Sheriff's Office
Columbia, South Carolina
Forensic Examination of Fire Scenes
March 2000

Georgia Police Academy
Forsyth, Georgia
Accidental Fire Causes, Major Case Management
April 2000, September 2000, April 2001, December 2001,
March 2002, November 2002, March 2003, February 2004,

Allstate Insurance SIU Unit
Bremen, Georgia
Spoliation Issues

Tennessee IAAI Seminar
Gatlinburg, TN
Investigator Ethics
August, 2005

**MAJOR UNITED STATES
INVESTIGATIONS:**

Pine States Creamery, Raleigh, North Carolina
October 1976 Ice Cream Factory

Champion Chemical Company, Charlotte, North Carolina
November 1976 Pesticide Factory

R. J. Reynolds, Winston Salem, North Carolina
October 1997 Cold Storage Facility

**MAJOR INTERNATIONAL
INVESTIGATIONS:**

Sterling Drug Company, San Juan, Puerto Rico
1981 Warehouse

Marsh Harbor Marina, Abco Island, Bahamas
1982 Marina