



**Unified**  
Investigations & Sciences, Inc.



## North Carolina Service Center

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### **EDUCATION:**

Tidewater Community College  
A.A. in Fire Science with Cum Laude Honors, 1975

Tidewater Regional Police Academy  
Basic Law Enforcement, 1977

### **EMPLOYMENT:**

Unified Investigations & Sciences, Inc.  
Special Investigator  
December 1999 to Present

Charnock Investigative Service  
Powhatan, Virginia  
Investigator  
January 1989 – December 1999

Portsmouth Fire Department  
Portsmouth, Virginia  
Fire Prevention Bureau  
Captain – Second in Command  
January 1967 to December 1988

Chesapeake Division of Fire  
Chesapeake, Virginia  
Captain – Fire Suppression  
April 1961 to December 1966

### **MILITARY EXPERIENCE:**

United States Marine Corps Reserve  
1954-1961

## **SPECIALIZED TRAINING**

- Fire Investigation Techniques & Forensic Fire Investigation, Public Agency Training Council, Richmond, Virginia, October 2007, 36 hours (tested)
- Fire Investigation Training, Virginia Chapter, International Association of Arson Investigators, Richmond, Virginia, March 2007, 24 hours (tested)
- Fire Investigation Training, Virginia Chapter, International Association of Arson Investigators, Virginia Beach, Virginia, October 2006, 28 hours (tested)
- The Reid Technique of Interviewing and Interrogation, John E. Reid and Associates, Chicago, Illinois, March 2006, 24 hours (tested)
- Fire Investigation Seminar, International Association of Arson Investigators, Virginia Chapter, Roanoke, Virginia, October 2005, 36 hours (tested)
- Fire Investigation Seminar, International Association of Arson Investigators, Virginia Chapter, Virginia Beach, Virginia, March 2005, 24 hours (tested)
- Fire Investigation Seminar, International Association of Arson Investigators, Virginia Chapter, Richmond, Virginia, October 2004, 36 hours (tested)
- Fire Investigation Seminar, International Association of Arson Investigators, Winchester, Virginia, March 2004, 12 hours (tested)
- Fire Investigation Seminar, International Association of Arson Investigators, Virginia Chapter, Virginia Beach, Virginia, October 2003, 32 hours (tested)
- Fire Investigation Seminar, International Association of Arson Investigators, Roanoke, Virginia, March 2003, 4 hours (tested)
- Arson for Profit, Public Agency Training Council, Richmond, Virginia, October 2002, 16 hours (tested)
- Fire Pattern Certification, Public Agency Training Council, Richmond, Virginia, October 2002, 24 hours (tested)
- Advanced Arson Investigation, IAAI, Fredericksburg, Virginia, October 2001, 20 hours (tested)
- Fire Investigation Techniques, IAAI, Atlantic City, N. J., May 2001, 32 hours
- Advanced Arson Investigation, IAAI, Salem, Virginia, March 2001, 20 hours

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

- Forensic Investigation Instructors Training Course, Dallas, Texas, February 2001, 40 hours (tested)
- Arson Investigation, IAAI, Hanover, Virginia, March 2000, 24 hours
- Advanced Arson Investigative Training, International Association of Arson Investigators, Charlottesville, Virginia, April 1998, 20 hours
- Advanced Arson Investigative Training, International Association of Arson Investigators, Chesterfield, Virginia, March 1997, 22 hours (tested)
- Advanced Arson Investigation, International Association of Arson Investigators, Roanoke, Virginia, March 1995, 24 hours
- Fire Investigation, International Association of Arson Investigators, Portsmouth, Virginia, March 1994, 14 hours
- Electrical Fires, Tidewater Regional Arson Panel, Norfolk, Virginia, August 1993, 4 hours
- Advanced Arson Investigation, International Association of Arson Investigators, Chesterfield, Virginia, March 1993, 24 hours
- Fire Investigation, International Association of Arson Investigators, Salisbury, North Carolina, November 1992, 20 hours
- Arson Detection, International Association of Arson Investigators, Chesterfield, Virginia, March 1991, 40 hours (tested)
- Private Investigator, Virginia Security Academy, Chesapeake, Virginia, December 1989, 40 hours
- Advanced Arson for Profit, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Glynco, Georgia, October 1989, 80 hours (tested)
- Arson Detection, International Association of Arson Investigators, Portsmouth, Virginia, September 1989, 16 hours (tested)
- Fire and Arson Investigation, International Association of Arson Investigators, Chesterfield, Virginia, March 1989, 40 hours (tested)
- Fire and Arson Investigation, National Fire Academy, Emmitsburg, Maryland, November 1988, 70 hours

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

- Conducting Basic Fire Prevention Inspections, National Fire Academy, Emmitsburg, Maryland, November 1988, 16 hours
- Arson Detection Seminar, International Association of Arson Investigators, Roanoke County, Virginia, September 1988, 32 hours
- Arson Investigation, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia, July 1988, 40 hours
- Arson Investigation, Virginia State Police, Williamsburg, Virginia, July 1988, 40 hours
- Instructor I, Department of Fire Programs, Richmond, Virginia, May 1988, 80 hours (tested)
- Hazardous Materials Emergencies, Commonwealth of Virginia, Portsmouth, Virginia, March 1988, 40 hours
- Fire and Arson Investigation Seminar, Northern Virginia Joint Committee on Fire and Arson Investigation, Fairfax County, Virginia, March 1988, 40 hours
- Arson Detection, International Association of Arson Investigators, Fairfax County, Virginia, March 1988, 40 hours
- Polygraph Examiner, Virginia School of Polygraph, Norfolk, Virginia, November 1987, 24 hours
- Fire Risk Analysis, National Fire Academy, Emmitsburg, Maryland, September 1987, 16 hours
- Building Construction and Fire Chemistry, IAAI, Chesterfield County, Virginia, March 1987, 24 hours
- Advanced Arson, Tidewater Regional Arson Panel, Norfolk, Virginia, 1987, 8 hours
- Firefighter III Recertification, Department of Fire Programs, Portsmouth, Virginia, 1985
- Arson Detection, International Association of Arson Investigators, Salem, Virginia, October 1984, 24 hours
- Fire Inspector II, Commonwealth of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia, October 1984, 40 hours
- Arson Information Management Systems, Corporate Consultants, Portsmouth, Virginia, December 1983, 8 hours

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

- Arson Investigation, Peninsula-Tidewater Academy of Criminal Justice, Norfolk, Virginia, May 1982, 8 hours
- Forensic Seminar Series, Commonwealth of Virginia, Bureau of Forensic Science, September 1980, 30 hours
- Physical Evidence Collection, Commonwealth of Virginia, Bureau of Forensic Science, May 1980, 24 hours
- Smoke Detector Seminar, Tidewater Community College, 1978, 8 hours
- Emergency Medical Technician, City of Portsmouth, Virginia, December 1979, 8 weeks
- General Firemanship, Commonwealth of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia, June 1978, 120 hours
- Management Development Seminar for Fire Service Officers, Tidewater Community College, November 1977, 8 hours
- Registered NRA Police Firearms Training Course, Chesapeake, Virginia, 1976, 32 hours
- Arson Investigation, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia, 1963, 30 hours

## **EXPERIENCE:**

Investigated or supervised approximately 2,000 investigations in both public and private sectors. Investigations include fires, explosions, fatalities and subrogation issues.

## **CERTIFICATIONS:**

Certified Fire Investigator, International Association of Arson Investigators

Certified Fire Investigator, National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:**

International Association of Arson Investigators

Virginia Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators, past president, lifetime member

Governor's Joint Secretarial Arson Investigations Task Force

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

Tidewater Regional Arson Panel

Life Member Gosport Lodge #20 Fraternal Order of Police

**COURT QUALIFICATIONS:**

Expert Witness – Fire Causation

Federal Court and State Court, Virginia