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EXPERTISE:

Structure Fires, Vehicle Fires, Vehicle Theft and Watercraft Fires

EDUCATION, TRAINING & QUALIFICATIONS:

Graduate Boyne City High School - 1957

Graduated from Michigan State Police Academy - September, 1965

Michigan State Police - 1990, 25 years

- 10 years uniform
- 3 years Crime Lab
- 12 years Fire Marshal Division

Oakland Community College, Associate Degree, Liberal Arts, May, 1974.

Institute of Applied Science - 1974

F.B.I. Advanced Latent Print School, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 10 hours - 1977.

Madonna College, Livonia, Michigan, Bachelors Degree, Major in Social Work, Minor in Psychology - 1978.

Michigan-Ontario Identification Association 2 day Educational Conference, scene investigation techniques and update, spring and fall - 1976 through 1984.

Michigan Certified Fire Inspectors School, 6 weeks, Michigan State Police Academy, Lansing, Michigan State Fire Marshal Division - September through November, 1979.

Fire Investigation School, Tustin, Michigan, 80 hours, Michigan State Police Fire Marshal Division coordinated - April, 1980.

Michigan Chapter I.A.A.I. Regional Arson Seminar, 8 hours, Plymouth, Michigan - October, 1980.

Michigan Arson School, Lansing, Michigan, Michigan Chapter I.A.A.I., 32 hours - March, 1981.

Interviewing and Interrogation School, Dearborn, Michigan, coordinated by Wayne County Detective Association, 40 hours -December, 1981.

Arson for Profit School, Department of Treasury, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms (A.T.F.), Tustin, Michigan, 40 hours - February, 1982.

Michigan Chapter I.A.A.I. Regional Arson Seminar, 8 hours, Hartland, Michigan - February, 1983.

Michigan Arson School, Lansing, Michigan, Michigan Chapter I.A.A.I., 32 hours - April, 1983.

Oakland County Association of Arson & Fire Investigators Arson Seminar, 8 hours - November, 1983.

Michigan Arson School, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, Chapter I.A.A. I., 32 hours - May, 1984.

Instructor Training School, Lansing, Michigan, 80 hours - September, 1984.

EDUCATION, TRAINING & QUALIFICATIONS: (continued)

Michigan Chapter I.A.A.I. Regional Arson Seminar, Southfield, Michigan, 8 hours - March, 1985.

International I.A.A.I. Annual Seminar, Vancouver, British Columbia, 32 hours - March, 1985.

Michigan Arson School, I.A.A.I., Kalamazoo, Michigan, 32 hours - May 1985.

Wildland Fire Cause Investigation, Department of Natural Resources, Grayling, Michigan, 40 hours - June, 1985.

Bomb Investigation, F.B.I., Marquette, Michigan, 28 hours - August, 1985.

Fire Marshal Division Annual Training Seminar, Higgins Lake, Michigan, 32 hours - January, 1986.

Michigan Consolidated Gas School, 8 hours - February, 1986.

Michigan Arson School, I.A.A.I., Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Michigan, 32 hours - May, 1986.

Advance Fire Investigation, Tustin, Michigan, 32 hours October, 1986.

Fire Marshal Division Annual Training Seminar, Higgins Lake, Michigan, 32 hours - January, 1987.

Cause and Origin Seminar (O.C.A.A.F.I.), Pontiac, Michigan, 18 hours - January, 1987.

Michigan Arson School, I.A.A.I., Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, 32 hours - May, 1987

Fire Marshal Investigative Section Meeting, Benzie, Michigan, 16 hours - October, 1987.

Michigan Chapter I.A.A.I. Regional Seminar, Monroe Community College, 8 hours - February, 1988.

Michigan Arson School, I.A.A.I., Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan, 32 hours - May, 1988.

Vehicle Fire Investigation, Macomb County Community College, Mt. Clemens, Michigan, 8 hours, July, 1988.

Auto Fire, General Motors Tech Center, Warren, Michigan, 8 hours, July, 1988.

Michigan State Police Auto Fire Investigation, Tustin, Michigan, 32 hours - September, 1988.

Fire Marshal Division Annual Training Seminar, Higgins Lake, 28 hours - January, 1989.

Michigan Arson School, I.A.A.I., Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Michigan, 32 hours - May, 1989.

Michigan State Police Auto Fire Investigation, Tustin, Michigan, 32 hours - September, 1989.

Michigan Chapter I.A.A.I. Regional Seminar, Port Huron, 8 hours -March, 1990.

International I.A.A.I. Arson Seminar, Dearborn, Michigan, 36 hours - May, 1990. (Co Chair Seminar Committee)

International I.A.A.I. Arson Seminar, New Orleans, Louisiana, 36 hours - May, 1991.

Vehicle Fire Investigation School - Macomb Community College, Herndon & Associates, 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993.

Oakland County Association of Arson & Fire Investigations Seminar, NFPA 921 - Review Richard L.P. Custer, April 7 & 8, 1995.

Investigation of Gas and Electric Appliance fires. Barker and Herbert Analytical Laboratories, 207 Main, New Haven, Indiana, November 11 and 12, 1995.

International IAAI Arson Seminar, Toronto, Canada, 24 hours, May 12 and 16, 1997.

EDUCATION, TRAINING & QUALIFICATIONS: (continued)

Michigan Arson School, Mt. Pleasant, May 1999, 36 hours.

Data Sheet & Photos

- Smoldering Fire Test for I.A.A.I. - Live House Burn.1985

Data Sheets - Graphs

- Time and Temperature - House Fires, Vehicle Fires.
- Burned 10 Structures
- Burned 100 vehicles
- Recreated fire causes

Certificate of Training from the International Association of Arson Investigators (Michigan Chapter) May 25-28, 1999, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan in fire investigation.

International IAAI Arson Seminar, Grand Rapids, Michigan 32 Hours, May 2000

Attended Fire Litigation Seminar, Patrick, Johnson and King P.C., November 2000.

Certificate, Fire Investigation Techniques, International Association of Arson Investigators (Michigan Chapter) Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. May 2001.

Michigan Arson School, Boyne Mountain Conference Center, May 2002

Certificate, International Association of Arson Investigators Conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 2003.

Oakland County Association of Arson and Fire Investigators, Origin and Cause Seminar, Electrical Investigations, May 2007

Certificate, International Association of Arson Investigators (Michigan Chapter), Bay City, Michigan May 22-25, 2007.

EXPERIENCE:

1965 - Trooper 10 years, traffic and criminal investigation, service at Paw Paw and Pontiac Posts.

1975 - Michigan State Police Crime Laboratory, Latent Print Examiner, major crime scene investigation and latent print identification, Warren and Northville Laboratories.

1978 - Fire Marshal Division, Field Services, Northville, Michigan, Headquarters, Fire Inspector, Field Services.

1979 - Fire Marshal Division, Field Services, Pontiac, field office, Fire Inspector.

1980 - Fire Marshal Division, Investigative Section, Pontiac, field office, Fire Investigator.

1983 - Fire Marshal Division, Investigative Section, Northville, Headquarters, Fire Investigator.

1988 - Fire Marshal Division, Investigative Section, CIS Livonia, Michigan, Auto Arson Fraud Unit.

1990 - Fire Marshal Division, Pontiac Post, Fire Investigative Section Investigator for Herndon and Associates since August 27, 1990.

- Approximately 4000 fires
- Approximately 200 vehicles

INSTRUCTOR FOR:

Criminal Justice Program, Macomb County Community College, Center Campus, Utica, Michigan:

- Fatal Fire Investigations
- Cause & Origin Investigation
- Basic Fire Investigations
- Evidence Collection

INSTRUCTOR FOR: (continued)

Madonna College, Livonia, Michigan, Criminal Justice Program:

- Latent Prints and Fire Investigation

Michigan State University, Community Development Criminal Justice:

- Fire Investigation (Metro Area)

Eastern Michigan University, Washtenaw County Fire Investigation School:

- Fire Investigation
- Evidence Collection

Oakland Community College, Auburn Hills Campus, Criminal Justice:

- Fire Investigation and Evidence Collection

Schoolcraft Community College, Livonia:

- Fire Investigation
- Fatal Fires
- Motives

DNR - Wild Land Fire Investigation, Higgins Lake:

- Photography
- Evidence Collection

Fire Investigation School, Tustin, Michigan State Police Fire Marshal Division:

- Building Construction
- Photography
- Sketching
- Evidence

I.A.A.I. Michigan Arson School:

- Sketching
- Reporting Writing
- Vehicle Fire Investigation
- Fire Origin and Cause

Macomb Community College Auto Theft/Vehicle Fire (July 24, 1992)

Michigan State Police, Fire Marshal Division, Tustin, Michigan, October 2001, pertaining to: vehicle fires, ignition and steering column locking mechanisms and a live burn demonstration of two vehicles inside a garage structure.

COURT QUALIFICATIONS:

Qualified to Testify In District Court and Circuit Court in the following Counties:

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| • Arenac County | • Benzie County | • Berrien County |
| • Branch County | • Calhoun County | • Charlevoix County |
| • Eaton County | • Genesee County | • Ingham County |
| • Iosco County | • Livingston County | • Macomb County |
| • Monroe County | • Oakland County | • St. Clair County |
| • Washtenaw County | • Wayne County | • Muskegon County |
| • Delta County | • Antrim County | • Alger County |
| • Fort Wayne, IN | • US Federal District Court | • Southeast & Southwest Districts |
| • Detroit | • Ann Arbor | • Port Huron |
| • Marquette | | |

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

International Association of Arson Investigators (I.A.A.I.)

Michigan Chapter I.A.A.I. - served on Executive Board, Past President - 1991, Life Member - 1992.

Michigan-Ontario Identification Association, Past President, 1984, Life Member.

International Association for Identification, 1975 Life member 2000.

International Association of Auto Theft Investigators

LICENSE:

1995 State of Michigan - Department of Commerce Residential Builders License.