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### EXPERTISE:

#### Structure Fires

### EDUCATION, TRAINING & QUALIFICATIONS:

1968 Capac (Mi) High School

1968 – 1972 Michigan State University, Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice.

July 1984 - Field Detective School (Michigan State Police Academy), 40 hours

October 1984 - Analytical Analysis School (Michigan State Police Academy), 40 hours

January 1986 - IAAI Michigan Arson Investigation Seminar (Madonna University, Livonia), 6 hours

October 1986 - Basic Fire Investigation School (Tustin, Mi), 80 hours

January 1987 - Michigan State Police, Fire Marshal Division, Annual Seminar, 24 hours

February 1989 - IAAI Michigan Arson Seminar (Pt Huron, Mi), 8 hours

April 1989 - Michigan State Police, Fire Marshal Division, Annual Seminar, 24 hours

May 1989 - IAAI Annual Fire Investigation Seminar, 8 hours

August 1989 - Vehicle Arson School (Tustin, Mi), 40 hours

March 1990 - Michigan State Police, Fire Marshal Division, Annual Seminar, 24 hours

May 1991 - IAAI International Fire Invest Seminar Dearborn, 32 hours

March 1992 - Michigan State Police, Fire Marshal Division, Annual Seminar, 24 hours

May 1992 - IAAI Annual Fire Investigation Seminar, 16 hours

March 1993 - Michigan State Police, Fire Marshal Division, Annual Seminar, 24 hours

May 1993 - IAAI Annual Fire Investigation Seminar, 32 hours

July 1993 - FBI Bomb & Explosives School (Selfridge AFB), 40 hours

November 1993 - Gas & Electrical Appliances Seminar, (Barker Herbert, Ft Wayne, IN), 16 hours

February 1994 - Juvenile Fire setter School (Mt Pleasant, Mi), 24 hours

October 1994 - Michigan State Police, Fire Marshal Division, Annual Seminar, 16 hours

January 1995 - Juvenile Fire setter School (Ann Arbor, Mi), 24 hours

January 1995 - Scientific Content Analysis School (Michigan State Police Academy), 21 hours

## **EDUCATION, TRAINING & QUALIFICATIONS:** (continued)

April 1995 - Oakland County Association of Arson Investigators Annual Seminar (Troy, Mi), 16 hours

May 1995 - IAAI International Fire Investigation Seminar (Los Angeles, Ca), 32 hours

October 1995 - Michigan State Police, Fire Marshal Division Annual Seminar, 16 hours

March 1996 - Oakland County Association Arson Investigators Annual Seminar (Troy, Mi), 16 hours

April 1996 - IAAI International Fire Investigation Seminar, (St. Louis, Mo), 32 hours

Sept 1996 - Michigan State Police, Fire Marshal Division Field Training (Dowagiac, Mi), 16 hours

November 1996 - Michigan State Police, Fire Marshal Division, Annual Seminar, 16 hours

April 1997 - Oakland County Association Arson Investigators, Annual Seminar (Lake Orion, Mi), 16 hours

June 1997 - Mobile & Modular Home Fire Invest Seminar (Tustin, Mi), 28 hours

April 1998 - Oakland County Association Arson Investigators Annual Seminar, 16 hours

October 1998 - Investigations of Gas & Electrical Appliance Fires Seminar (Benton Harbor, Mi), 16 hours

May 2000 - Michigan Arson School (Grand Rapids, Mi), 32 hours

June 2000 - Confirmation of Lightning Seminar (E. Lansing, Mi), 3 hours

April 2001 - Oakland County Association Arson Investigators Annual Seminar, 16 hours

February 2002 - Northern Ohio Arson & Fire Invest Seminar (Ashland, Ohio), 8 hours

February 2003 - Northern Ohio Arson & Fire Invest Seminar (Ashland, Ohio) 8 hours

February 2004 - Northern Ohio Arson & Fire Invest Seminar (Ashland, Ohio) 16 hours

April 2004 - Oakland County Association Arson Investigators Annual Seminar, 16 hours

February 2005 - Northern Ohio Arson & Fire Invest Seminar (Ashland, Ohio), 8 hours

May 2006 - Michigan Arson School (Midland, Mi), 24 hours

November 2006 - Fire Findings Gas & Electrical Fire Invest Seminar (Benton Harbor, Mi, 30 hours

February 2007 - Northern Ohio Arson & Fire Invest Seminar (Ashland, Ohio), 16 hours

April 2007 - Fire Findings Dryer Fire Symposium (Benton Harbor, Mi), 16 hours

## **EXPERIENCE:**

Investigator for Herndon & Associates, August 1, 2008 to present

1998 – 2008 Harris Investigations, Fire Investigator. Investigated approximately 800 investigations.

1998 - Retired from the Michigan State Police (Fire Marshal Division) on June 30, 1998

## EXPERIENCE : (continued)

1986 – 1998 Fire origin and Cause Investigator (rank of Specialist/Sergeant), Fire Marshal Division at Northville District. Investigated approximately 400 scenes.

1982 – 1986 Post Detective, Flat Rock

1981 - 1982 Detective Sergeant, assigned as a post detective to the Erie Post.

1974 (February) - Completed Basic Recruit School, assigned to the Detroit Post.

1973 – 1998 Michigan State Police, Enlisted Member.

1972 – 1978 Enlisted in the Michigan National Guard, for a six year reserve duty enlistment. Received an honorable discharge from the National Guard in September 1978.

## COURT QUALIFICATIONS:

• Wayne Co (Mi) Circuit Court	• United States Federal Court (Eastern District - Detroit)	• Monroe County (Mi) Circuit Court
• Oakland County (Mi) Circuit Court	• Macomb County (Mi) Circuit Court	• St. Clair County (Mi) Circuit Court
• Washtenaw County (Mi) Circuit Court	• 1 <sup>st</sup> District Court - Monroe, Mi	• 14 <sup>th</sup> District Court - Ann Arbor, Mi
• 24 <sup>th</sup> District Court - Allen Park, Mi	• 30 <sup>th</sup> District Court - Highland Park, Mi	• 33 <sup>rd</sup> District Court - Inkster, Mi
• 35 <sup>th</sup> District Ct - Plymouth, Mi	• 37 <sup>th</sup> District Court - Warren, Mi	• 40 <sup>th</sup> District Court - St. Clair Shores, Mi
• 41 <sup>st</sup> District Court - Sterling heights, Mi	• 42 <sup>nd</sup> District Court - Romeo, Mi	• 45 <sup>th</sup> District Court - Oak Park, Mi
• 52 <sup>nd</sup> District Court - Rochester Hills, Mi	• 72 <sup>nd</sup> District Court - Marine City, Mi	• 72 <sup>nd</sup> District Court - Port Huron, Mi
• Lucas County (Ohio) Superior Court	• Huron County (Ohio) Superior Court	

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI), both the national and state (Michigan) chapters.

## CERTIFICATIONS:

1990 - Certified Fire Investigator in accordance to certification standards of the National Fire Protection Association

2002 - Certified Fire investigator under the auspices of the International Association of Arson Investigators.

## PUBLICATIONS:

By virtue of membership with the above listed organizations, I continually receive and review publications of these organizations, as well as publications by Fire Findings.