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**EXPERTISE :**

**Motor Vehicle Fires, Vehicle Theft, Ignition/Steering Column & Immobilizer Systems, Watercraft and Recreational Vehicle Fires**

**EDUCATION, TRAINING & QUALIFICATIONS:**

Associate Degree, Fire Science, 2001, Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn, Michigan.

Associate Degree, Criminal Justice, December 1997, Schoolcraft College, Livonia, Michigan.

Certified Fire Investigator, International Association of Arson Investigators, May 2007.

Certified Fire Investigator, National Professional Qualifications System, NFPA 1033, September 1998.

Certificate, Michigan Association of Vehicle Theft Investigators, Dearborn, Michigan, October 22, 2013.

Certificate, IAAI Michigan Chapter, Bay City, Michigan, May 2013 & May 2014 (24 hours).

Certificate, IAAI Michigan Chapter, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, May 2011 & 2012 (24 hours).

Certificate, Michigan Association of Vehicle Theft Investigators, Novi, Michigan, September 2009.

Certificate, International Association of Arson Investigators (Michigan Chapter), Mt. Pleasant, Michigan May 12-15, 2009

Certificate, International Association of Special Investigation Units (Michigan Chapter), Toronto, Ontario, Canada October 15, 2008

Certificate, Canadian Association of Special Investigation Units (Toronto Chapter), Livonia, Michigan October 2, 2008

Certificate, International Association of Arson Investigators (New York Chapter), Long Island, New York, October 17 - 19, 2007 "Scientific Approach to Vehicle Fire Investigations"

Certificate, International Association of Arson Investigators, Victoria B.C. May, 2007.

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

Certificate, Vehicle Fire and Auto Theft Investigation, August 1997. Michigan State Police, Fire Marshal Division. (40 hour school)

Certificate, Michigan State Police Fire Marshal, Division pertaining to: Point of Origin, Accidental Fire Causes, Incendiary Fires & Causes, Fire Scene Investigation Vehicle Fires and Auto Theft, September 1998. (Basic 80-Hour School)

Certificate, North Central Regional Chapter of the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators, Winnipeg, Manitoba August 2006

Certificate, North Central Regional Chapter of the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators, Investigation of Vehicle Theft, Insurance Fraud and Arson, Novi, Michigan, May 2005

Certificate, NFPA 921, Michigan Arson Prevention Committee, Sterling Heights, Michigan, November 2004

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

Certificate, Michigan Association of Vehicle Theft Investigators, Lansing, Michigan, September 2002.

Certificate, North Central Regional Chapter of the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators, Investigation of vehicle thefts, Indianapolis, Indiana, May 2002.

Certificate, Michigan Association of Vehicle Theft Investigators, Vehicle Theft Investigation, Dearborn, Michigan, April 2002.

## EDUCATION, TRAINING & QUALIFICATIONS: (continued)

Certificate, International Association of Arson Investigators (Michigan Chapter), Southfield, Michigan, January 2002.

Certificate, NFPA 921 Structural and Vehicle Live Burn, International Association of Arson Investigators (Kentucky Chapter) Louisville, Kentucky, August 2001.

Certificate, Fire Litigation 2000, Lansing, Michigan, November 2000 (8 hour)

Certificate, International Association of Arson Investigators Conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan, May 2000.

Certificate, Vehicle Fire, Theft and Fraud Investigation International Association of Auto Theft Investigators, Dearborn, Michigan, August 1999. (40 hours).

Certificate, Vehicle Fire and Auto Theft Investigation, Macomb Community College, July 1999. (8 hour seminar)

Certificate, Vehicle Fire and Auto Theft Investigation, Macomb College, July 1998. (8 hour seminar)

Certificate, Fire and Arson Investigation, International Association of Arson Investigators (Michigan Chapter) May of 1998, 1999, 2001, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 Mt. Pleasant/ Midland/Bay City, Michigan.

Certificate, Fire and Arson Investigation, April 1997 Oakland County Association of Arson and Fire Investigators, Inc. (8 hour seminar)

Certificate, Vehicle Fire and Auto Theft Investigation, July 1995 Macomb College Criminal Justice Training Center. (8 hour seminar)

Certificate, Interview and Interrogation Techniques, April 1994. Wicklander-Zulawski & Associates, Incorporated. Lombard, Illinois (24 hour seminar)

## EXPERIENCE:

Investigator with Herndon and Associates involving vehicle fire and auto theft investigation since January 21, 1997.

Examined over 4200 vehicles involved in fires and thefts.

Live fire demonstrations of over 375 vehicles, trucks and boats, simulating accidental and incendiary fires.

08/93 - 01/97

Field Loss Prevention Manager

Dunham's Athleisure Corporation

5000 Dixie Highway

Waterford, Michigan 48239

Primary responsibilities were to detect, report and resolve loss prevention matters for forty plus locations.

- Identified deficiencies that cause shrink and implement corrective action.
- Detected and resolved internal theft incidents
- Conducted awareness seminars relating to shrink control procedures.
- Testified as a witness in embezzlement cases.

## INSTRUCTOR FOR:

Michigan Chapter International Association of Special Investigation Units – October 9, 2013

Michigan Arson Prevention Committee, Vehicle Fire School, 32 hours, Livonia/Davison, Michigan, September 2012, 2013, 2014 (8 hours)

IAAI, Vehicle Fire Investigation & NFPA 921 (live vehicle fire demonstration) South Padre Is., TX, December 2009

**INSTRUCTOR FOR: (continued)**

I.A.S.I.U., Immobilizer Systems, Livonia, Michigan, October 2009

M.A.V.T.I., Ignition/steering columns and immobilizers, Novi, Michigan, September 2009

I.A.A.I Metro DC Regional, live vehicle fire demonstration, Washington DC., September 2009.

Joliet Illinois Fire Department, Live Vehicle Fire Demonstration, Joliet, Illinois May 2009

Brighton Area Fire Department, live vehicle fire demonstration, Brighton, Michigan, June 2009

Mid/Northern Michigan Law Enforcement, Auto Theft/Ignition and Steering Column/Immobilizer Systems, November 2007.

Michigan Arson Prevention Committee, live vehicle fire demonstration, Davison, Michigan, June 2007 and 2009.

Windsor Police/Fire and Rescue Services. Instructed on Auto Theft/Ignition and Immobilizer Systems. Live vehicle fire demonstrations Seminar. June 2007

44<sup>th</sup> Annual NCRC, Appleton, Wisconsin, Ignition/Steering Columns and Immobilizers, May 2007

State Farm Insurance, Collinsville, Illinois, Ignition/Steering Columns and Immobilizers, February 2007

Detroit Arson, Instructed on Auto Theft/Ignition and Anti-Theft Immobilizer Systems, October 2006.

IAAI (Michigan Chapter) – Training, vehicle fires and live demonstrations, Albee Township, February 2006.

Windsor Police/Fire and Rescue Services. Instructed on Auto Theft/Ignition and Anti-Theft Immobilizer Systems. Live vehicle fire demonstrations Seminar. September 2005

IAAI (Ohio Chapter) Live vehicle fire demonstrations, Zainsville, Ohio, May 2005

State Farm Insurance, Kalamazoo, Michigan, Vehicle Theft and Fire Investigations and Ignition and Steering Column Locking Mechanisms and Immobilizer Systems, January 2005

IAAI (Missouri Chapter) – Live vehicle fire demonstrations, Lake Ozark, Missouri, May 2004.

IAAI (Michigan Chapter) – Training, vehicle fires and live demonstrations, Albee Township, February 2004.

Michigan State Police, Fire Marshal Division, Tustin, Michigan, pertaining to: vehicle fires, ignition and steering column locking mechanisms and live burn demonstrations of vehicles and garage structures, August 1999, August 2000, October 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004. 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010

IAAI (Michigan Chapter) Vehicle Theft and Vehicle Fire Origin & Cause Seminar. Berrien Springs, Michigan. October 2003.

Michigan Arson Prevention Committee, live vehicle fire demonstration, Romulus, Michigan. June 2003 and June 2005.

IAATI (North Central Regional Chapter), Vehicle Theft Insurance Fraud and Arson, live burn demonstration, Tinley Park, Illinois, May 2003.

Michigan Association of Vehicle Theft Investigators, (MAVTI), Auto Theft, live burn demonstration, Canton, Michigan, April 2003.

Detroit Arson and Commercial Auto Theft Section Auto Theft & Vehicle Fire Investigation, Detroit, January 2003.

Michigan Arson Prevention Committee, live vehicle fire demonstration, Ionia, Michigan, June 2002, June 2003, June 2004, June 2006, June 2007, June 2008, June 2009 and August 2010, Davison, Michigan

Grosse Pointe Park Police & Fire Personnel, Vehicle Theft Investigations, specifically ignition and steering column locking mechanisms, January 2002.

Macomb Criminal Justice Training Center, live vehicle fire demonstrations and ignition and steering column locking mechanisms, Portage, Michigan, May 2000.

Macomb Criminal Justice Training Center, live vehicle fire demonstrations and ignition and steering column locking mechanisms, Clinton Township, Michigan, June 2000 and June 2001.

## **INSTRUCTOR FOR: (continued)**

State Farm Insurance, Portage, Michigan, Vehicle Fire Investigation & Ignition and Steering Column Locking Mechanisms, April 2001.

Washtenaw County Police Personnel, Vehicle Fire Investigations, Ignition and Steering Column Locking Mechanisms, March 2001

Macomb Criminal Justice Training Center, live vehicle fire demonstrations, Chelsea, Michigan, July 2000.

I.A.A.I (Minnesota), Anti Vehicle Crime Association of Minnesota, International Association of Special Investigation Units. Live vehicle fire demonstrations, Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 1999.

Livingston County Police and Fire, G.M. Proving Grounds, Live vehicle fire demonstrations and ignition and steering column locking mechanisms, September 1999.

## **COURT QUALIFICATIONS:**

- 48<sup>th</sup> District Court, Bloomfield Hills
- 36<sup>th</sup> District Court, Detroit
- 10<sup>th</sup> District Court, Battle Creek
- 46<sup>th</sup> District Court, Southfield
- 67<sup>th</sup> District Court, Flint
- 31<sup>st</sup> District Court, Hamtramck
- 35<sup>th</sup> District Court, Plymouth
- 17<sup>th</sup> District Court, Redford
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court, Detroit
- 55<sup>th</sup> District Court, Mason
- 41<sup>st</sup> District Court, Sterling Heights
- 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court, Pontiac
- 38<sup>th</sup> District Court, Eastpointe
- 18<sup>th</sup> District Court, Westland
- 66<sup>th</sup> District Court, Corunna
- 16<sup>th</sup> District Court, Livonia
- 60<sup>th</sup> District Court, Muskegon
- 63<sup>rd</sup> District Court, Rockford
- 45<sup>th</sup> District Court, Oak Park
- 30<sup>th</sup> District Court, Highland Park
- 39<sup>th</sup> District Court, Roseville
- 65<sup>th</sup> District Court, Charlotte
- 52<sup>nd</sup> District Court, Troy

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:**

International Association of Arson Investigators

Michigan Chapter of International Association of Arson Investigators

International Association of Auto Theft Investigators

North Regional, International Association of Auto Theft Investigators.

Oakland County Association of Arson and Fire Investigators.

Michigan Association of Vehicle Theft Investigators