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WORK EXPERIENCE:

Senior Investigator, 2009 to present:

State-Wide Consulting & Investigating, LLC, Three Rivers, Michigan 49093
An independent investigation firm specializing in the investigation of fires and explosions.

Fire Investigator, 2001 to present:

Benton Harbor Fire Department, Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022
Cause & Origin investigation of fires and explosions within the city limits.

Fire Lieutenant, 2008 to present (Promotion):

Benton Harbor Fire Department, Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022
Primary responsibilities include staff supervision, fire suppression, prevention, and education.

Fire Investigator, 2002 to 2003:

Fire Findings Investigations, St. Joseph, Michigan 49085
Cause and origin investigations of fires and explosions.

Fire Fighter, 1989 to 2008:

Benton Harbor Fire Department, Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022
Primary responsibilities include fire suppression, prevention, and education.

Paramedic, 1994 to 2005:

Community Emergency Service (Medic 1), Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022
Treating and transporting both emergency and non-emergency patients.

Tactical Paramedic, 2000 to 2007:

Berrien County Sheriff's Department, Saint Joseph, Michigan 49085
Medical support for team members as well as civilians at all tactical call outs.

Reserve Police Officer, 1996 to 2006:

Coloma Township Police Department, Coloma, Michigan 49038
Assist certified officers with various daily duties, provide additional support for city, township, and department special functions.

Owner / CEO, 1996 to present:

Tipton Construction LLC., Stevensville, Michigan 49127
Residential Builder & Real Estate Broker for new, remodel, and sales of residential homes in Southwest Michigan.

EDUCATION:

1989 Graduate of Bangor High School, Bangor, Michigan 49013

COURT QUALIFICATIONS:

Berrien County Circuit Court

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS:

Certified Fire Investigator, International Association of Arson Investigators # 05-020906

Certified Fire Investigator, National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications

Member, International Association of Arson Investigators Michigan Chapter # 10-104

Member, International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) # 0445473

SPECIALIZED TRAINING: (2452 Combined Hours)

2009 Residential Electricity For Fire Investigators, Fire Findings Laboratories, Benton Harbor, MI. 16 hours (Tested).

2008 Incident Safety Officer, Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council, Buchanan, MI. 8 hours.

- 2008 Firefighting Strategies & Tactics, Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council, Buchanan, MI. 8 hours.
- 2007 Investigating Residential Dryer Fires, Fire Findings Laboratories, Benton Harbor, MI. 16 hours (Tested).
- 2005 Michigan Arson School, Michigan Chapter IAAI, Midland, MI. 24 hours.
- 2004 Modular / Mobile Home Fire Investigation, Michigan Arson Prevention Committee, Tustin MI. 34 hours (Tested).
- 2003 Interviewing / Interrogation & Courtroom Testimony Techniques, National Fire Academy, Emmitsburg, MD. 80 hours.
- 2003 Spoliation of Evidence, Fire Behavior, Vehicle Fire Investigation, Minnesota Chapter IAAI, St. Cloud, MN. 20 hours (Tested).
- 2003 Fire Investigation II (formerly advanced), Michigan State Police Fire Marshal Division, Tustin, MI. 34 hours (Tested).
- 2003 Michigan Juvenile Arson School, Michigan Arson Prevention Committee, Midland, MI, 20 hours.
- 2002 Gas and Electric Appliance Fires, Fire Findings Laboratories, Benton Harbor, MI. 16 hours (Tested).
- 2002 Vehicle Fire Investigation, Michigan State Police Fire Marshal Division, Tustin, MI. 34 hours (Tested).
- 2002 Fire Investigation I (formerly basic), Michigan State Police Fire Marshal Division, Tustin, MI. 68 hours (Tested).
- 2002 Follow-Up Investigation, Michigan State Police Fire Marshal Division, Tustin, MI. 34 hours (Tested).
- 2002 Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) Hot Drill Course, Great Lakes Fire Training, Benton Harbor, MI. 8 hours.
- 2001 Hazmat First Responder – Operations, Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council, Benton Harbor, MI. 24 hours.
- 2001 High Risk Entry Course, Close Quarters Battle Inc., Bridgman, MI. 40 hours.
- 2001 Tactical Operators School (basic), Western Michigan Tactical Officers Association, Battle Creek, MI. 40 hours.
- 1999 Michigan Juvenile Arson School, Michigan Arson Prevention Committee, Battle Creek, MI. 20 hours.

- 1998 Michigan Juvenile Arson School, Michigan Arson Prevention Committee, Mt. Pleasant, MI. 16 hours.
- 1996 Hazmat First Responder – Awareness, Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council, Benton Harbor, MI. 4.5 hours.
- 1997 Reserve Officer Basic Training Program, Southwestern Michigan Criminal Justice Council, Bridgman, MI. 56 hours.
- 1994 Emergency Medical Technician – Paramedic, Coloma Emergency Services, Coloma, MI. 1250 hours (Tested).
- 1993 Emergency Medical Technician, Coloma Emergency Services, Coloma, MI. 287 hours (Tested).
- 1994 Truck and Driver Training, Fire and Emergency Television Network, Benton Harbor, MI. 12.5 hours.
- 1990 Basic Skills in Emergency Management (leadership and influence), Michigan State Police, Lansing, MI. 24 hours.
- 1990 Basic Skills in Emergency Management (decision making and problem solving), Michigan State Police, Lansing, MI. 8 hours.
- 1989 Building Construction – Ordinary, Southwestern Michigan College, Bangor, MI. 16 hours.
- 1989 Basic Wildfire Course, Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council, Bangor, MI. 6 hours.
- 1989 Fire Fighter II, Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council, Benton Harbor, MI. 75.5 hours (Tested).
- 1989 Fire Fighter I, Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council, Bangor, MI. 152 hours (Tested).

LICENSING:

Residential Builder, State of Michigan, License # 2101136003

Real Estate Broker, State of Michigan, License # 6505350258

Emergency Medical Services – Paramedic, State of Michigan, License # 3201004907