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**EDUCATION**

1999	Southern Illinois University, Bachelor of Science Degree, Fire Service Administration
1992	Illinois Central College, Associate Degree, Fire Science Technology
1990	East Peoria High School, Graduate

**SEMINARS AND ADVANCED TRAINING**

2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* IL-IAAI Annual Training Conference, Peoria, IL</li><li>* 2025 Fire Science and Litigation Seminar, DRI, Austin, TX</li><li>* IA-IAAI Annual Training Conference, West Des Moines, IA</li><li>* Alternative Fuel Vehicles, CFITrainer.net</li><li>* 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fire Investigator Training Conference, Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association, Peoria, IL</li><li>* IL-IA IAAI Chapters Training Conference, Rock Island, IL</li></ul>
2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* IL-IAAI Annual Training Conference, East Peoria, IL</li><li>* IA-IAAI Annual Training Conference, Johnston, IA</li><li>* IAAI Annual Training Conference, Las Vegas, NV</li><li>* 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fire Investigator Training Conference, Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association, Peoria, IL</li><li>* IL-IA Chapters Training Conference, Rock Island, IL</li></ul>
2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* IA-IAAI Annual Training Conference, Johnston, IA</li><li>* IL-IAAI Annual Training Conference, Peoria, IL</li><li>* Terrence Hoyle Northern Illinois Fire and Arson Training Conference, IL-IAAI, Aurora, IL</li><li>* 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Fire Investigator Training Conference, Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association, Peoria, IL</li></ul>
2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Peoria County Coroner/Peoria Fire Department Fatal Fire Class, Peoria, IL</li><li>* IL-IAAI Annual Training Conference, East Peoria, IL</li><li>* IA-IAAI Annual Training Conference, Johnston, IA</li><li>* IL-IAAI Evidence Collection/Fatal Fire Class, Rock Island, IL</li><li>* IAAI Annual Training Conference, Jacksonville, FL</li><li>* Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association Training Seminar, Peoria, IL</li></ul>

- 2021
  - \* 2021 NFPA 921 Chapter 17 – Physical & Canine Evidence, CFITrainer.net
  - \* IL-IAAI Annual Training Conference, East Peoria, IL
  - \* NFPA 921 and NFPA 1033 Testimony Survival for Trials and Depositions, National Fire Arson Investigation Training Institute
  - \* 2021 NFPA 921 Chapter 8 – Active Fire Protection Systems, CFITrainer.net
  - \* 2021 NFPA 921 Chapters 4 & 5 Methodology & Science, CFITrainer.net
  - \* Documenting the Fire Scene and Preparing Your Expert Report Based on the New NFPA 921, National Fire Arson Investigation Training Institute
  
- 2020
  - \* Understanding the Updates, Additions and Deletions in the new NFPA 921 2021 Edition – Online Training, National Fire Arson Investigation Training Institute
  - \* Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association Training Seminar, Peoria, IL
  
- 2019
  - \* Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association Training Seminar, Peoria, IL
  - \* Illinois Chapter, IAAI Northern Zone Training Conference, Addison, IL
  - \* Illinois Chapter, IAAI 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Conference, Champaign, IL
  - \* Ethics & Social Media, CFITrainer.net
  - \* Illinois Chapter, IAAI, Buxton/Mazzone Southern Zone Training Conference, Caseyville, IL
  
- 2018
  - \* Illinois Chapter, IAAI 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Conference, Champaign, IL
  - \* Elected President, Illinois Chapter, IAAI (2018 – 2019 Term)
  - \* DRI Product Liability Conference, San Diego, CA
  - \* 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Fire Investigators Conference – Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association, Peoria, Illinois
  - \* NFPA 1033 Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigator – Skills Test and Critical Tasks for Job Performance Requirements – Evaluator: Steve Riggs, PATC, Peoria, Illinois
  
- 2017
  - \* Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association Training Seminar, Peoria, IL
  - \* Illinois Chapter, IAAI 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Conference, Champaign, IL
  - \* Elected 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Illinois Chapter IAAI
  - \* Missouri Chapter, IAAI Annual Training Conference, Springfield, MO
  - \* Emergency Management Institute, Emmitsburg, MD
  
- 2016
  - \* Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association Training Seminar, East Peoria, IL
  - \* Illinois Chapter, IAAI Northern Zone Training Conference, DeKalb, IL
  - \* Illinois Chapter, IAAI 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Training Conference, Champaign, IL
  - \* Fire Inspector I, National Fire Academy/Illinois Fire Service Institute, Champaign, IL
  - \* International Association of Arson Investigators Annual Training Conference, Orlando, FL
  - \* Fire Inspector II, National Fire Academy/Illinois Fire Service Institute, Champaign, IL
  - \* Fire Science and Litigation Conference, Scottsdale, AZ
  
- 2015
  - \* Illinois Chapter Annual Terrance Hoyle Northern Zone Training Conference, Mokena, IL
  - \* DRI Product Liability Conference, Las Vegas, NV
  - \* Reelected Central Zone Director, Illinois Chapter, IAAI

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association Training Seminar, East Peoria, IL</li> <li>* Managing Multiple Alarm Complex Incidents, National Fire Academy, Emmitsburg, MD</li> <li>* Illinois Chapter, IAAI 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Training Conference, Champaign, IL</li> </ul>
2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Fire Science and Litigation Conference, Scottsdale, AZ</li> <li>* Illinois Chapter, IAAI 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Training Conference, Champaign, IL</li> <li>* Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association Training Seminar, East Peoria, IL</li> <li>* Illinois Chapter, IAAI Northern Zone Conference, Mokena, IL</li> </ul>
2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Inspection Principals, National Fire Academy, Emmitsburg, MD</li> <li>* Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association Training Seminar, East Peoria, IL</li> <li>* Illinois Chapter IAAI 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Conference, Champaign, IL</li> <li>* Building and Fire Code Academy, Hoffman Estates, IL</li> <li>* National Association of Fire Investigators Training Conference, Lexington, KY</li> </ul>
2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association Training Seminar, East Peoria, IL</li> <li>* Illinois Chapter, IAAI 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Conference, Champaign, IL</li> <li>* Arson Investigation and Prosecution Conference, Peoria, IL</li> <li>* Reelected Central Zone Director, Illinois Chapter, IAAI</li> </ul>
2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Illinois Chapter, IAAI Southern Zone Training Conference, Collinsville, IL</li> <li>* Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association Training Seminar, Peoria, IL</li> <li>* Illinois Chapter, IAAI 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Conference, Champaign, IL</li> </ul>
2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association Training Seminar, Peoria, IL</li> <li>* Illinois Chapter, IAAI Southern Zone Training Conference, Collinsville, IL</li> </ul>
2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Fire Fatality Investigations, Public Agency Training Council, Normal, IL</li> <li>* Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association Training Seminar, Peoria, IL</li> <li>* Elected Central Zone Director, Illinois Chapter, IAAI</li> </ul>
2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association Training Seminar, Peoria, IL</li> <li>* Illinois Chapter, IAAI Southern Zone Training Conference, Fairview Heights, IL</li> <li>* Illinois Chapter, IAAI 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Conference, Champaign, IL</li> </ul>
2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association Training Seminar, Peoria, IL</li> <li>* Illinois Chapter, IAAI 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Conference, Champaign, IL</li> <li>* Illinois Chapter, IAAI Southern Zone Training Conference, Collinsville, IL</li> </ul>
2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Illinois Chapter, IAAI 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Training Conference, Champaign, IL</li> <li>* United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco &amp; Firearms, Advanced Cause and Origin/Courtroom Techniques, Glyncro, GA</li> <li>* Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association Training Seminar, Peoria, IL</li> </ul>
2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Illinois Chapter, IAAI 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Training Conference, Urbana, IL</li> <li>* Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association Training Seminar, Peoria, IL</li> <li>* Public Agency Training Council Seminar, Springfield, IL</li> </ul>

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| 2004 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Illinois Chapter IAAI 21st Annual Training Conference, Urbana, IL</li><li>* Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association Training Seminar, East Peoria, IL</li></ul>  |
| 2003 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Illinois Chapter IAAI 20th Annual Training Conference, Urbana, IL</li><li>* Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association Training Seminar, East Peoria, IL</li></ul>  |
| 2002 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Illinois Chapter IAAI 19th Annual Training Conference, Urbana, IL</li><li>* Certified Fire Investigator, International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc.</li><li>* August Mazzone/Illinois Chapter IAAI Training Conference, Collinsville, IL</li><li>* Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association Training Seminar, East Peoria, IL</li></ul>   |
| 2001 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Illinois Chapter IAAI 18th Annual Training Conference, Urbana, IL</li><li>* August Mazzone/Illinois Chapter IAAI Training Conference, Collinsville, IL</li><li>* Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association Training Seminar, East Peoria, IL</li></ul>   |
| 2000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator Instructor, National Association of Fire Investigators, Hoffman Estates, IL</li><li>* Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator, National Association of Fire Investigators, Hoffman Estates, IL</li><li>* Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association Seminar, East Peoria, IL</li><li>* Illinois Chapter IAAI 17th Annual Fire Investigation Training Conference, Urbana, IL</li></ul> |
| 1999 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Northern Illinois Arson Seminar, Rockford Illinois</li><li>* Illinois Chapter IAAI 16th Annual Training Conference, Urbana, IL</li><li>* Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association Seminar, East Peoria, IL</li><li>* Public Agency Training Council Seminar, East Peoria, IL</li></ul>  |
| 1998 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association Training Seminar, Peoria, IL</li><li>* University of Illinois, Police Training Institute, Champaign, IL</li></ul>  |
| 1997 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association Training Seminar, Peoria, IL</li></ul>   |
| 1996 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association Training Seminar, Peoria, IL</li></ul>   |
| 1995 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association Training Seminar, Peoria, IL</li><li>* Third District Annual Arson Seminar</li></ul>   |
| 1994 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Illinois Chapter IAAI, 11th Annual Training Conference, Urbana, IL</li><li>* Illinois Fire Service Institute, Fire/Arson Investigation Modules I, II &amp; III</li></ul>   |

## FIRE SERVICE EXPERIENCE

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| 2019 – Present | Instructor, Southwest Illinois College Police Academy                 |
| 2018 – 2022    | Fire Chief, City of East Peoria, IL                                   |
| 2016 – 2018    | Deputy Fire Chief/Fire Marshal, City of East Peoria, IL               |
| 2008 – Present | Field Staff Instructor, University of Illinois Fire Service Institute |
| 2008 – 2016    | Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Marshal, City of East Peoria, IL            |
| 2006 – Present | Partner/Fire Investigator, FireTech, Inc., East Peoria, IL            |

2006 – 2008	Assistant Fire Chief/Supervisor of Fire Investigation, City of East Peoria, IL
2004 – 2006	Lieutenant/Arson Investigator, City of East Peoria, IL
1999 – 2006	Fire Investigator, FireTech, Inc., Bloomington, IL
1998 – 2004	Firefighter/Arson Investigator, City of East Peoria, IL
1995 – 1997	Firefighter/Arson Investigator Assistant, City of East Peoria, IL
1994 – 1999	Fire Investigator Apprentice FireTech, Inc., Bloomington, IL.
1994 – 1995	Firefighter/Arson Investigator Assistant, City of Canton, IL
1990 – 1994	Paid on Call Fire Fighter, City of East Peoria, IL

## **MEMBERSHIPS/ORGANIZATIONS**

International Association of Fire Chiefs  
 International Association of Arson Investigators  
 International Association of Arson Investigators - Illinois Chapter  
 International Association of Arson Investigators - Iowa Chapter  
 Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association  
 National Association of Fire Investigators  
 National Fire Protection Association

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

Fire Officer II, State of Illinois  
 Certified Fire Investigator, IAAI  
 National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications  
 Certified Fire Investigator, State of Illinois  
 Certified Arson Investigator, State of Illinois  
 Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator Instructor, NAFI  
 Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator, NAFI  
 Certified Vehicle Fire Investigator, NAFI  
 Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist, State of Illinois  
 Fire Officer I, State of Illinois  
 Fire Instructor I, State of Illinois