

**Curriculum Vitae for
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RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

Fire Investigator, Consultant: (2022 to Present)
Independent Forensic Investigations, Corp.

Owner/Senior Investigator: (2005 to 2022)
KGFI, Inc.

Senior Investigator: (2003 to 2005)
Consolidated Forensic Investigations, Inc.

Senior Fire Investigator: (2001 to 2003)
Phoenix Investigations, Inc.

Lieutenant-Fire/Arson Investigator: (1985 to 2001)
Fire Prevention Division
Wichita Fire Department

Firefighter/EMT - Operations Division: (1979 to 1985)
Hazardous Materials Response Team, Pump Operator,
Aerial Truck Operator, Rescue Squad driver
Wichita Fire Department

CLASSES, SEMINARS, OTHER SCHOOLING

International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc., 8 hours tested course on
Fire Fatality Investigations Wichita, Kansas (2022)

International Association of Arson Investigators, Kansas Chapter: Wichita,
Kansas, Fire and Arson Investigation Conference (2020)

International Association of Arson Investigators, Kansas Chapter: Topeka,
Kansas, Fire and Arson Investigation Conference (2016)

International Association of Arson Investigators, Colorado Chapter: Colorado Annual Meeting and Conference (2014)

International Association of Arson Investigators, FDNY: “Who you going to call”, New York City (2012)

International Association of Arson Investigators, Colorado Chapter: Colorado Annual Meeting and Conference (2011)

International Association of Arson Investigators, Kansas Chapter: Topeka, Kansas, Fire and Arson Investigation Conference (2009)

International Association of Arson Investigators, Kansas Chapter: Topeka, Kansas, Fire and Arson Investigation Conference (2007)

International Association of Arson Investigators, Kansas Chapter: Topeka, Kansas, Fire and Arson Investigation Conference (2006)

International Association of Arson Investigators, Kansas Chapter: Topeka, Kansas, Fire and Arson Investigation Conference (2004)

Sixteenth Annual Fire Investigation Conference: St. Cloud, Minnesota, Advanced Fire Investigation (2003)

Florida Arson Seminar: Orlando, Florida, Advanced Arson & Fire, (2002)

International Association of Arson Investigators, Kansas Chapter: Topeka, Kansas, Fire and Arson Investigation course (2001)

International Association of Arson Investigators, Kansas Chapter: Topeka, Kansas, Fire and Arson Investigation course (2000)

International Association of Arson Investigators, Kansas Chapter: Topeka, Kansas, Fire and Arson Investigation course (1999)

Advanced Cause and Origin/Court Tech., F.L.E.T.C., Glynco, Georgia (1998)

Arson Task Force Training: Kansas City, Missouri (1997)

Advanced Arson Detection: Aurora, Colorado (1995)

Wichita Police Academy: Wichita, Kansas, Gang Violence course (1992)

Advanced Fire/Arson Investigation: Chicago, Illinois (1990)

Radio Active Emergencies, E.P.A. Outreach course: Wichita, Kansas (1989)

Fire/Arson Investigation: El Dorado, Kansas (1986)

Arson Investigation Kansas Fire School: Hutchinson, Kansas (1985)
National Fire Academy: Wichita, Kansas, Fire Investigation Instruction (1985)

Recognition/Identification, Hazardous Materials, N.F.A. Outreach course:
Wichita, Kansas (1985)

Hazardous Materials Trainer Course, N.F.A. Outreach course: Wichita, Kansas
(1985)

Wichita Police Academy: Wichita, Kansas, Bomb Threat Response (1985)
Kansas Fire School: Wichita, Kansas, Hazardous Materials Response (1984)

ADVANCED COURSES

- * Advanced Cause and Origin/Court Tech.
F.L.E.T.C., Glynco, Georgia (1998)
- * Advanced Arson Detection
Aurora, Colorado (1995)
- * Gang Violence Course
Wichita Police Academy (1992)
- Advanced Fire/Arson Investigation
Chicago, Illinois (1990)
- * Radio Active Emergencies
E.P.A. Outreach Course (1989)
- * Fire/Arson Investigation
El Dorado, Kansas (1986)
- * Bomb Threat Response
Wichita Police Academy (1985)
- Hazardous Materials Trainer Course, N.F.A.
Outreach Course: Wichita, KS (1985)
- * Recognition/Identification, Hazardous Materials
N.F.A. Outreach Course (1985)
- * Fire Investigation Instruction
National Fire Academy (1985)
- * Arson Investigation

- Kansas Fire School (1985)
- * Hazardous Materials Response
Kansas Fire School (1984)

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EDUCATION

- Certified Fire Investigator (IAAI). Topeka, Kansas (1999)

- Uniform Fire Code Certification (ICBO). Wichita, Kansas (1998)

- Bachelor of Science Degree. Friend's University (1987)

- Associate of Science Degree. Butler County Community College (1985)

- Fire/Arson Investigation Studies. Hutchinson Community College (1985)

- 24 Hour Fire Science Certificate. Butler County Community College (1984)

TRIAL EXPERIENCE

Have given expert origin and cause testimony in District court, Federal District Court and Municipal Court in Wichita, Kansas. *Also in Colorado State Court.

CONSULTING ACTIVITIES

Have consulted with insurance companies and attorneys in the review and assessment of fire/explosion investigations done by others.

RELATED TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- * Instructor - Butler County Community College "Fire Investigation"
(1992 to 2001 and currently)

- * Guest Lecturer, Wichita State University Spring Semester (2001)

- * Kansas Fire School Advanced Arson Course, "Fire Fatalities" (1985)

- * Guest Lecturer - Butler County Community College Spring Semester
Building Construction Methods. (1985)

- * Hazardous Materials Recognition, Hazardous Material Response Team (1984)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS

IAAI, Member of the International Association (1999 to Present)

IAAI, Colorado Chapter Member (2001 to Present)

IAAI, Kansas Chapter Member (1993 to Present)

IAAI, Kansas Chapter “Fire Investigator of the Year” (1999)

Elected to Board of Directors, Kansas Chapter of IAAI (2000 to 2001)

Member, Board of Directors, Kansas Committee on Arson Prevention (1999 to 2001)

National Association of Fire Investigators Member (2001 to 2003)

National Chapter of International Association of Arson Investigators (1993 to Present)

Chairperson, “Arson Awareness Sub-Committee”, Wichita Safety Council (1987 to 1999)

TESTIMONY DURING THE PAST 10 YEARS *

- 1) September 8, 2005 - Arbitration hearing in Denver, Colorado in regard to the Veldkamps Flower Shop Fire, Denver, Colorado, January 20, 2002
- 2) September 27, 2005 - Testified in regard to the Farmland Mutual Insurance Companies v. Chief Industries, Inc. and O’Neil Electric, Inc., Weld County District Court, Greeley Colorado, (Case #03CV1288)
- 3) March 13, 2007 – Deposition testimony given in regard to house fire involving GM car. “Vernon Koehn, et ux –v- General Motors Corp. and Al Hanken Motors, Inc. (Case #2006-CV-13), Larned, KS
- 4) November 13, 2007 – Deposition testimony given in regard to house explosion (propane), Reno County Case #06-CV-440 (Taken at Shook, Hardy & Bacon, K.C.M.O.)
- 5) March 11, 2008 – Deposition testimony given in regard to a natural gas explosion in a house in Sedgwick County Case #07CV3239 (Taken at KGFI, Inc. office, Wichita, KS)
- 6) December 17, 2008 – Deposition testimony given in regard to a fire involving the accusation of negligence on the part of Westar Energy in Morris County Case #07CV31 (Taken at KGFI, Inc. office in Wichita, KS)
- 7) February 9, 2009 – Court testimony given during preliminary hearing involving Aggravated Arson case at 509-511 W. 2nd Street in Liberal, Kansas, in Seward County Court (Case #2008-CR-000499)

- 8) April 10, 2009 – Court testimony during jury trial involving Westar Energy (Fire at 311 North, Wilsey, Kansas), in Morris County Court (Case # 07 CV 31)
- 9) September 27, 2011 – Court testimony during jury trial in Federal Court (Dana Brukbaker and Shelter Mutual Insurance Company vs. Mr. Heater Corporation and Enerco Group, Inc., District Court Case No. 08-1270)
- 10) July 10, 2012 – Deposition given in regard to commercial building fire involving Boyd Building Inc. v. Four Seasons Cleaners, (Sedgwick County District Court Case #10 CV 2168)
- 11) December 12, 2012, – Deposition Testimony given in regard to a commercial building fire/explosion involving Derrick Keim & Jackie Keim, d/b/a Video Max v. Atmos Energy Corporation & Howard Hatfield, (District Court of Harper County, Kansas Case #11 CV 25)
- 12) April 25, 2013 – Deposition Testimony given in regard to a 2010 Ford F-150 fire in the case of Shaffer v. Ford Motor Company (Sedgwick County District Court Case #12 CV 3753)
- 13) August 26, 2014 – Deposition Testimony given in regard to the Treatco Pet food fire in the case of Kansas Biofuels, Inc. vs. Treatco, Inc. (Sedgwick County District Court Case #13-CV01676)
- 14) December 8, 2014 – Deposition Testimony given in regard to the Wakefield Ranch court case of Powell, et al. vs. S.J.J. Wakefield, Ranch, et al. (District Court of Sedgwick County Case #12 CV 196W)