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EDUCATION

University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida. Graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry, December 1977

Brevard Community College, Cocoa, Florida. Graduated with an Associates of Science degree in Fire Science Technology (with honors), August 1975

United State Navy Electronics Schools, Dam Neck, Virginia and Charleston, South Carolina, 2 years of various electrical and electronic schools

United States Navy Submarine School, New London, Connecticut, graduated 1962

Onarga Military School, Onarga, Illinois, graduated 1961

WORK EXPERIENCE

1982 to Present – Chief Fire Specialist and President, M. A. Stringer and Associates, Inc. Tampa, Florida, New Orleans and Mandeville, Louisiana

1978 to 1982 – Senior Fire Investigator, Systems Engineering Associates, Inc. Tampa, Florida

Florida State Fire College, Part Time Instructor, 2 years

Volunteer Fireman and Volunteer Fire Officer, Melbourne Beach, Florida, 6 years

Fire Chief, Melbourne Beach, Florida, 2 years

Fireman, Hillsborough County, Florida, 2 years

Electronics Technician, Lockheed Missile and Space Company, Cape Kennedy, Florida 2 -1/2 years

Polaris Missile Technician, U.S. Navy, 6 years

WORK RELATED EXPERIENCE

Provided courtroom expert testimony relating to fires on over seventy occasions

Provided deposition expert testimony in hundreds of fire related cases

Expert testimony given in fire cause and origin, fire prevention and fire codes, fire extinguishing systems, Electrical fires and arson motives

Florida State Fire College:

- Instructors Certification Course
- Severe Chemical Hazards Course
- Numerous Fire Fighting Courses

Florida Firefighters Standards Council:

- Certified Firefighter, 1972
- Certified Instructor, 1972

U. S. Navy Fire Fighting School

- San Diego, California, 1961
- Charleston, South Carolina, 1965

## PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)  
International Association of Fire and Arson Investigators (IAAI)  
Louisiana Chapter of IAAI  
Mississippi Chapter of IAAI  
Louisiana Arson and Fire Prevention Association  
Florida Advisory Committee on Arson Prevention (FACAP)  
International Code Council (ICC)

### Past Member:

Florida Fireman's Association  
Florida Fire Chief's Association  
Brevard County Fire Chief's Association  
Michigan Chapter IAAI  
Florida Chapter IAAI  
American Chemical Society (ACS)

## MILITARY SERVICE

U. S. Navy, November 1961 to August 1967. Served on Polaris Missile Submarine and Polaris Missile Research and Development Ship

## WORK RELATED TRAINING

2014 Louisiana Chapter IAAI, Training Seminar, Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
2013 Louisiana Chapter IAAI, Training Seminar, Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
2013 Mississippi Chapter IAAI, Spring Seminar, Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi  
2012 Mississippi Chapter IAAI, Spring Seminar, Tunica, Mississippi  
2011 Mississippi Chapter IAAI, Criminal and Civil Litigation Seminar, Canton, Mississippi  
2010 Mississippi Chapter IAAI, Spring Seminar, Tunica, Mississippi  
2009 Louisiana Chapter IAAI, Fire Death Investigation Seminar, Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
2008 Louisiana Chapter IAAI, Southeast Region Training Seminar, Instructor "RV Refrigerator Fires", Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
2008 Mississippi Chapter IAAI, Spring Training Conference, Tupelo, Mississippi  
2007 Louisiana Chapter IAAI, Annual Training Conference, Lacombe, Louisiana  
2006 Louisiana Chapter IAAI, Annual Training Conference, Lafayette, Louisiana  
2005 Louisiana Chapter IAAI, Evidence Seminar, Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
2005 Louisiana Farm Bureau Insurance Company Adjusters Seminar Instructor, "Private Sector Fire Investigation", Lafayette, Louisiana  
2004 Louisiana State Board of Private Investigator Examiners 8 hour course, Slidell, Louisiana  
2003 Louisiana Chapter IAAI Car Fire Seminar, Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
2002 Louisiana Arson & Fire Prevention Association 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and Louisiana Chapter of IAAI Southeast Training Conference, Instructor, "Technical Aspects of Fire Investigation", Gretna, Louisiana  
2002 Louisiana State Board of Private Investigator Examiners, 40 Hour Course, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
2002 Louisiana Chapter of IAAI Annual Training Seminar, Slidell, Louisiana  
2001 IAAI Louisiana Chapter Annual Training Seminar, Gonzales, Louisiana  
2000 Terrebonne Parish Arson Task Force Instructor, "Cause and Origin – A Team Concept", Houma, Louisiana  
2000 State Farm Insurance Company, Instructor on Vehicle Fires, Lafayette, Louisiana  
2000 State Farm Insurance Company, Instructor on Vehicle Fires, Metairie, Louisiana  
2000 Louisiana State Police, Office of Attorney General and Department of Insurance  
2000 State Farm Insurance Company Seminar, update on Daubert, NFPA 1033 and NFPA 921  
1999 IAAI Louisiana Chapter Annual Seminar, Metairie, Louisiana  
1999 Louisiana State Fire Marshall's Arson Division, Investigators Seminar, Instructor, "Technical Aspects of Fire Investigation", Gretna, Louisiana  
1997 Fire Findings, Inc. Appliance Seminar, St. Joseph, Michigan  
1994 NFPA Seminar, San Francisco, California  
1994 Delgado Community College Guest Speaker, Fire Science Class, New Orleans, Louisiana

## WORK RELATED TRAINING (continued)

1993 FACAP Annual Seminar, Instructor on Arson Motives, Ocala, Florida  
1993 IAAI Annual Seminar, Auckland, New Zealand  
1992 Insurance Seminar on Arson, Porteous Hainkel Law Firm, New Orleans, Louisiana  
1992 Honorable Order of the Blue Goose, Guest Speaker on Fire, New Orleans, Louisiana  
1991 IAAI Annual Seminar, New Orleans, Louisiana  
1990 Louisiana IAAI Seminar, Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
1989 State Farm Insurance Company, Instructor, Fire Investigation, Lafayette, Louisiana  
1988 Foremost Insurance Company, Instructor, Fire Investigation, New Orleans, Louisiana  
1988 IAAI Annual Southeast Regional Seminar, Instructor, Cause and Origin, Athens, Georgia  
1987 Hillsborough Community College, Guest Speaker on Fire Science, Tampa, Florida  
1987 Travelers Insurance Company National SIU Seminar Instructor on Fire Investigation, Tampa, Florida  
1987 PARCO Seminar, Instructor on Private and Public Fire Investigators, Brooksville, Florida  
1986 FACAP Annual Seminar, Instructor on Cause and Origin, Orlando, Florida  
1986 Southern Fire Adjusters Insurance, Instructor, Fire Investigation, Miami, Florida  
1986 IAAI Annual Seminar, Atlanta, Georgia  
1985 Crum and Forester Insurance Seminar, Instructor on Cause and Origin, Tampa, Florida  
1985 PARCO Seminar, Instructor on Evidence Handling, St. Petersburg Beach, Florida  
1985 FACAP Annual Seminar, Burn Tests and Demonstration, Instructor, Tampa, Florida  
1985 IAAI Annual Seminar, Clearwater, Florida  
1984 FACAP Annual Seminar, Fort Pierce, Florida  
1983 FACAP Adjusters Seminar, Instructor on Cause and Origin, Tampa, Florida  
1982 FACAP Annual Seminar, Haynes City, Florida  
1981 IAAI Annual Southeast Regional Seminar, Athens, Georgia  
1979 Gospel Island Fire Department, Guest Speaker on Arson Investigation, Inverness, Florida  
1978 SEA, Inc. Burn Testing with Hillsborough County Fire Department, Brandon, Florida  
1978 SEA, Inc. Adjusters Fire Seminar, Indianapolis, Indiana  
1978 Insurance Women of Tampa, Guest Speaker on Arson Investigation, Tampa, Florida  
1974 Chemical Hazards and the Fire Services Seminar, Ocala, Florida  
1974 Florida Fire Prevention Conference, Jacksonville, Florida  
1974 Florida Fire Chief's Association Annual Seminar, West Palm Beach, Florida  
1973 Explosive Ordinance Reconnaissance / Bomb Threats Seminar, Rockledge, Florida  
1973 Florida Fire Chief's Association Annual Seminar, West Palm Beach, Florida  
1972 Fire Fighter's Standards Council, Instructor's Certification Course, Melbourne, Florida  
1972 Fire Fighter's Standards Council, Fireman's Certification Course, Melbourne, Florida  
1972 Florida Fire Chief's Association Annual Seminar, West Palm Beach, Florida  
1972 Florida Fire Chief's Association Annual Seminar, West Palm Beach, Florida  
1972 IAAI Annual Seminar, Cocoa Beach, Florida  
1971 General Fire Fighting Class, Florida State Fire College, Melbourne Beach, Florida  
1971 Fire Fighting Class, Florida State Fire College, Melbourne Beach, Florida  
1970 Fire Fighting Class, Florida State Fire College, Melbourne Beach, Florida  
1969 Fire Fighting Class, Florida State Fire College, Indialantic, Florida