

Plainfield, IL 60585



PROFILE

Dedicated Fire Marshal with more than 18 years of progressively responsible experience in the areas of public service and fire fighting. Strong qualifications in fire prevention, personnel affairs, training, resource management, public safety and emergency response. Well-developed leadership and analytical skills as evidenced by the ability to continuously improve fire-rescue operations and emergency medical services. Reputation for strong work ethic and uncompromising devotion to service.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Firefighter of the Year, Winner	2014
Unit Citation; Exceptional Skills and Dedication to Duty, 1057 E. Benton Street, Aurora	2014
Unit Citation; Exceptional Skills and Dedication to Duty, 760 Claim Street, Aurora	2011
Firefighter of the Year, Nominee	2006
Run of the Month, Winner	2005
Run of the Year, Honorable Mention	2002
Run of the Month, Winner	2001

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Fire Marshal, Aurora Fire Department; Aurora, Illinois - April 2015 - present

The duties of supervising the Fire Prevention Bureau include inspecting all commercial and public buildings for safety and code violations. Perform building and site plan review for new construction for compliance with fire codes including automatic fire suppression and detection systems. Consult with contractors, engineers, architects, developers, builders, property owners and other agencies regarding construction projects and activities, interpret enforcement guidelines to department personnel, citizens and professional agencies; organize and maintain records. Conduct fire investigations to determine cause and origin; respond to and perform inspections originated from citizen complaints. Present fire and safety education programs for the community, instruct groups on fire safety and prevention methods and participate in other educational programs for various groups and general public.

Captain, Aurora Fire Department; Aurora, Illinois - January, 2014 - March, 2015

Directed the activities of fire personnel assigned to assigned station. Duties included: assigning, directing and supervising firefighting, medical emergencies, and related life and property protection. Implemented and/or integrated into an incident management system; made decisions regarding firefighting methods to

be used; deployed and managed personnel; ensured the safe operation of fire equipment and apparatus. Supervised maintenance of assigned fire station and its equipment. Supervised training of employees at said station across all shifts. Completed assigned fire inspections and fire hydrant testing for assigned territory.

Lieutenant, Aurora Fire Department; Aurora, Illinois - September, 2008 - January, 2014

Administered and supervised a fire company for fire suppression, hazardous material response rescue operations and emergency medical services. Acted as Shift Supervisor and assumed the duties as officer in charge if first on scene of emergency. Supervised training of employees at said station for assigned shift.

Firefighter/Paramedic, Aurora Fire Department; Aurora, Illinois - March, 1997 - September, 2008 Responsible for fire suppression, fire inspection, vehicle and fire station maintenance, hazardous material response, rescue operations and emergency medical services.

Juvenile Fire Setter Counselor, City of Aurora - 1999-2007

Counseled children who set fires and evaluated their risk of repeat behavior.

Member of Aurora Fire Department Arson Team - 2000 - present

Conducted cause and origin investigation of fires throughout our city. Served as Team Leader for many years (current). Provided and supervised training of team members.

Member of DuPage County Fire Investigation Task Force - 1999 - 2009

Conducted cause and origin investigation of fires throughout the county. Served as Team Leader for many of those years, supervising multi-agency team members.

EDUCATION

COLLEGE OF DUPAGE, Glen Ellyn, Illinois

Associates Degree in Fire Science, May, 2015

CERTIFICATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

National Fire Protection Association	current
National Academy of Sports Medicine, Certified Personal Trainer	2006-2012
National Incident management System; FEMA (current)	December, 2004
Arson Investigator, Police Training Institute; University of Illinois (current)	May, 2004
Evidence Technician - State of Illinois (current)	February, 2001
Trench Collapse Awareness	September, 2000
Rescue Specialist/Confined Space/Trench Awareness (current)	August, 2000
Fire & Arson Investigator III (current)	May, 2000

Fire & Arson Investigator II (current)	April, 2000
Fire & Arson Investigator I (current)	April, 2000
Juvenile Fire Setter Counselor	May, 1999
Hazmat Awareness - State of Illinois (current)	June, 1997
Firefighter II (current)	April, 1996
Pediatric Advanced Life Support	February, 1996
Advanced Cardiac Life Support	November, 1995
Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedic	July, 1993
Prehospital Advanced Life Support	June, 1993
Emergency Medical Technician/Ambulance (current)	March, 1992

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

Illinois Association of Fire Inspectors, Combined Conference	April, 2015
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IL-IAAI Northern Zone; Fire Investigation Continuing Education January, 2015

Will Cook Grundy County Fire Investigation Task Force; Advanced Origin and Cause Conference

March, 2013

International Association of Arson Investigators: Critical Thinking Solves Cases April, 2011

International Association of Arson Investigators; Ethics and the Fire Investigator

March, 2011

International Association of Arson Investigators; Fire Investigation Scene Safety

March, 2011

International Association of Arson Investigators; Vacant and Abandoned Buildings: Hazards and Solutions

March, 2011

International Association of Arson Investigators; Ventilation-Focused Approach to the Impact of Building Structures and Systems of Fire January, 2011

International Association of Fire Investigators; Digital Photography and the Fire Investigator

December, 2010

International Association of Fire Investigators; Electrical Safety August, 2010

Objective Pre-employment Interviewing January, 2010

Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois; Fireground Company Officer School

November, 2008

U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Clandestine lab Awareness & Safety	February, 2005	
M.A.B.A.S. Division 10; Fire Death Investigations	November, 2003	
Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois; Proper Methods in Establishing Training Fires		
	March, 2003	
Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois, NFPA 921, Unit 8	May, 2003	
Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois; NFPA 921, Unit 7	April, 2003	
Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois; NFPA 921, Unit 6	March, 2003	
Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois; ATF K-9 Accelerant Detection		
	February, 2003	
Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois, NFPA 921, Unit 4	January, 2003	
Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois; Fire Victimology	January, 2003	
Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety; Radiation Hazardous Materials Intermediate Course		
	November, 2002	
Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois; Crime Lab Procedure and I	Incident Command Systems	
	October, 2002	
Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois; NFPA 921, Unit 1	October, 2002	
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; Fire Behavior & Dynamics, ADV	April, 2002	
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; Interviewing Techniques, ADV	March, 2002	
Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois; ATF - National Response To	eam	
	February, 2002	
Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois; NFPA 921, Unit 16	February, 2002	
Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois; Bldg. Construction for Fire Investigators		
	January, 2002	
Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois; NFPa 921, Unit 15	January, 2002	
Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois; Building Construction	January, 2002	
Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois; Fire Photography	December, 2001	
Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois; NFPA 921, Unit 14	December, 2001	
Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety, Intermediate Radiological Hazardous Ma	aterials Response	
	November, 2001	
Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois; Fire Investigation Task Fore	ee	

October, 2001

Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois; NICOR, Investigation of Na	atural Gas Fires
	October, 2001
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; Electrical Fire Investigation	June, 2001
Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois; Vehicle Fire Investigation	May, 2001
llinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois; Courtroom/Expert Testimony/Resume	
	April, 2001
Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois; NFPA 921, Unit 11	April, 2001
Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois; Advanced Fire Behavior/Investigation March, 2001	
Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois; NFPA 921, Unit 10	March, 2001
Reid Technique of Interviewing and Interrogation	January, 2001
Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois; NFPA 921, Unit 8	December, 2000
Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois; Search Warrants	December 2000
Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois; Report Writing	November, 2000
Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois; NFPA 921, Unit 7	November, 2000
Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois; NFPA 921, Unit 7 Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois; NFPA 921, Unit 6	November, 2000 October, 2000
Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois; NFPA 921, Unit 6	October, 2000

December, 1997

Confined Space Operations

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

In addition to my work with the Fire Department, I am very involved in our community. Since 2005, I have weekly volunteered my time with area Junior High students through Calvary Church in Aurora. I provide mentorship, guidance, supervision and a listening ear. It has been an honor investing in them as they grow and mature into productive young men. Together, we go on annual team building retreats, participate in community service and navigate through the difficult situations facing young people today. I have volunteered time with Junior Achievement in local schools as well. I have had the pleasure, along with my family, to devote work days to O'Donnell and Gates schools in our community, doing landscaping work, sprucing up playgrounds, and painting. I am also involved in a group of local business executives and leaders. We get together monthly and encourage each other and mentor one another on ways to provide ethical, effective leadership in our workplaces.

In addition to my volunteer work with young people, I enjoy investing my vacation time in helping people less fortunate than myself. I have been privileged to travel all over the world and work alongside local people to construct schools, drug rehabilitation centers and churches and to provide medical care and food assistance. I have done work in Cuba, Guatemala, Cambodia, the Philippines, Brazil, Bosnia and Belgium. These opportunities to work in and experience other cultures, along side local workers, have contributed to my ability to respect and value other cultures here at home. Doing projects like these while building relationships and dealing with language and cultural barriers, has been a valuable learning experience on how to work through challenges efficiently and diplomatically, respecting all parties involved without compromising the safety of our work.