

Curriculum Vitea

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Current Position

Fire Investigator with Fire Pro Investigations Ltd.

Fire Service Experience

Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services 1984 - 2014

7.5 Years – Fire Suppression Company Officer

- Working at the rank of Captain, Lieutenant and Rescue Officer
- Conducting operations at command and operational levels of the incident command system

5.5 Years – Fire Investigator and Local Assistant to BC Fire-Commissioner (full time and relieving)

- Responsible for investigation of fires to determine origin and cause, reporting to the British Columbia Office of the Fire-Commissioner and The Coroners Service of British Columbia
- Worked with the Vancouver Police Arson Investigation Division in the investigation of Arson Fires
- Inspections of various structures for compliance of fire code issues
- Delivered training to new VFRS personnel

5 Years – Fire Dispatcher

- Responsible for call taking, generation of the various dispatch protocols, liaising with various departments and emergency organizations, and dealing with the public on a variety of emergency and non-emergency issues

15 Years – Heavy Urban Search & Rescue Team

- Worked and Trained as a Technical Rescue Technician
- Involved in development and delivering training programs to team members
- Deployed to North Vancouver, New Orleans and Calgary

22 Years – Instructor

- First Responder
- Auto Extrication
- Trench Rescue
- Structural Collapse
- H.U.S.A.R.
- Fire Investigation

1 Year – Standard Operational Guideline Reviewer

- Researching and re-writing Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services Standard Operational Guidelines
- Worked closely with senior management to generate guidelines to reflect changes in Fire Department source documents ie: WCB, NFPA, Maritime Act

Big White Volunteer Fire Department 1983 - 1984

- Trained in SCBA, Hose Lays and Structural Firefighting

Fire Investigation Experience

Five years of fire investigation experience including; working as the Duty Investigator and Relieving Captain in the Fire Investigation Division of the Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services and an employee of Fire Pro Investigations Ltd.

- Over 430 Structure fires
 - Residential
 - Commercial
 - Industrial
- Over 80 Vehicle fires
 - Passenger
 - Commercial
 - Recreational
 - Heavy equipment
 - Marine vessels

Formal Education & Training

- 2017 CFI Trainer Courses-Tested
- Fundamentals of Interviewing
 - Documenting the Event
 - Writing the Initial Origin & Cause Report
- 2016 National Fire, Arson and Explosion CFEI-Tested
- Professional Development
 - Basic Electricity
 - Arc Fault Mapping
 - Digital Photography
 - Sofa Super Store Fire
 - The Station Nightclub Fire
 - FI Safety
- 2014 Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services Internal Training Modules-ELearn
Drager XAM-2000 Thermal Imaging Camera
- 2013 Trench Rescue Instructor Training
Confined Space Instructor Training
Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services -Building Inspections
Technical Rescue Structural Collapse-Manitoba Fire College (Brandon)

- 2012 Fire Boat Radio Operator's Licence
VFRS Live Fire
Wildlands Firefighting
- 2010 Auto Extrication-Sky Train Lifting Certified
- 2011 EMS Re-Certification & Endorsements
Tactical Operations-Level 100
- 2008 Fire Data Management Systems-Level I
- 2007 Fire Investigation Level II
EMS Instructor Update
- 2004 Explosives and Fire Scene Reconstruction-West Vancouver Fire Department
Supervisory Skills-Level 100
- 2003 Fire Service Instructor Level I
Cad Update
- 2002 Auto Extrication Heavy Rescue Instructor Certification
Incident Safety Officer Training
Fire Investigation Level I
British Columbia Fire Commissioner's Office Local Assistant Course
- 2001 Fire Officer I
Fire Officer II
- 2000 Hazardous Materials Operations-16 Hours
Report Writing-16 Hours
Marine Firefighting
Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services-Budget Administration
- 1999 Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services-Fire Company Inspections
Auto Extrication- Operations
- 1998 Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services-Dedicated Fire Protection System Training
First Responder Instructor
- 1997 Heavy Urban Search and Rescue-Technical Search Technician
Swift Water Awareness
- 1996 Heavy Urban Search and Rescue Level I
Heavy Urban Search and Rescue Level II

Training

2002 - 2007 Firefighters/Fire Officer's role in fire investigation

Courtroom Qualification

Have been qualified as an expert in the Field of Fire Investigation and testified in British Columbia Provincial Court.

Certifications

Firefighter Level 2-Career

Peace Officer-Local Assistant to the British Columbia Fire Commissioner's Office (LAFC)

Instructor-Urban Search & Rescue Systems

Instructor-Auto Extrication

Instructor-EMS First Responder

Instructor-Confined Space

Instructor-Trench Collapse

Instructor-Technical Search

Fire Officer I & II

National Association of Fire Investigators-CFEI

Licensed as a Private Investigator in Fire Investigations (PENDING)

Testing

Have conducted tests on the structural viability of trust joists to flame impingement

Membership

National Association of Fire Investigators (IAAI)

International Association of Arson Investigators (NAFI)

International Association of Firefighters (Retired)

Canadian Association of Fire Investigators

Citations

2008 - Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services Chief's Unit Citation