



**BENSEN FIRE & SAFETY CONSULTING LTD.**  
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## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

**THOMAS A. BENSEN, CFI, CVFI, CFEI**

### **FIRE INVESTIGATION EXPERIENCE**

August 2012 to Present  
Fire Investigator/Consultant  
Bensen Fire & Safety Consulting Ltd.

October 2013 to Present  
Deputy  
Hardin County Sheriff's Office  
Kenton, Ohio

2012 to Present  
Fire Instructor  
Delaware Area Career Center  
Delaware, Ohio

August 2006 to August 2012  
Arson and Explosives Investigator  
State of Ohio Fire Marshals Office

September 2003 to August 2006  
Fire Investigator  
SEA Ltd.  
Columbus, Ohio

October 2001 to September 2003  
Fire Investigator  
SEA Ltd.  
Lawrenceville, Georgia

January 2000 to October 2001  
Fire Investigator  
SEA Ltd.  
Columbus, Ohio

January 2004 to Present  
Fire Fighter  
Berlin Township Fire Department  
Delaware, Ohio

November 2007 to 2013  
Auxiliary Patrolman  
City of Pataskala Police Department

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May 1998 to August 1998  
Intern  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

## **FORMAL EDUCATION**

Bachelor of Science  
Fire and Safety Engineering Technology  
Oklahoma State University  
1999

## **TECHNICAL TRAINING**

2007 – Eastland-Fairfield Career & Technical School, Ohio Basic Peace Officer Training Academy, 600 hour course, Groveport, Ohio  
2004 – Fire Fighter Levels I and II, 240- course, Delaware, Ohio  
2002 – Basic Fire Fighter Module 1, Georgia Fire Academy, Forsyth, Georgia

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

Certified Fire Investigator, International Association of Arson Investigators, C.F.I. No. 01-99  
Certified Fire Investigator Instructor, International Association of Arson Investigators  
Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator, National Association of Fire Investigators Reg. No. 7206-3143  
Certified Vehicle Fire Investigator, National Association of Fire Investigators, NAFI No. 7206-3143V  
Certified Fire Fighter – Module I, State of Georgia, 60 Hours  
Certified Fire Fighter – Fire Fighter I and II, State of Ohio, 240 Hours  
Certified Fire Instructor – State of Ohio  
Certified Peace Officer, State of Ohio, 600 Hours, Class BAS 07-038  
Instructor – Department of Homeland Security, Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings  
Certified – State of Ohio Department of Education – Adult Firefighter Education/Special Topic License  
Certified NASCAR – Fire Hard Card Holder  
Certified – State of Ohio Department of Education Adult Education Permit License No. OH3167957

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

2000 – International Association of Arson Investigators Live Burn, Phoenix, Arizona  
2000 – National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators, Claims Handling and Preparing for Depositions, Columbus, Ohio  
2000 – Ohio Arson School, Columbus, Ohio  
2000 – Live Burn, Brunswick, Ohio  
2000 – Arson Investigation Techniques for the Insurance Industry, Glynco, Georgia  
2001 – Fire/Arson Fatality Scene Investigation, Columbus, Ohio  
2001 – National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators, Updated File Mechanics and Documentation, Columbus, Ohio  
2001 – Northwest Area Strike Team, Investigation of Gas Appliance Fires and Explosions, Columbus, Ohio

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2001 – International Association of Arson Investigators – Ohio Chapter, Investigation of Watercraft Fires, Sandusky, Ohio  
2002 – Vehicle Fire, Arson & Explosion Investigation Science & Technology Seminar, Richmond, Kentucky  
2002 – IAAI Expert Courtroom Testimony Program, Brenham, Texas  
2002 – 38<sup>th</sup> Southeastern Arson Seminar, Savannah, Georgia  
2002 – Basic Fire Fighter Module 1, Georgia Fire Academy, Forsyth, Georgia  
2004 – Live Fire Testing and Current Fire Investigative Issues, SEA, Ltd. And Upper Arlington Fire Department, Columbus, Ohio  
2004 – Investigation of Electrical Appliance Related Fires, Las Vegas, Nevada  
2004 – Northern Ohio Arson Seminar, Ashland, Ohio  
2004 – Fire Fighter Levels I and II, 240- course, Delaware, Ohio  
2005 – Koorsen Fire & Security Seminar, Mansfield, Ohio  
2005 – Ohio Arson School, Columbus, Ohio  
2005 – Northern Ohio Arson Seminar, Ashland, Ohio  
2006 – 57<sup>th</sup> IAAI Annual Training Conference, Denver, Colorado  
2006 – Ohio State Fire Marshal Fire Investigative Law Enforcement, 144 hour course, Reynoldsburg & London, Ohio  
2007 – Public Agency Training Council, Kinesic Interview, Phase I, Reynoldsburg, Ohio  
2007 – Eastland-Fairfield Career & Technical School, Ohio Basic Peace Officer Training Academy, 600 hour course, Groveport, Ohio  
2007 – ATF/Ohio State Fire Marshal, Post Blast Investigation Training, Columbus, Ohio  
2008 – Fireworks Exhibitions for Fire Service, Law Enforcement, Licensed Exhibitors & Assistants, Ohio Fire Academy, Owens Community College  
2008 – Ohio Arson School, Columbus, Ohio  
2009 – Fireworks Exhibitions for Fire Service, Law Enforcement, Licensed Exhibitors & Assistants, Ohio Fire Academy, Owens Community College  
2009 – Department of Homeland Security, New Mexico Tech, Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings, Socorro, New Mexico  
2010 – Department of Homeland Security, Terrorism Liaison Officer Training, Columbus, Ohio  
2010 – 03-438-10-11: Senate Bill 77 Training, OPOTA. Reynoldsburg, Ohio  
2010 – Arson Investigation 360, Reynoldsburg, Ohio  
2011 – 06-228-11-02: Evidence Technician, OPOTA, London, Ohio  
2011 – NFPA 921-2011 Update, Ohio State Fire Academy, Reynoldsburg, Ohio  
2011 – The Reid Technique of Interviewing & Interrogation, Columbus Police Academy  
2011 – Certified Fire Instructor, Delaware Area Career Center  
2012 – Evaluating Witnesses & Their Testimony, Reynoldsburg, Ohio  
2012 – Cell Phone Analysis A New Investigative Tool, Reynoldsburg, Ohio  
2012 – Negative Corpus Training, Reynoldsburg, Ohio  
2012 – Investigating Fatal Fires, CFI Trainer  
2012 – Scientific Method for Fire & Explosion Investigation, CFI Trainer  
2012 – How First Responders Impact the Fire Investigation, CFI trainer  
2013 – Arson Detection, Ashland, Ohio  
2013 – NSPII Ohio Joint Insurance Fraud Seminar, Columbus, Ohio  
2013 – Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course Safety Day, Lexington, Ohio  
2013 – HAZMAT IQ, Delaware, Ohio  
2013 – Norfolk Southern Rail Emergency Response Training, Columbus, Ohio  
2013 – Exercise Design, FEMA, Emergency Management Institute  
2013 – Active Shooter, FEMA, Emergency Management Institute  
2013 – Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning For Schools, FEMA, Emergency Management Institute  
2013 – Origin & Cause, Scene Preservation & Burn Cell Demonstration, West Mansfield, Ohio  
2013 – Ohio Arson School, Columbus, Ohio  
2013 – 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Instructor Development Symposium, Reynoldsburg, Ohio  
2013 – Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) Active Shooter, Denver, Colorado  
2014 – Ohio Arson School, Columbus, Ohio

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2015 – Documenting the Event, CFI Trainer  
2015 – Fire Investigator Scene Safety, CFI Trainer  
2015 – Fundamentals of Residential Building Construction, CFI Trainer  
2015 – Northern Ohio Arson Seminar, Ashland, Ohio  
2015 – HAZMAT IQ Air Monitoring, Delaware, Ohio  
2015 – Ohio Arson School, Columbus, Ohio  
2015 – NSPII, Fundamentals of Arc Mapping/Pyroterrorism, Columbus, Ohio  
2016 – Investigating Motor Vehicle Fires  
2016 – Northern Ohio Arson Seminar, Ashland, Ohio

## **INSTRUCTION / COURSE DEVELOPMENT**

Certified Fire Investigator Instructor, International Association of Arson Investigators  
Instructor - Ohio Fire Academy Fire Investigator 1 Training Program  
Instructor – Department of Homeland Security, Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings  
Instructor – American Safety & Health Institute (ASHI)  
Instructor – ALERRT Active Shooter  
IFSTA Technical Reviewer – International Fire Service Training Association (IFSTA) Fire Origin & Cause 4<sup>th</sup> Edition  
Instructor – NASCAR, Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Member, International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI)  
Member, International Association of Arson Investigators, Ohio Chapter  
Member, National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)  
Member, National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI)  
Member, American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE)  
Member, National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators (NSPII)  
Member, Ohio Society of Fire Service Instructors  
Member, Ohio Fire Chiefs Association  
Past Member, International Association of Arson Investigators, Georgia Chapter  
2013/2014/2015 Ohio IAAI Board of Directors

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