

Curriculum Vitae

CORY GERSTENSCHLAGER

Fire Investigator



Cory Gerstenschlager, prior to his career with ACS Investigative Services, was employed with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. He had the responsibility of a wide range of investigations including theft, burglary, identity theft, homicides and Arsons. He was also a member of the Sheriff's Emergency Response Team (SERT) as a crisis negotiator and the Jefferson County Fire Investigation Team.

After becoming a certified fire investigator by the Missouri Division of Fire Safety, Cory investigated many accidental and incendiary fires within Jefferson County. He has worked as lead investigator on fatality fires and assisted with others. Cory also investigated an Arson/ homicide as a member of the Major Case Squad of Greater St Louis. He assisted investigating a major fire at a business within Jefferson County, along with the U.S. Division of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, which eventually went to trial in the Criminal Federal Court System.

Cory resides in Festus, Missouri, which is approximately 20 minutes south of St Louis, MO and can be contacted at (314) 808-2116 or at the main office of 1-800-400-4305

WORK HISTORY & EXPERIENCE

ACS Investigative Services (Aug 2006 to Present)
18 Hawk Ridge Blvd. #140
Lake Saint Louis, MO 63367
Phone: (636) 561-6100

Fire Investigator

Responsibilities: Conduct origin and cause investigations of fires and explosions. Also conduct background investigations and obtain recorded statements from claimants in reference to fire claims; seize evidence for laboratory analysis or subrogation purposes; and document fire scenes photographically (still and video) and in written reports.

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office (June 1997- June 2006)
PO Box 100
Hillsboro, MO 63050

Detective

Conducted multi-line investigations. Active member and investigator with the Jefferson County Fire Investigation Team. Member and Investigator with the Greater St Louis Major Case Squad. Special Task Force Investigator with the United States Department of Alcohol

Tobacco and Firearms. Member of the Sheriff's Emergency Response Team (SERT) as a Certified Crisis Negotiator. Forensic Child Interviewer. Computer Voice Stress Analysis (CVSA) Examiner.

J.C. Penney's (Aug 1996- March 1998)
100 South County Centerway
St Louis, MO 63125

Loss Prevention Officer

Investigated Employee and patron theft. Implemented store security and safety programs

CERTIFICATIONS & AWARDS

Peace Officer- Missouri Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Commission

Certified Fire Investigator- Missouri Division of Public Safety

Certified Fire and Explosives Investigator (CFEI)
National Association of Fire Investigators

Crisis Negotiator- United States Military Police School

Certified Voice Stress Examiner- National Institute for Truth Verification

Permanent Employee Registration Card (PERC) - State of Illinois

EDUCATION/TRAINING

Jefferson College
Hillsboro, MO 63050
Major: General Studies

Jefferson College Police Training Institute (Dec. 1997)
Hillsboro, MO 63050
MO POST 650 hours Peace Officer Training

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

November 2000 Jefferson College Police Training Institute
 Hillsboro, MO 63050
 Course: Field Training Officer Training

February 2000 Jefferson College Police Training Institute
 Hillsboro, MO 63050
 Course: Interview and Interrogations I & II

June 2000	Jefferson College Police Training Institute Hillsboro, MO 63050 Course: Domestic Terrorism Issues
March 2001	Jefferson College Police Training Institute Hillsboro, MO 63050 The State of Missouri Attorney General's Office Course: Computer Crimes
August 2002	Sioux City Police Department Regional Training Center Kinesics Interview and Interrogation 1 & 2
March 2003	University of MO-Columbia Fire/Arson Fatality Fire Scene Investigation
June 2003	Fort Leonard Wood U.S. Military Police School Crisis Negotiations Course
August 2003	St Louis County Police Academy St Louis, MO MO Division of Fire Safety Fire Investigation Course
June 2004	Kansas City Regional Police Academy Homicide Forensic Death Conference
May 2004	Major Case Squad of Greater St Louis Investigator Training
June 2004	Public Agency Training Council Death and Homicide Investigation
December 2004	National Institute for Truth Verification C.V.S.A. Examiner
January 2005	St Louis Community College Forrest Park Federal Bureau of Investigations Crisis Negotiations and Terrorism
February 2005	Jefferson County Fire Investigation Team Incendiary Fires Training
May 2005	Major Case Squad of Greater St Louis Investigator Training
September 2007	Professional Fire and Fraud Investigators Association 40 th Annual Professional Development Seminar

May 2008	CFITrainer.net (IAAI) Investigating Motor Vehicle Fires
May 2008	CFITrainer.net (IAAI) Insurance and the Fire Investigation
May 2008	CFITrainer.net (IAAI) Magnetek: A Case Study in the Daubert Challenge
May 2008	CFITrainer.net (IAAI) Introduction to Fire Dynamics and Modeling
June 2008	CFITrainer.net (IAAI) Ethics and the Fire Investigator
June 2008	CFITrainer.net (IAAI) An Analysis of the Station Nightclub Fire
June 2008	CFITrainer.net (IAAI) Digital Photography and the Fire Investigator
June 2008	CFITrainer.net (IAAI) The Scientific Method for Fire and Explosion Investigation
September 2008	CFITrainer.net (IAAI) Understanding Fire through the Candle Experiment
September 2008	CFITrainer.net (IAAI) Physical Evidence at the Fire Scene
September 2008	CFITrainer.net (IAAI) Introduction to Evidence
September 2008	CFITrainer.net (IAAI) Fire Investigator Scene Safety
September 2008	CFITrainer.net (IAAI) Documenting the Event
September 2008	CFITrainer.net (IAAI) Critical Thinking Solves Cases
October 2008	CFITrainer.net (IAAI) A Ventilation-Focused Approach to the Impact of Building Structures and Systems on Fire Development
November 2008	CFITrainer.net (IAAI) Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM)

April 2009 National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators
2009 NSPII Regional Seminar

July 2009 CFITrainer.net (IAAI)
Fire and Explosion Investigations: Utilizing NFPA 1033 and 921

April 2010 National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators
2010 NSPII Regional Seminar

March 2011 Jefferson College Law Enforcement Academy
Federal Bureau of Investigations
Interviewing and Interrogation

March 2011 Mineral Area College Law Enforcement Academy
Financial Crimes and Counterfeit Investigations

April 2011 Jefferson College Law Enforcement Academy
Crime Scene Photography

May 2011 CFITrainer.net (IAAI)
Fundamentals of Residential Building Construction

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

International Association of Arson Investigators
Professional Fire and Fraud Investigators Association
National Society for Professional Insurance Investigators
Missouri Chapter- National Society for Professional Insurance Investigators
National Association of Fire Investigators