

Curriculum Vitae

CHRIS SILMAN

Fire Investigator



Chris Silman is a full-time professional fire investigator for **ACS Investigative Services, Inc.** Chris has been employed by **ACS Investigative Services, Inc.** since September 1, 2001 and covers Southern Missouri, Southern Illinois, Western Kentucky, Northern Arkansas, and Western Tennessee. He specializes in fire cause and origin investigations on behalf of companies and organizations handling property damage claims. He is certified by the International Association of Arson Investigators as a Fire Investigator. He is also certified by the Missouri Division of Fire Safety as a Fire Investigator as well as a Fire Inspector. He is well trained and experienced in fire investigation as well as code compliance. Chris is licensed as a private detective in the State of Illinois and the State of Arkansas. He is a member of the Missouri and Illinois Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators and the Professional Fire and Fraud Investigators Association.

Prior to his career with ACS Investigative Services, Inc., Chris held the position of Fire Inspector for the Missouri Division of Fire Safety. In this position, he was responsible for conducting compliance inspections in 16 Southeast Missouri counties on state licensed facilities such as day care centers, mental health facilities, and Division of Family Services homes, as well as conducting compliance inspections on fireworks sales and display locations and amusement parks. During his employment with the Missouri Division of Fire Safety, Chris attended many Fire Inspector and Fire Investigator training courses.

Prior to his employment with the Missouri Division of Fire Safety, Chris was employed by the Kennett, Missouri Fire Department. He last held the position of Fire Marshal where he was responsible for investigating the cause and origin of all fires as well as conducting compliance inspections on all businesses within the City of Kennett. During his tenure with the City of Kennett Fire Department, Chris attended many training classes to build the expertise that he now has in fire investigations and code compliance issues.

In addition to his lengthy fire training, Chris spent nine years in the Missouri Army National Guard. Chris began his military career in a Combat Engineer Company as a demolitions expert before transferring to the 1137th Military Police Company in Kennett, Missouri. During his Military Police career, Chris was involved in several overseas tours, which included Germany and The Republic of Panama. The Panama tours included field security as well as base police duties. The Germany tour included police duties on three different military bases. These police duty tours included all aspects of police work, from traffic duty to investigating crimes.

Chris now resides in Benton, Missouri, which is approximately 15 miles south of Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Chris can be contacted at (573) 380-4971 or (800) 400-4305. For more information, contact the ACS web page at Firecause.com

WORK HISTORY & EXPERIENCE

ACS Investigative Services (September 2001-Present)
17 Hawk Ridge
Lake St. Louis, MO 63367
(636) 931-3500 or (800) 400-4305

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.

Missouri Division of Fire Safety (May 1999 – September 2001)
Industrial Drive
Jefferson City, MO
(800) 877-5688

Fire Inspector

Duties included conducting code compliance inspections on state licensed facilities, fireworks locations, and amusement parks in sixteen Southeast Missouri counties.

Kennett Missouri Fire Department (September 1991-November 1999)
309 St. Francis Street
Kennett, MO 63857
(573) 888-4512

Fire Marshal

Duties included investigating all fires and conducting code compliance inspections within the City of Kennett. Other positions held during this employment included Code Enforcement Officer and Firefighter.

Missouri Army National Guard (January 1991-January 2000)
1137th Military Police Company
1450 North By-Pass
Kennett, Missouri 63857
(573) 888-3973

Sergeant (E-5) Squad Leader

Duties included providing security, police duties, operating POW Facility, and riot control. Responsibilities included insuring the mission was completed as directed, accountability for a squad of personnel, vehicles, weapons, ammunition and equipment.

CERTIFICATIONS/LICENSES

Certified Fire Investigator (CFI)
International Association of Arson Investigators
Date Certified: 11/2007

Fire Investigator
Missouri Division of Fire Safety
Date Certified: 10/1997

State of Arkansas - Private Investigator
Identification # 05-018

State of Tennessee - Private Investigator

State of Illinois - Private Investigator
Registration # 129.249435

EDUCATION

(1988-1989) Mississippi County Community College
Blytheville, Arkansas
Basic Studies

(1987-1988) Arkansas State University
Jonesboro, Arkansas
Basic Studies

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

November 1992 University of Missouri – Extension
Kennett, MO
CLASS: Fire Fighter I

April 1993 State of Missouri
Emergency Management Agency
CLASS: Radiological Monitors
(8 hours)

June 1993 University of Missouri – Extension
Kennett, MO
CLASS: Basic Pump Operations
(12 hours)

October 1993 University of Missouri – Extension
Jackson, MO
CLASS: Emergency Response Driving
(12 hours)

October 1993 University of Missouri – Extension
Cape Girardeau, MO
CLASS: Fire Arson Detection
(12 hours)

November 1993 National Fire Academy
Kennett, MO
CLASS: Incident Command System
(12 hours)

February 1994 University of Missouri – Extension
Columbia, MO
CLASS: Survival Techniques in Interior Operations
(4 hours)

February 1994 University of Missouri – Extension
Columbia, MO
CLASS: Chemistry and Behavior of Fire
(4 hours)

February 1994 University of Missouri – Extension
Columbia, MO
CLASS: Aerial Apparatus Strategies and Tactics
(4 hours)

1994 Missouri Intergovernmental Risk Management Association
Kennett, MO
CLASS: Defensive Driving
(4 hours)

March 1994 University of Missouri – Extension
Kennett, MO
CLASS: Vehicle Extrication
(12 hours)

August 1994 University of Missouri – Extension
Columbia, MO
CLASS: Truck Company Fireground Operations
(12 hours)

October 1994 University of Missouri – Extension
Jackson, MO
CLASS: Advanced Pump Operations
(12 hours)

May 1995 University of Missouri – Extension
Haiti, MO
CLASS: Handling LP Gas Emergencies
(12 hours)

May 1995 University of Missouri – Extension
Kennett, MO
CLASS: Fire Fighter II

October 1995 University of Missouri – Extension
Jackson, MO
CLASS: Fire Arson Detection
(12 hours)

February 1996 Dunklin County Emergency Management
Kennett, MO
CLASS: Hazardous Materials Awareness
(6 hours)

September 1996 Missouri Emergency Response Commission
Poplar Bluff, MO
CLASS: UP911 Tank Car & Dome Trailer Training
(8 hours)

November 1996 National Fire Academy
Cape Girardeau, MO
CLASS: Instructor Techniques for Company Officers
(12 hours)

November 1996 University of Missouri – Extension
Cape Girardeau, MO
CLASS: Training Reports and Records
(4 hours)

December 1996 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Malden, MO
CLASS: Hazardous Materials Operations
(12 hours)

December 1996 Missouri Division of Fire Safety
Kennett, MO
CLASS: Fire Department Instructor

March 1997 Missouri Division of Fire Safety
Jefferson City, MO
CLASS: Introduction to Fire Inspection Principals & Practices
(16 hours)

March 1997 Missouri Division of Fire Safety
Jefferson City, MO
CLASS: Fire Inspector Course – Module One
(16 hours)

April 1997 University of Missouri – Extension
Kennett, MO
CLASS: Hazardous Materials Incident Response – Awareness
(6 hours)

April 1997 Missouri Division of Fire Safety
Jefferson City, MO
CLASS: Fire Inspector Course – Module Two
(16 hours)

May 1997 Missouri Division of Fire Safety
Jefferson City, MO
Class: Fire Inspector Course – Module Three
(12 hours)

June 1997 Missouri Division of Fire Safety
Jefferson City, MO
CLASS: Fire Inspector Course – Module Four
(13 hours)

June 1997 Missouri Division of Fire Safety
Sedalia, MO
CLASS: Fire Investigator Course
(40 hours)

July 1997 Missouri Division of Fire Safety
Jefferson City, MO
CLASS: Fire Inspector Course – Module Five
(14 hours)

October 1997 University of Missouri – Extension
Kennett, MO
CLASS: Handling LP Gas Emergencies – Delivery Truck
(12 hours)

October 1997 Missouri Division of Fire Safety
Jefferson City, MO
CERTIFIED: Fire Investigator

November 1997 National Fire Academy
Emmetsburg, MD
CLASS: Fire Inspection Principles
(80 hours)

December 1997 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Malden, MO
CLASS: Hazardous Materials – Technician
(40 hours)

April 1998 University of Missouri – Extension
Dexter, MO
CLASS: Fire Service Instructor I

April 1998 University of Missouri – Extension
Kennett, MO
CLASS: Instructor – Basic Pump Operations
(12 hours)

May 1998 University of Missouri – Extension
Kennett, MO
CLASS: Instructor – Hazardous Materials Awareness
(6 hours)

May 1998 Missouri Division of Fire Safety
Jefferson City, MO
CERTIFIED: Fire Inspector

July 1998 National Emergency Training Center
Independent Study Course
CLASS: Radiological Emergency Management

May 1999 State of Missouri
Jefferson City, MO
CLASS: Managing Diversity
(4 hours)

July 1999 State of Missouri
Jefferson City, MO
CLASS: Preventing Sexual Harassment
(4 hours)

March 2000 Missouri Division of Fire Safety
Jefferson City, MO
CLASS: Pyrotechnic Training
(6 hours)

March 2000 Jefferson County Fire Marshal’s Association
Arnold, MO
CLASS: NEC Electrical Code Update
What You Need To Know About Fire Stopping
(7 hours)

August 2000 Jefferson County Fire Marshal’s Association
Arnold, MO
CLASS: Concepts of the International Fire Code, 2000
(7 hours)

November 2000	Fire Marshal's Association of Missouri Conference Lake Ozark, Missouri (12 hours)
August 2001	University of Missouri – Extension Portageville, MO CLASS: First on the Drug Lab Scene (4 hours)
September 2003	Professional Fire & Fraud Investigators Association Conference St. Louis, Missouri (19 hours)
May 2004	August A. Mazzone Fire Investigation Conference International Association of Arson Investigators-Illinois Chapter Whittington, Illinois (14 hours)
September 2004	Professional Fire & Fraud Investigators Association Conference Springfield, Missouri (19 hours)
April 2006	August A. Mazzone Fire Investigation Conference International Association of Arson Investigators-Illinois Chapter Whittington, Illinois (16 hours)
April 2009	National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators Regional Training Conference St. Charles, Missouri (7 hours)
June 2009	Illinois Chapter IAAI – Southern Zone Training Conference Fairview Heights, IL (16 hours)
November 2009	International Association of Arson Investigators IAAI-CFI CERTIFIED: 11/25/2009
August 2009	International Association of Arson Investigators CFITrainer.net Physical Evidence at the Fire Scene (4 hours)
August 2009	International Association of Arson Investigators CFITrainer.net Introduction to Evidence (4 hours)

August 2009

International Association of Arson Investigators
CFITrainer.net
Documenting the Event
(4 hours)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

I.A.A.I. Member
Missouri Chapter of I.A.A.I. Member
Illinois Chapter of I.A.A.I. Member
P.F.F.I.A. Member