

# Curriculum Vitae Michael A Keller, CFI

## Area of Specialization

Mike Keller is certified through the IAAI, and conducts investigations of fires and explosions while addressing issues of: origin, cause and spread, He also conducts code analyses in commercial and residential structures.

## Background and Professional Experience

Mr. Keller has been in the fire service for 27 years. He has been on the Fire Investigation Team for approximately 12 years and is responsible for fire and explosion investigations for the City of Bismarck, ND. He is also responsible for code compliance inspections in commercial occupancies.

Mike has completed numerous specialized courses relating to fire investigation and code analyses. The CFI certification with the International Association of Arson Investigators is considered the “Gold Standard” in our industry. He is also a team leader for ‘case study training’ for the Bismarck Fire Department.

## Experience

2/1984 – Present	Firefighter First Class, Fire Code Enforcement
9/2000 – Present	Fire/Arson Investigation, Fire Fighter First Class, Fire Code Enforcement
10/2011 – Present	Fire and Explosion Investigator for Fire Cause Analyses

## Education

Graduate of Saint Mary’s Central High School, 1974

## Specialized Training

09/14-16/2011	13 <sup>th</sup> Annual Fire Investigation Conference NDIAAI 20 hours tested
9/16/2011	Physical Evidence Labeling and Handling Armstrong Forensic Laboratory, Inc.

09/16/2011	Identifying The Source Armstrong Forensic Laboratory, Inc.
09/2011	CFITrainer - Introduction to Fire Dynamics and Modeling
06/2011	Tested for and passed IAAI Certified Fire Investigator
03/2011	Investigating Fatal Fires
01/2011	Investigating Motor Vehicle Fires
01/2011	Arc Mapping Basics
08/2010	CFITrainer – Fundamentals of Residential Building Construction
06/2010	Ethics and the Fire Investigator
06/2010	How First Responders Impact The Fire Investigation
01/2010	CFITrainer – Effective Investigation and Testimony
10/13/2009	CFITrainer – Critical Thinking Solves Cases 4 hours tested
8/19-21/2009	11 <sup>th</sup> Annual Fire Investigation Conference NDIAAI – Advanced Fire Investigation Techniques - 20 hours tested
3/09/2009	CFITrainer – Fire Investigator Scene Safety
1/7/2009	CFITrainer – Physical Evidence at the Fire Scene
8/20-22/2008	10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Fire Investigation Conference NDIAAI – Arson Investigation Burn Cells - 20 hours tested
7/22-24/07	9 <sup>th</sup> Annual Fire Investigation Conference NDIAAI – Expert Witness Courtroom Testimony Course – 24 hours training
7/2007	CFITrainer – The Scientific Method for Fire and Explosion Investigation
8/27-29/2003	5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Fire Investigation Conference NDIAAI – 20 tested hrs Fire Investigation Techniques
8/22-24/2001	3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Seminar NDIAAI – 20 hours tested Fire Investigation Techniques

8/30-9/1/2000      2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Seminar NDIAAI – 20 hours tested  
Vehicle Fire Investigation Techniques

12/6-17/1999      National Fire Academy – Interpersonal Dynamics in Fire Service  
Organizations

Ongoing Quarterly meetings and training within the Fire Department.  
Topics such as case studies, fire behavior, methods for evidence  
collection, etc.

Training in Haz-Mat

Fire engine and pump operations

Numerous other fire investigation related material and discussions

### **Professional Organizations**

Mike Keller is a member of the International Association of Arson Investigators which he has successfully challenged and passed their Certified Fire Investigator (CFI).

Member of the North Dakota chapter of IAAI