
Christopher Schenk | Senior Fire Investigator, IAAI-CFI (V), ECT, CFEI

8091 Center Run Dr. Indianapolis, IN 46250

Cell Phone: 317-533-2984
christopher.schenk@efiglobal.com

Professional Summary:

Christopher Schenk has over 37 years of combined experience in the fire service and law enforcement. In the fire service, Mr. Schenk has served as a line firefighter, fire officer, fire investigator, and fire service instructor. In law enforcement, Mr. Schenk has served as a patrol officer and a detective. He has conducted over six hundred and fifty origin and cause investigations. Attended specialized training in fire investigation, motor vehicle fire investigation, explosion investigation, interview and interrogation and evidence collection. He is a Certified Fire Investigator with Vehicle Endorsement (IAAI), Evidence Collection Technician (IAAI), Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator, Certified Vehicle Fire Investigator and Certified Fire Investigator Instructor (NAFI), Indiana Certified Fire Inspector, Certified Fire and Live Fire Instructor, Certified Hazardous Materials Technician, Incident Commander, and Safety Officer.

Licenses and Certifications:

Certified Fire Investigator,
IAAI CFI(V), IAAI, 14-071586
IAAI ECT, IAAI, #14-071586
Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator, CFEI, NAFI, #14225-7299iv
Certified Vehicle Fire Investigator, CVFI, NAFI, #14225-7299iv
Certified Fire Investigator Instructor, CFII, NAFI, #14225-7299iv
Certified Fire Instructor, Indiana Department of Public Safety, #97799639
Certified Fire Investigator, Indiana Department of Public Safety, #97799639
Certified EMT, Indiana Department of Public Safety, #97799639
Certified Safety Officer, Indiana Department of Public Safety, #97799639
Fire Investigator, Indiana Department of Homeland Security
Fire Inspector 1 and 2, Indiana Department of Homeland Security

Court Qualifications/ Depositions:

Litigation CV available upon request.

Professional Experience:

Indianapolis Fire Department, Fire-EMT/Fire Investigator/Fire Instructor, 1987 – Present
Rimkus Consulting, Fire Consultant, 2021-2023
Indianapolis Fire Department/Metropolitan Police Department Arson Commander 2013-2015
Indianapolis Fire Department/Metropolitan Police Department Arson Unit, 2006-Present
Speedway Police Department, Patrolman, Detective, 1990-2000

Specialized Education:

ATF Origin and cause course, ATF Casandra Jones, 4 hr tested, 2024
Camera/Photography Class, IFD/Fire Investigations, 2024
Interviewing Techniques for Fire Investigators, Indiana Department of Homeland Security, 2024
Illinois IAAI Training, Illinois IAAI 16 hr tested, 2024
Electricity and Fire Investigations, ATF Cameron Novak 16 hr tested, 2023
Investigating Motor Vehicle Fires, IAAI CFITrainer 2023
Motor Vehicles, The Engine and Ignition, Electrical and Fuel Systems, IAAI CFITrainer 2023
Motor Vehicles, Transmissions, Exhaust, Brakes, and Accessories, IAAI CFITrainer 2023
Fire Investigations: Forensic Interviewing and Evidence, National Fire Academy, 2022
Digital Photography and the Fire Service, IAAI CFITrainer, 2022
DNA, Seminar, IAAI CFITrainer, 2022
Emerging Technologies in the Fire Service, IAAI CFITrainer, 2022
Fundamentals of Interviewing, IAAI CFITrainer, 2022
Introduction to Evidence, IAAI CFITrainer, 2022
The Potential Value of Electronic Evidence, IAAI CFITrainer, 2022
Indiana Fire Investigation Conference, IAAI, 2021
Origin and Cause, Careless Smoking Fires, 2021
Origin and Cause, Fire Sprinkler Systems, 2021
Origin and Cause, Keeping up With Fuel-Burning Equipment Fires, 2021
Origin and Cause, Structure Fire Incendiary Investigations, 2020
Origin and Cause, Vehicle Fraud Investigations, 2020
Origin and Cause, Fire Investigations 101, 2020
Origin and Cause, Through Fire and Water, Marine Fire and Explosions, 2020
Fire Chemistry, CFITrainer, 2019
Residential Electrical Systems, CFITrainer, 2019
Residential Natural Gas Systems, CFITrainer, 2019
Thermometry, Heat and Heat Transfer, CFITrainer, 2019
Fire Protection Systems, CFITrainer, 2019
Introduction to Fire Dynamics and Modeling. CFITrainer, 2019
Indiana Fire Investigation Conference, IAAI IN, 2019
Investigating Natural Gas Systems, CFITrainer, 2019
Managing Complex Fire Scene Investigations, CFITrainer, 2019
Hands-On Vehicle Fire/Arson Investigation, PATC, 2018
Fire Investigation: Essentials, National Fire Academy, 2018
The Practical Application of the Relationship Between NFPA 1033 and 921, CFITrainer, 2018
Bats and MBats in Person Training, Bomb Arson Tracking System, 2018
Hands-On Electrical Fire and Arson Investigation, PATC, 2017
Indiana Fire Investigation Conference, IAAI IN, 2017
Fire Investigator Scene Safety, CFITrainer, 2016
Origin and Cause Burn Cell Demonstration, Indianapolis Fire Department, 2016
Investigating Fatal Fires, CFITrainer, 2016
American Honda Motor Co. Fire Investigation Class, Honda, 2015
Accreditation, Certification and Certificates, CFITrainer, 2015
Fire and Arson Investigation Conference, Tinley Park, Illinois, 2015
9th Police Recruit Class, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, 2015
The Deposition Part 1: Format, Content and Preparation, CFITrainer, 2015
The Scientific Method for Fire and Explosion Investigation, CFITrainer, 2014
Understanding Fire Through the Candle Experiments, CFITrainer, 2014

Writing the Initial Origin and Cause Report, CFITrainer, 2014
International Fire, Arson and Explosion Investigation Training Program, NAFI 2014
Certified Fire Investigation Instructor, NAFI, 2014
Search and Seizure, CFITrainer, 2014
NFPA 1033 and Your Career, CFITrainer, 2014
NFPA921 and 1033, 2014 Edition: Important Revisions, CFITrainer, 2014
Physical Evidence
Indiana Fire Investigation Conference, 2014
Evidence Examination: What Happens at the Lab, CFITrainer, 2014
Explosion Dynamics, CFITrainer, 2014
Physical Evidence at the Fire Scene, CFITrainer, 2014
Process of Elimination, CFITrainer, 2014
ET School for Arson Investigation, Indianapolis-Marion County Forensic Service Agency, 2014
How First Responders Impact the Fire Investigation, CFITrainer, 2014
Arson Scene Search, PATC, 2014
Forensic Evidence Collection, National Fire Academy, 2014
Critical Thinking Solves Cases, CFITrainer, 2013
Effective Investigation and Testimony, CFITrainer, 2013
Electrical Aspects to Fire Investigation, National Fire Academy, 2013

Education:

High School Diploma, Ben Davis High School High School, Indianapolis IN, 1981

Affiliations:

International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI)
National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI)
Indiana Chapter, International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI-IN)
International Association of Firefighters (IAFF)

Honors and Awards:

Peer Leadership Award, Indianapolis Fire Department, 2011
Peer Leadership Award, Indianapolis Fire Department, 2012
Certificate of Merit Award, Indianapolis Fire Department, 2024