

Curriculum Vitae for James Goertz, C.F.E, C.F.E.I.

CERTIFICATIONS:

- National Association of Fire Investigators
Certified Fire & Explosion Investigator
(C.F.E.I.)
- Canadian Association of Fire Investigators
Canadian Certified Fire Investigator – Level “C” (C.C.F.I. – C)
- International Association of Certified Fraud Examiners
Certified Fraud Examiner (C.F.E.)

TECHNICAL ASSOCIATIONS:

- Member – National Association of Fire Investigators
- Member – International Association of Fire Investigators
- Member – Canadian Association of Fire Investigators
- Member – International Association of Auto Theft Investigators

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- Sept. 1996 to Dec. 2007 - Royal & SunAlliance Insurance Company of Canada – Special Investigator
Responsible for the investigation of structure fires, auto theft and break & enter claims.
- Aug 1977 to Sept. 1996 – Peel Regional Police
 - responsible for uniform patrol duties as a Constable & later supervisory patrol duties as a Sergeant.
 - Responsible for the investigation of major frauds, break & enters, robberies, sex assaults, thefts, commercial auto thefts and homicides as a Detective.
 - Have testified as an expert witness in auto theft investigation in Criminal Court (Judge & Jury)
- Jan. 1975 to Aug. 1977 – Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Toronto Int'l Airport detachment
 - security duties & enforcement of Federal statutes.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING:

POLICE RELATED:

RCMP "Depot" Division, Regina, Sask.

-recruit training – 1975

Ontario Police College, Aylmer, Ont.

-recruit training – part A – 1977

-recruit training – part B – 1978

Ontario Police College, Aylmer, Ont. – Advanced Training

-Fraud Investigation

-Advanced Fraud Investigation

-Computer Fraud

-Criminal Investigation

-Police Management – level 1

-Scientific Content Analysis of Statements

O.P.P. Academy, Brampton, Ont.

-Police Canine Handler

-Counterfeit Money & Credit card fraud

Canadian Police College, Ottawa, Ont.

-Advanced Auto Theft Investigation

FIRE RELATED:

Toronto Arson Task Force, Pickering

- Fire Investigation seminar – 2 days – Sept. 1996

City of Brampton – Fire & Emergency Services

- Fire Investigation seminar – 3 days – Nov. 1996

CAFI / Toronto Fire Academy

- examination of fatal school bus fire – 1 day – Jan.
1997 – certificate received

IAAI / OPP – Guelph

- Fire investigation & arson seminar – 2 days – June 1998 – certificate received

CAFI – Toronto

- NFPA921 course – 4 days – Oct. 1998 – Certificate & CFEI designation awarded

CAFI – Toronto

- Roles & responsibilities of Expert & non-expert Witnesses – 1 day – Feb. 1999 – certificate received

Seneca College/CAFI/IAAI – Toronto

- Electrical equipment failures & post fire analysis 2 days – Oct. 1999 – certificate received

IAAI/OPP – Sarnia

- Fire Investigation techniques & vehicle fire Investigation – 2 days – May 2000 – certificate received

IAAI/OPP – Fort Erie

- Fire Investigation techniques & vehicle fire Investigation – 2 days – Oct 2000 – certificate received

POLICE PROPERTY CRIME CONFERENCE, Barrie

- Vehicle arson seminar by OFM – 1 day – May 2001

CAFI – Vaughan

- documentation of evidence at fire scene – 1 day – May 2003 – certificate received

TORONTO ARSON TASK FORCE, Toronto

- Arson/Homicide case study – 1 day – Sept. 03

NIAGARA FIRE COLLEGE – Port Colborne

- Lectured on the Roles & Responsibilities of Insurance personnel at fire scenes – 1 day – Sept. 2003.

CAFI – Toronto

- Juvenile Fire Setters – 1 day – April 2004 – Certificate received
- Lectured on Interviewing techniques

IAATI – Mississauga

- Auto Theft Investigators conference – 4 days – Sept 2004

OFM Fire Cause Determination Course – Port Colborne

- 3 days – Sept. 2004 – Ontario Fire College certificate awarded.

TORONTO ARSON TASK FORCE – Toronto

- Fire scene investigations – 3 days – May 2006 Certificate received

ARSON NIAGARA COMMITTEE – Grimsby

- Fire Scene investigations – Health & Safety Issues – 2 days – Nov. 2006 – certificate received

CAFI – Toronto

- Electrical power distribution systems fires – 1 day – April 2007 – certificate received

CAFI – Toronto

- Investigating propane & gas explosions – 1 day Certificate received, Nov. 2007

FIRE INVESTIGATIONS:

- Employed as a fire & auto theft investigator by Royal & SunAlliance Insurance for over 11 years.
- With the assistance of expert independent fire investigators have investigated over 240 fires since 1996. Of these, 36 were vehicle fires.
- Received expert on-scene training from Peter Heyerhoff of PLH Investigations Ltd, John Coull of Origin & Cause Inc., Mazen Habash of Origin & Cause Inc., Tom McIntyre of Origin & Cause Inc., Bill Osborne of Origin & Cause Inc. and David Scott of DGS Investigations.
- Have testified in Criminal Court, Barrie, Ont. Re: fire scene investigation.