



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, and Northern Arkansas. He specializes in fire cause and origin investigations on behalf of companies and organizations handling property damage claims. He is 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) 545-4445 or (800) 400-4305. For more information, contact the **ACS** web page at Firecause.com

WORK HISTORY & EXPERIENCE: Fire Investigator
ACS Investigative Services (9/2001-present)
17 Hawk Ridge Circle
Lake Saint Louis, MO 63367
PHONE: (636) 561-6100 or (800) 400-4305

Fire Inspector
Missouri Division of Fire Safety (5/1999 – 9/2001)
Industrial Drive
Jefferson City, MO
PHONE: (800) 877-5688
SUPERVISOR: Jimmy Henderson
Duties included conducting code compliance inspections on state licensed facilities, fireworks locations, and amusement parks in sixteen Southeast Missouri counties.

Fire Marshal
Kennett, Missouri Fire Department (9/1991-11/1999)
309 St. Francis Street
Kennett, MO 63857
PHONE: (573) 888-4512
SUPERVISOR: John Mallott
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.

Sergeant (E-5) Squad Leader
Missouri Army National Guard (1/1991 – 1/2000)
1137th Military Police Company
1450 North By-Pass
Kennett, Missouri 63857
PHONE: (573) 888-3973
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.

EDUCATION: Mississippi County Community College
Blytheville, Arkansas (6/1988-5/1989)
Basic Studies

Arkansas State University
Jonesboro, Arkansas (8/1987-5/1988)
Basic Studies

**TECHNICAL
TRAINING:**

University of Missouri – Extension – 11/1992
Kennett, MO
CLASS: Fire Fighter I

State of Missouri – 4/1993
Emergency Management Agency
CLASS: Radiological Monitors
(8 hours)

University of Missouri – Extension – 6/1993
Kennett, MO
CLASS: Basic Pump Operations
(12 hours)

University of Missouri – Extension – 10/1993
Jackson, MO
CLASS: Emergency Response Driving
(12 hours)

University of Missouri – Extension – 10/1993
Cape Girardeau, MO
CLASS: Fire Arson Detection
(12 hours)

National Fire Academy – 11/1993
Kennett, MO
CLASS: Incident Command System
(12 hours)

University of Missouri – Extension – 2/1994
Columbia, MO
CLASS: Survival Techniques in Interior Operations
(4 hours)

University of Missouri – Extension – 2/1994
Columbia, MO
CLASS: Chemistry and Behavior of Fire
(4 hours)

University of Missouri – Extension – 2/1994
Columbia, MO
CLASS: Aerial Apparatus Strategies and Tactics
(4 hours)

Missouri Intergovernmental Risk Management Association
Kennett, MO

CLASS: Defensive Driving
(4 hours)

University of Missouri – Extension – 3/1994
Kennett, MO
CLASS: Vehicle Extrication
(12 hours)

University of Missouri – Extension – 8/1994
Columbia, MO
CLASS: Truck Company Fireground Operations
(12 hours)

University of Missouri – Extension – 10/1994
Jackson, MO
CLASS: Advanced Pump Operations
(12 hours)

University of Missouri – Extension – 5/1995
Hayti, MO
CLASS: Handling LP Gas Emergencies
(12 hours)

University of Missouri – Extension – 5/1995
Kennett, MO
CLASS: Fire Fighter II

University of Missouri – Extension – 10/1995
Jackson, MO
CLASS: Fire Arson Detection
(12 hours)

Dunklin County Emergency Management – 2/1996
Kennett, MO
CLASS: Hazardous Materials Awareness
(6 hours)

Missouri Emergency Response Commission – 9/1996
Poplar Bluff, MO
CLASS: UP911 Tank Car & Dome Trailer Training
(8 hours)

National Fire Academy – 11/1996
Cape Girardeau, MO
CLASS: Instructor Techniques for Company Officers
(12 hours)

University of Missouri – Extension – 11/1996
Cape Girardeau, MO
CLASS: Training Reports and Records
(4 hours)

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

Missouri Division of Fire Safety – 12/1996
Kennett, MO
CLASS: Fire Department Instructor

Missouri Division of Fire Safety – 3/1997
Jefferson City, MO
CLASS: Introduction to Fire Inspection Principals & Practices
(16 hours)

Missouri Division of Fire Safety – 3/1997
Jefferson City, MO
CLASS: Fire Inspector Course – Module One
(16 hours)

University of Missouri – Extension – 4/1997
Kennett, MO
CLASS: Hazardous Materials Incident Response – Awareness
(6 hours)

Missouri Division of Fire Safety – 4/1997
Jefferson City, MO
CLASS: Fire Inspector Course – Module Two
(16 hours)

Missouri Division of Fire Safety – 5/1997
Jefferson City, MO
Class: Fire Inspector Course – Module Three
(12 hours)

Missouri Division of Fire Safety – 6/1997
Jefferson City, MO
CLASS: Fire Inspector Course – Module Four
(13 hours)

Missouri Division of Fire Safety – 6/1997
Sedalia, MO
CLASS: Fire Investigator Course
(40 hours)

Missouri Division of Fire Safety – 7/1997
Jefferson City, MO
CLASS: Fire Inspector Course – Module Five
(14 hours)

University of Missouri – Extension – 10/1997
Kennett, MO
CLASS: Handling LP Gas Emergencies – Delivery Truck
(12 hours)

Missouri Division of Fire Safety – 10/1997
Jefferson City, MO
CERTIFIED: Fire Investigator

National Fire Academy – 11/1997
Emmitsburg, MD
CLASS: Fire Inspection Principles
(80 hours)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – 12/1997
Malden, MO
CLASS: Hazardous Materials – Technician
(40 hours)

University of Missouri – Extension – 4/1998
Dexter, MO
CLASS: Fire Service Instructor I

University of Missouri – Extension – 4/1998
Kennett, MO
CLASS: Instructor – Basic Pump Operations
(12 hours)

University of Missouri – Extension – 5/1998
Kennett, MO
CLASS: Instructor – Hazardous Materials Awareness
(6 hours)

Missouri Division of Fire Safety – 5/1998
Jefferson City, MO
CERTIFIED: Fire Inspector

National Emergency Training Center – 7/1998
Independent Study Course
CLASS: Radiological Emergency Management

State of Missouri – 5/1999
Jefferson City, MO
CLASS: Managing Diversity
(4 hours)

State of Missouri – 7/1999
Jefferson City, MO
CLASS: Preventing Sexual Harassment
(4 hours)

Missouri Division of Fire Safety – 3/2000
Jefferson City, MO
CLASS: Pyrotechnic Training
(6 hours)

Jefferson County Fire Marshal's Association – 3/2000
Arnold, MO
CLASS: NEC Electrical Code Update
What You Need To Know About Fire Stopping
(7 hours)

Jefferson County Fire Marshal's Association – 8/2000
Arnold, MO
CLASS: Concepts of the International Fire Code, 2000
(7 hours)

Fire Marshal's Association of Missouri Conference – 11/2000
Lake Ozark, Missouri
(12 hours)

University of Missouri – Extension – 8/2001
Portageville, MO
CLASS: First on the Drug Lab Scene
(4 hours)

Professional Fire & Fraud Investigators Association Conference
9/2003
St. Louis, Missouri
(19 hours)

August A. Mazzone Fire Investigation Conference
International Association of Arson Investigators-Illinois Chapter
5/2004
Whittington, Illinois
(14 hours)

Professional Fire & Fraud Investigators Association Conference
9/2004
Springfield, Missouri
(19 hours)

August A. Mazzone Fire Investigation Conference
International Association of Arson Investigators-Illinois Chapter
4/2006
Whittington, Illinois
(16 hours)

ORGANIZATIONS: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