



Ryan's experience in the fire service started in 1995 when he became a volunteer firefighter for the Sheridan Volunteer Fire Department, Sheridan, IN. Since then, he has become trained and certified in various fire related skills. Ryan's duties with the fire department include firefighting, rescues, emergency medical services, and fire investigations.

In 1997 Ryan began to get involved in fire investigations with the department. During that time he assisted in many fire investigations, including one of the last church arson fires set by a noted serial arsonist in Indiana. In 1999 Ryan took his first fire investigation class, Fire Investigator I. At Sheridan, he investigated fire scenes along with the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office, the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, and the Federal Bureau of Investigations. He was a member of the Hamilton County Fire Investigators Task Force. During his time at Sheridan, he helped develop a fire investigation program. He spent numerous hours researching and writing a request for an arson prevention grant provided by FM Global. The fire department was awarded the grant in December of 2002, and purchased camera equipment with the money.

Ryan began his college education at Indiana State University in the fall of 1997. For two years he majored in Criminology, before transferring to Oklahoma State University in the fall of 1999. At Oklahoma State, he majored in Fire Protection and Safety Engineering Technology and received his Bachelor's Degree in May of 2003.

Starting in the summer of 2000, Ryan was an intern for Kodiak Fire & Safety Consulting. He assisted Kodiak investigators with fire scene processing and documentation. Other projects that summer included developing and maintaining a storage program for Kodiak's evidence storage facility and coordinating and overseeing a live fire test burn of a house for a fire investigation class at Indiana Vocational Technical College. Ryan attended the National Association of Fire Investigator's (NAFI) National Fire Investigation Seminar in Chicago, IL. At that time he was approved for and passed the Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator (CFEI) examination.

Ryan also worked for Kodiak at various times throughout the year, maintaining the evidence storage facility, and assisting with fire scene investigations.

Ryan continued interning for Kodiak the summers of 2001 and 2002. The internship exposed him to investigation experience in some of the largest fire losses in United States History. In 2002, he assisted in the investigation of a half-billion dollar fire loss in the one million square foot River Cities Warehouse fire in Davenport, Iowa. During the summer of 2003, Ryan assisted in the investigation of the \$45 million dollar fire loss in the 44,000 square foot Chateau du Triomphe mansion fire in Dallas, Texas.

In January of 2003, Ryan became a full time employee of Kodiak Enterprises, Inc. as the principle fire investigator for BearTrack Fire Investigators, a division of Kodiak. This division was formed specifically to allow Ryan to develop a professional relationship with insurance carriers in their need for prompt, efficient fire scene examinations.

In January of 2004, Ryan was transferred from BearTrack Fire Investigators to a fire investigator position with Kodiak Fire & Safety Consulting. For more information about Ryan, please see his Curriculum Vitae and Fee Schedule.