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ONLINE COURSE INFORMATION SHEET

Course Number: FS2153

Course Title: Fire Arson Investigation

Course Description: This course is intended to provide the student with the fundamentals and technical knowledge needed for proper fire scene interpretations, including recognizing and conducting origin and cause, preservation of evidence and documentation, scene security, motives of the fire setter, and types of fire causes. Internet students must have access to the Internet and a browser.

Instructor Name: James Utsey

Instructor Bio

For the past 34 years James has served in various capacities as a member of the professional fire service. He began his career with the Camden, Arkansas Fire Department in March of 1979. He retired from the Camden Fire Department in 1999 at the rank of Captain after 20 years of service.

James became an adjunct instructor with the Arkansas Fire Academy in 1995. In 2002 he began his career as a full time instructor with the academy. In 2007 he became Assistant Director for On Campus Programs and Coordinator for the Firefighter Standards Program. In 2009 he began managing the IFSAC (International Fire Service Accreditation Congress) and ProBoard (National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications) accreditation/certification and testing programs. In 2009 James founded Operation S.A.F.E (Smoke Alarms For the Elderly), a grant funded program to provide and install smoke detectors for the elderly citizens of Camden and Ouachita County.

James has an A.A in General Studies from Southern Arkansas University Tech. in Camden, Arkansas, an A.A.S in Fire Protection Technology from Garland County Community College in Hot Springs, Arkansas, a B.P.S in Fire Administration from the University of Memphis in Memphis, Tennessee, and a MPA in Public Administration from Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, Arkansas.

Prerequisite: Hazardous Materials – Awareness

Textbook Information: DeHaan, PhD, J. (n.d.). *Kirks fire investigation* (6th ed.). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall.

Learning Outcomes:

There are various course requirements from which students will earn points. The following bullet points explain how those points are earned and the requirement for each venue.

- **Unit Summary:** As a student you will be required to develop a Unit Summary for each of the **five** units of this course. These Summaries are each worth up to **60 points** per unit, for a total of up to **300 points** toward your overall grade for this course. This summary will require you to identify three key aspects from the respective unit and draft a **two page** document explaining the important aspects of the unit you just completed. In this summary you must describe how the information found in the unit relates to the field of fire investigations. These summaries must be submitted in a Word document format using the assignment tool in Blackboard. Questions related to the key aspects of each Chapter are listed in the learning guide for each Unit. These questions should assist you in writing your summary for each unit so be sure to use them as a guide during your summary development process.
- **Unit Review Questions:** You will also be required to complete the Unit Review Questions for each of the **five** units of this course. These Unit Review questions are worth up to **40 points** per unit, for a total of up to **200 points** toward your overall course grade. These questions, which will be posted on Blackboard in the Learning Guide for each Unit and Chapter, require short answers not to exceed one page per question. As a student you are required to respond to the postings and applying the knowledge gained from your review of text when answering these questions. The questions will be developed and posted by the instructor and must be submitted in Word document format using the assignment tool in Blackboard.
- **Final Exam:** You are also required to complete the Final Exam for this course. The Final Exam is worth a total of up to **500 points**. The final exam for this course **must** be taken at an approved proctored test site. Failure to do so will result in a "0" for this exam. Visit the SAU Tech website at www.sautech.edu for a list of the approved sites or see the announcement section of my Blackboard.

On-Campus Requirement

The final exam must be taken at an approved proctor site. Visit the college website at www.sautech.edu for detailed information.

Modes of Interaction

Students will be required to answer discussion questions posted on the discussion board and points will be assigned as indicated above.

Methods of Assessment

The final exam must be taken at an approved proctor site.

Enrollment Procedures

SAU Tech is an open admissions college; however, we have several items that you must provide in order to be admitted:

- Submit application for admission.
- Submit a high school transcript or GED, and official college transcripts from all previously attended colleges (if applicable).
- Provide proof of two immunizations against measles, mumps and rubella.
- Take a placement test. Students enrolling must submit ACT, SAT, ASSET or COMPASS scores. Students can take the ASSET or COMPASS test at SAU Tech.

Students are responsible for all tuition and fees at the time of registration. Students must officially drop by written notice or in person in order to reduce their balance owed. If students never attend class, he/she will still be assessed partial tuition and full student processing fees, unless completely he/she completely withdraws during the 100% refund period.

In order for a student to drop a class, he/she must complete a drop form or send written request to his/her advisor. A \$5 drop fee is assessed for drops that take place after the registration period ends.

Admissions Office Website: <http://www.sautech.edu.edu/studentResources/admissions.aspx>

Course Registration Website: <http://www.sautech.edu/studentResources/advising.aspx>

Technical Requirements and Resources: Students will need Internet access and have the ability to send and receive e-mail attachments using the e-mail within Blackboard.

Library Website: <http://www.sautech.edu/lrc/index.aspx>

Bookstore Website: <http://sautech.textbooktech.com>

Adult Learner Resources: Online library and bookstore services can be obtained at the library and bookstore websites. Advising services can be obtained at <http://www.sautech.edu/studentResources/advising.aspx>.

Student Support and Learning Resources: Online library and bookstore services can be obtained at the library and bookstore websites. Advising services can be obtained at <http://www.sautech.edu/studentResources/advising.aspx>.

Other Considerations

Prior computer skills are essential for success in an online class. Prior to enrolling in an online class, you should be able to:

- Surf the Internet and download web pages
- E-mail and attach files and know proper e-mail etiquette
- Use Microsoft Word skills and submit papers with correct format, grammar and spelling

All first time online students are required to complete Learning Strategies before they will be allowed to take their online course(s). The purpose of Learning Strategies is to teach students how to use Blackboard and provide information about other systems that students will use while a student at SAU Tech.

There are computer programs and other things that you will need if you are taking an online course from SAU Tech. To make it easier for you, we have compiled a list of these things. Before beginning your online course, you should go ahead and make sure each of these programs listed below are loaded on every computer that you will use while taking your online course(s).

- Microsoft Word – used to complete assignments and submit to instructor
 - Can be accessed via SkyDrive inside your student email account. **FREE**
 - Can be purchased from Wal Mart or other software vendor and will need to be loaded on to your computer
 - There is also a **free** product that works just as good as the Microsoft Office Suite. You can download it at <http://download.openoffice.fm/free/?pk=26976>
- Adobe Reader 7.0 or higher – used to read files in pdf format
 - Cost: Free
 - Can be downloaded to your computer from <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>
- Adobe Flash Player (7 or higher) – used to view study activities and demonstrations in Learning Strategies course

- Cost: Free
 - Can be downloaded to your computer from http://www.adobe.com/shockwave/download/download.cgi?P1_Prod_Version=ShockwaveFlash
- Macromedia Shockwave Player 8.5.1 – used for interactive quizzes, animations and activities
 - Cost: Free
 - Can be downloaded to your computer from <http://www.macromedia.com/shockwave/download/download.cgi?>
- Windows Media Player – used to listen play audio files
 - Cost: Free
 - Comes as part of your Windows operating system
- Java – a technology that is required in order for Blackboard to function properly as well as some other programs that SAU Tech uses with its online classes (**Note: Only one version of Java can be running on your computer at a time.**)
 - Cost: Free
 - Can be downloaded to your computer from <http://javashop1m.sun.com/ECom/docs/Welcome.jsp?StoreId=22&PartDetailId=jre->