

**Curriculum Vitae of  
Sheriff Larry R. Smith**

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

Smith County Sheriff  
January 1, 2013 to present

U.S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms  
& Explosives  
Arson & Explosives Programs Division  
Arson Explosives Enforcement Branch April 17,  
2005 – January 31, 2011  
99 New York Avenue, N.E.  
Washington, DC  
(202) 927-8807  
International Response Team Member  
National Response Team Member  
Certified Fire Investigator  
Certified Explosives Specialist  
Forensic Mapper

U.S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms &  
Explosives  
Tyler Field Office January 24, 2003 – April 17,  
2005  
110 North College  
Suite 1500  
Tyler, Texas 75702  
(903) 590-1475  
Special Agent (Criminal Investigator)  
Certified Fire Investigator  
Certified Explosives Specialist  
Team Leader – East Texas Arson & Explosives  
Task Force  
Assistant Team Supervisor ATF National Response  
Team

U.S. Department of the Treasury, Bureau of  
Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms  
Tyler Field Office September 1989 – January 24,  
2003  
110 North College  
Suite 1500  
Tyler, Texas 75702  
(903) 590-1475  
Special Agent (Criminal Investigator)  
Team Leader East Texas Arson and Explosives  
Task Force  
Assistant Team Supervisor ATF National Response  
Team

U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement  
Administration  
Denver, Colorado Field Division, August 1987 -  
September 1989  
U.S. Customs House  
Denver, Colorado  
(303) 844-3541  
Special Agent (Criminal Investigator)

Gregg County Sheriff's Office, September 1976 -  
August 1987  
PO Box 506  
Longview, Texas 75601  
(903) 236-8400  
Captain Criminal Investigation Division - April  
1983 - August 1987  
Lieutenant Criminal Investigation Division -  
December 1980 - March 1983  
Criminal Investigator - November 1978 -  
November 1980  
Patrol Officer - September 1976 - October 1978

**CERTIFICATIONS**

Certified Fire Investigator (ATF), November 2000  
  
Certified Explosives Specialist (ATF), April 1997  
  
Certified Fire Investigator - Texas Commission on  
Fire Protection, October 1999  
  
Certified Firearms Instructor (ATF), May 1991  
  
Texas Commission for Law Enforcement  
Standards and Education  
Master Peace Officer

**EDUCATION**

University of Maryland University College  
College Park, Maryland  
(9) Semester hours  
Fire & Explosives related curriculum  
  
The University of Texas at Tyler  
Tyler, Texas  
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice  
December 1986  
  
Kilgore Junior College  
Kilgore, Texas  
Associate of Applied Arts in Criminal Justice  
May 1976

## **SPECIALIZED TRAINING**

ATF National Response Team Training  
May 18 – May 20, 2010 (24 hours)  
Texas A&M  
College Station, Texas

ATF Certified Fire Investigator Re-certification  
July 24, 2009 – July 28, 2009 (40 hours)  
Kansas City, Missouri

New Mexico Tech  
Energetic Materials Research Center  
Socorro, New Mexico  
Large Vehicle Bomb Research Project  
August 27 – 29th, 2008

ATF National Response Team Training  
March 31 – April 2, 2008 (24 hours)  
San Diego, California

International Association of Bomb  
Technicians and Investigators  
International Conference  
June 9 – 13, 2008  
Louisville, Kentucky

ATF Certified Fire Investigator Re-certification  
June 2 – June 6, 2008 (40 hours)  
Wilmington, North Carolina

ATF National Response Team Training  
March 19 – March 23, 2007 (40 hours)  
Texas A&M  
College Station, Texas

ATF Explosives Specialist Re-certification  
August 20, 2006 – August 31, 2006 (80 hours)  
Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia

ATF Certified Fire Investigator Re-certification  
July 24, 2006 – July 28, 2006 (40 hours)  
Federal Law Enforcement Training Center  
Brunswick, Georgia

Map Scenes Forensic Mapping Training  
February 6, 2006 – February 10, 2006 (40 Hours)  
Grand Island, Nebraska

ATF National Response Team Training  
December 5, 2005 – December 9, 2005 (40  
hours)  
Gatlinburg, Tennessee

Cad Zone Forensic Mapping Training  
May 16, 2005 – May 20, 2005 (40 hours)  
Longview, Texas

ATF Certified Fire Investigator Re-certification  
February 1, 2005 – February 11, 2005 (80 hours)  
Ammendale, Maryland  
Fire Research Laboratory

ATF National Response Team  
Incident Safety Officer Training  
Maryland Fire Research Institute  
College Park, MD  
June 7 – 11 2004 (40 Hours)

ATF Certified Fire Investigator Re-certification  
July 18 – July 24, 2004 (40 hours)  
Ammendale, Maryland  
Fire Research Laboratory

ATF Certified Fire Investigator Re-certification  
July 18 – July 24, 2003 (40 hours)  
Ammendale, Maryland  
Fire Research Laboratory

ATF Certified Fire Investigator Re-certification  
June 4 – June 16, 2002 (80 hours)

Wild Land and Ship Fire Investigation  
Williamsburg, VA

ATF National Response Team Training  
November 3 – November 7, 2003 (40 hours)  
New Orleans, LA

ATF National Response Team Training  
November 18 – November 22, 2002 (40 hours)  
Fair Lakes, VA

ATF National Response Team Training  
December 10 – December 14, 2001 (40 hours)  
Oklahoma City, OK

Critical Incident Management  
January 8 – January 10, 2001  
Dallas, Texas

ATF National Response Team Training –  
(40 Hours) - December 2000  
NRT Annual Training  
Austin, Texas

University of Maryland  
Fire Phenomena and Enclosure Fires  
August 14 - August 25, 2000  
College Park Maryland

University of Maryland University College (3 semester hours)  
January 2000 - May 2000  
Fire Dynamics  
College Park, Maryland

ATF National Response Team Training - (40 Hours) - March 1999  
NRT Annual Training  
Ft. Worth, Texas

Advanced Origin and Cause (80 Hours) - July 1999  
Federal Law Enforcement Training Center  
Glynco, Georgia

ATF Explosives Specialist Re-certification (40 hours) - January 1999  
Ft. McClellan, Alabama

University of Maryland University College (3 semester hours)  
January 1999 - May 1999  
Incendiary Fire Analysis  
College Park, Maryland

Chemistry of Pyrotechnics (40 Hours)  
December 1998  
Irvine, California

National Fire Academy (80 Hours) - September 1998  
Fire Origin and Cause  
Emmitsburg, Maryland

International Association of Bomb Technicians and Investigators  
IABTI Annual Seminar - (40 Hours) June 1998  
Reno, Nevada

ATF National Response Team Training - (40 Hours) - June 1998  
NRT Annual Training  
Reno, Nevada

Naval School Explosives Ordnance Disposal (80 Hours)  
February 1998  
Improvised Explosive Devices  
Indian Head, Maryland

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (40 Hours)  
- October 1997  
Hazardous Materials Incident Response Operations  
Cincinnati, Ohio

ATF National Response Team Training - (40 Hours) - September 1997  
NRT Annual Training  
Collinsville, Illinois

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (40 Hours) - May 1997  
ATF Post Blast Investigations  
Ft. Sill, Oklahoma

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (80 Hours) - April 1997  
Explosives Specialist Certification  
Ft. McClellan, Alabama

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (80 Hours)  
December 1995  
Analytical Interviewing Instructors Training  
Federal Law Enforcement Training Center  
Glynco, Georgia

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (80 Hours)  
February 1993  
Firearm Instructors Training & Certification  
Federal Law Enforcement Training Center  
Glynco, Georgia

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (40 Hours) - September 1992  
Firearms Interstate Nexus Training  
San Francisco, California

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (80 Hours) - August 1990  
Advanced Safety and Survival Training  
Federal Law Enforcement Training Center  
Glynco, Georgia

Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (8 Weeks) - May 1990  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms New Agent Training  
Distinguished Graduate  
Arial Rios Memorial Award for Leadership  
FLETC - Glynco, Georgia

United States Department of Justice, DEA (80 Hours) April 1989  
Asset Forfeiture & Financial Investigations Training  
San Antonio, Texas

United States Department of Justice, DEA (40 Hours) July 1988  
Clandestine Laboratory Investigation Training  
Seattle, Washington

United States Department of Justice, DEA (40 Hours) June 1988  
Clandestine Laboratory Safety Training  
Sacramento, California

United States Department of Justice, DEA (14 Weeks) - December 1987  
Drug Enforcement Administration Basic Agent Training  
Quantico, Virginia

Texas Department of Public Safety (80 Hours) May 1981  
Psychological Profile Training  
Texas Department of Public Safety Training Academy  
Austin, Texas

Texas Commission for Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education (80 Hours) - April 1982  
Management Training  
Bandera, Texas

Texas Department of Public Safety (40 Hours) - September 1981  
Anti-Terrorism and Hostage Negotiations  
Austin, Texas

East Texas Police Academy (40 Hours) - June 1981  
Crime Scene Investigation  
Kilgore, Texas

Federal Bureau of Investigation (80 Hours) October 1980  
Homicide and Sex Crimes Investigation  
East Texas Police Academy  
Kilgore, Texas

Instructor at approximately eighty seminars for State and Local

law enforcement and fire department agencies on explosives recognition and post blast investigation.

Instructed at approximately twenty seminars for School Districts in explosives recognition and critical incident planning.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Texas Homicide Conference  
Post Blast Homicide Investigations  
Tyler, Texas  
March 5, 2007

Post Blast Investigations  
International Law Enforcement Academy  
Budapest, Hungary  
September 21, 2006 – September 29, 2006  
40 Hours

Texas Rangers Post Blast Training  
East Texas Police Academy  
Kilgore, Texas  
May 2, 2005 – May 5, 2005  
32 Hours

Post Blast Investigations  
International Law Enforcement Academy  
June 19 – June 27, 2003  
Budapest, Hungary  
80 Hours

Post Blast Investigations  
International Law Enforcement Academy  
February 22 – March 10, 2003  
Bangkok, Thailand  
80 Hours

Transportation Safety Administration  
Explosives Recognition &  
X-Ray Interpretation  
January 28 - 30th, 2003  
Coppell, Texas

Post Blast Investigations  
International Law Enforcement Academy  
September 16th thru September 27th, 2002  
Budapest, Hungary  
80 Hours

Post Blast Investigations  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms  
December 8 – December 13, 2002

Orlando, Florida  
40 Hours

Investigator Prosecutor Relations & Interfire  
East Texas Arson Investigators Association  
October 2000  
Longview, Texas

Texas Rangers Post Blast Training  
East Texas Police Academy  
October 24 - 26, 2000  
Kilgore, Texas

Bombing Homicides  
Texas Homicide Symposium  
April 1999  
Dallas, Texas

Instructor Explosives Specialist Re-certification  
January 1999  
Ft. McClellan, Alabama

Advanced Analytical Interviewing  
Texas Arson Investigators Seminar  
October 1997  
Austin, Texas

Managing Cooperating Individuals  
East Texas Arson Investigators Association  
October 1998  
Longview, Texas

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms National  
Academy  
Advanced Agent Training  
Clandestine Laboratory Safety  
June 1991  
Federal Law Enforcement Training Center  
Glynco, Georgia

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms National  
Academy  
Advanced Agent Training  
Clandestine Laboratory Safety  
August 1990  
Federal Law Enforcement Training Center  
Glynco, Georgia

Kilgore Junior College  
Criminal Justice Instructor  
Criminal Investigation  
1989-1990

Kilgore Junior College

Criminal Justice Instructor  
Criminal Investigation  
1985-1986

International Association of Chiefs of Police (40  
Hours)  
September 1980  
National Homicide Conference  
Longview, Texas

## **AWARDS**

Mothers Against Drunk Drivers MADD  
Difference Maker Award 2014  
November 19, 2014

Sheriff's Association of Texas  
Presidents Award 2014  
San Antonio, Texas July 29, 2014

The National Society of the  
Sons of the American Revolution  
Law Enforcement Commendation Medal  
July 22, 2014

Liberty Bell Award  
Smith County Bar Association 2014

United States Department of Justice  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,  
Firearms and Explosives  
Johnny Massengale Memorial Award  
For Explosives Expertise exhibited  
during International Response to  
Gerdec, Albania  
February 19, 2009

City of Tyler, Texas  
Certificate of Appreciation  
Downtown Fire Investigation  
February 2, 2009

U.S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and  
Explosives  
Performance Award  
December 2007

U.S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and  
Explosives  
Special Act or Service Award  
September 2007

U.S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and  
Explosives  
Performance Award  
December 2006

U.S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and  
Explosives  
Special Act or Service Award  
September 2006

U.S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and  
Explosives  
Special Act or Service Award  
September 2005

U.S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and  
Explosives  
Special Act or Service Award  
April 2004

U.S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and  
Explosives  
Special Act or Service Award  
January 2004

U.S. Department of the Treasury  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms  
Special Act or Service Award  
June 2003

U.S. Department of the Treasury  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms  
Special Act or Service Award  
February 2003

U.S. Department of the Treasury  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms  
Special Act or Service Award  
August 2000

U.S. Department of the Treasury  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms  
Special Act or Service Award  
June 2000

U.S. Department of the Treasury  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms  
Special Act or Service Award  
May 2000

U.S. Department of the Treasury  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms  
Special Act or Service Award  
September 1999

U.S. Department of the Treasury  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms  
Special Act or Service Award  
December 1998

U.S. Department of the Treasury  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms  
Special Act or Service Award  
September 1998

U.S. Department of the Treasury  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms  
Career Service Award  
August 1997

U.S. Department of the Treasury  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms  
Special Act or Service Award  
March 1997

U.S. Department of the Treasury  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms  
Special Act or Service Award  
April 1994

U.S. Department of the Treasury  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms  
Special Act or Service Award  
January 1993

East Texas Peace Officers Association  
Outstanding Peace Officer Award  
May 1982

## **LETTERS OF COMMENDATION**

Upshur County, Texas  
District Attorney's Office  
Letter of Commendation  
Arson Criminal Trial  
December 2010

United States Department of Justice  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms  
& Explosives  
Letter of Commendation  
East Texas Church Fire Investigation  
Assistant Director  
Office of Field Operations  
May 2010

United States Department of Justice

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms  
& Explosives  
Letter of Commendation  
East Texas Pipe Bomb Investigation  
May 12, 2010

Letter of commendation  
City of Colorado Springs, Colorado  
Fire Chief Manuel Navarro  
January 2007

Letter of commendation - Hank Nava Homicide  
Investigation  
Tarrant County, Texas District Attorney's Office  
December 2007

Letter of commendation  
Amador Fire Protection District  
Jackson, California  
October 2007

Letter of commendation - TSA Training  
Brad Snelling, DFW Training Coordinator  
United States Department of Transportation  
Transportation Security Administration  
February 2003

Letter of commendation - ILEA Budapest,  
Hungary  
Director Dale Wegkamp  
International Law Enforcement Academy  
April 2003

Letter of commendation - NRT Response Orange,  
Texas  
Assistant Special Agent in Charge - Houston Field  
Division  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms  
May 2003

Letter of commendation - ATF Training &  
Professional Development  
Arson and Explosives Training Branch  
Post Blast Training  
November 2002

Letter of commendation - NRT Response  
Pearland, Texas  
Special Agent in Charge - Houston Field Division  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms  
July 2002

Letter of commendation - Pentagon National  
Response

Director - United States Department of the  
Treasury  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms  
September 2002

Letter of commendation - National Church Arson  
Task Force  
United States Department of the Treasury and  
United  
States Attorney General's Office  
July 1999

Letter of commendation - United States  
Department of Justice,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation - Director Louis J.  
Freeh  
June 1998

Letter of commendation - Under Secretary of the  
Treasury  
Raymond W. Kelly - Atlanta Olympic Games  
August 1996

Letter of commendation - Sulphur Springs, Texas  
Police Department  
Bombing Investigation  
March 1992

U.S. Department of the Treasury  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms  
Ariel Rios Memorial Award for Leadership  
May 1990

Letter of commendation - Shelby County, Texas  
District  
Attorney's Office  
March 1990

Letter of commendation - Letourneau College  
Longview, Texas  
Mark Clinesmith Homicide Investigation  
March 1983

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

National Sheriff's Association

Sheriff's Association of Texas - Assigned to  
Legislative Committee, Texas Commission on Law  
Enforcement Committee and Texas Jail  
Commission Committee

International Association of Chiefs of Police

International Association of Arson Investigators

International Association of Bomb Technicians and  
Investigators

East Texas Arson Investigators Association

International Association of Firearms Instructors

Smith County Peace Officers Association

East Texas Peace Officers Association

National Rifle Association