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AWARDS/HONORS

Leadership Award

Cherokee Historical Association

August 2022

PYROTECHNICS

Designer

Unto These Hills – Mountainside Theatre

2024 – Present

222: A Ghost Story – Canteen

June 2026

Holiday Inn – Bardo Arts Center

December 2025

Raven Mocker Screams – Mountainside Theatre

October 2025

Pepe's Pizza – Canteen

July 2024

Everybody Black Part 3 – Canteen

August 2023

Dracula: The Failings of Men – Mountainside Theatre

September 2022

Pyrotechnic Operator

Cherokee Historical Association

May 2021 – Present

- Responsible for creation, execution, and user safety of pyrotechnical elements of a large-scale outdoor historical drama. (Includes: rifles, flash pots, smoke cartridges, torches, 20 gallon propane tank, and one military cannon)
- Ongoing use of deductive reasoning in real-time to assess problems and make adjustments for a diverse group of people from all over the world, with varying levels of pyrotechnical proficiency.
- Ensured employee compliance with safety protocol as per NFPA guidelines and managed implementation of disciplinary action for violations.
- Cultivated an empowering, teamwork-based atmosphere by instilling good habits and frequent check-ins.
- Lead multiple mandatory training workshops designed to instill good habits and reinforce best practices throughout the season.
- Built, organized, and continually updates a Pyrotechnical Bible containing a step-by-step guide to all aspects of the job each year.

Licensed Pyrotechnics Operator – North Carolina

Office of the State Fire Marshal – NC

June 2026 – Present

- Responsible for the Site Plan submitted to the Fire Marshal for site selection and operation.
- Set-up, operation, and breakdown of 1.3 and Proximate Audience level fireworks
- Site safety and control
- Coordination with sponsor and event workers to ensure smooth operation
- Real-time decision making and assessment of safety levels

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Certified Range Safety Officer

Midwest Shooting Center

Jan 2024 - May 2024

- Responsible for the well-being and safety of customers coming to use our indoor firing range
- Direct, advise, and assist shooters with operations of proper gun safety and mechanical issues
- Maintain order and create an environment of surety
- Sell firearms to legal purchasers following the guidelines set out by the ATF's Form 4473

Gun Wrangler

Murdered to Death - Mountainside Theatre

June 2026

The Mousetrap - Pendragon Theatre

January 2025

Everybody Black Part II - Mountainside Theatre

July 2023

Dracula: The Failings of Men - Mountainside Theatre

September 2022

Events

Mt. Airy Wedding

Carolina Pyros 2026

Hendersonville Wedding

Cold Spark Demo at Mountainside Theatre

March 2026

- Assisted in setup, operation, and breakdown of cold spark machines for demonstration purposes at Mountainside Theatre

Carolina Pyros

September 2025

- Setup and breakdown of 1.4 Fireworks for PyroWright and PyroNova

Resilience and Reflection Ceremony

September 2025

- Assisted in the setup and breakdown of a 1.4 Fireworks show for a Hurricane Helene remembrance event.

LICENSES

Outdoor Pyrotechnics Display Operator

North Carolina Office of the State Fire Marshal

June 2026

Proximate Audience Pyrotechnic Operator

North Carolina Office of the State Fire Marshal

October 2026

CERTIFICATIONS

6 Critical Practices for Leading a Team

Franklin Covey

September 2026

Theatrical Firearms Safety Course

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Society of American Fight Directors - Chuck Coyl

March 2026

PGI Course for 1.3 Effects

PGI - Jim Wright

February 2026

Heartsaver First Aid/CPR/AED Course

American Heart Association

July 2025- Present

Safe Use of Close Proximity and 1.4 Consumer Products

American Pyrotechnics Association - David Davis

September 2025

Display, Proximate, and Flame Effects Training

American Pyrotechnics Association - EMCEE MANAGEMENT

March 2024