

## Chicago Real Producers Shines a Spotlight on Charlie Bellefontaine

Chicago Real Producers publication featured Charlie Bellefontaine, the successful founder of Chicagoland Home Inspectors, Inc., in its newest Partner Spotlight.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, USA, October 1, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Charlie Bellefontaine, the founder of Chicagoland Home Inspectors, Inc., believes that building trust is the key to success in the real estate industry. "And you build that trust by consistently exceeding your client's expectations," says Charlie, drawing from his extensive background as a former fireman and paramedic.



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Charlie learned the importance of trust

while serving in high-pressure roles as a fireman and paramedic from 1980 until his retirement in 2018. Over those years, he participated in many rewarding and life-changing experiences. "I did some pretty memorable things, such as delivering five babies, rescuing people trapped in

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Charlie Bellefontaine

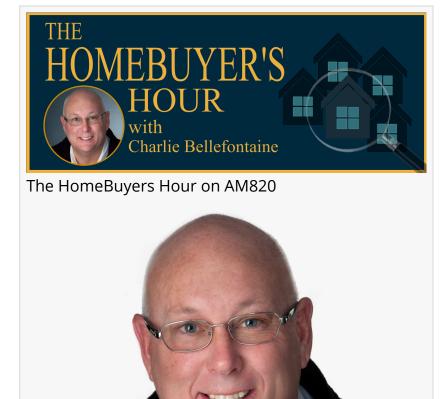
burning buildings, and countless other emergency interventions," says Charlie. "I was lucky to find a career that I was passionate about." Like many firefighters, he had another job on the side. He did concrete and framing work on his off days.

Charlie's journey to becoming a trusted name in the home inspection business began in 1992 when he transitioned from a career in emergency services. He recognized that the real estate industry required a commitment to quality and reliability that was not dissimilar from his previous lifesaving endeavors.

"Over 80 percent of home inspectors fail within the first two years," says Charlie. "They usually fail because of poor knowledge or bad business practices. In their wake, they leave unhappy clients, and the consequence is the profession's reputation is harmed."

When Charlie began, his primary instruments were a gas sniffer and the knowledge of an inspector. Since then, technology has advanced significantly, and Charlie has incorporated these advancements for the benefit of his clients. "We have added thermal imagers, moisture meters, black lights, combustion analyzers for furnaces, leak detection devices for pools, and we are now adding a solar component to our services," he says. "We use drones and sewer scopes too, which allow us to see areas we couldn't before."

Chicagoland Home Inspectors also carries errors and omissions insurance and general liability insurance. "We



Charles Bellefontaine of Chicagoland Home Inspectors, Inc.

also have a 90-day guarantee on all items we say are inspected and no disclaimers up to \$1,500. And if the roof is not damaged, we guarantee the roof for four years," states Charlie. In his thirty years as an inspector, Charlie has discovered alternative means of gaining the trust of prospective and current clients. After each inspection, he provides buyers with exhaustive listings of issues to assist them in making informed decisions. In addition, he offers Zoom video calls to elucidate issues and assess the associated costs.

However, their commitment to personalized service sets Chicagoland Home Inspectors apart. They schedule only one inspection per inspector per day, ensuring thoroughness and attention to detail. "We only schedule one inspection per inspector daily, so we don't rush our clients," Charlie explains. "We check every accessible outlet, switch, window, and door. Every issue is photographed or videoed," Charlie emphasizes.

Their dedication to client satisfaction has paid off, as evidenced by over 1,600 five-star reviews from happy customers.

But Charlie's commitment to the real estate industry doesn't stop at his business. With Patrick Loftus of Loftus Law and mortgage broker Joey Mathews, he launched "The HomeBuyer's Hour," a radio show and video podcast to share the keys to real estate success with fellow professionals.

"Our main goal is to emphasize that going above and beyond to provide exceptional service is paramount," Charlie states. "You must create a memorable experience, gain a deep understanding of client's needs, leverage your extensive knowledge and expertise, communicate clearly and consistently, and ensure clients are well-informed throughout the process."

Charlie also stresses the importance of choosing the right partners in the industry. "If you want to be the best, partner with the best," he advises. "Challenge all your partners to do more and keep improving, ensuring clients receive the best possible experience."

In Charlie's view, reputation is everything in real estate. "The three most important words in real estate are reputation, reputation, reputation," he adds. "Top-producing REALTORS® know that their reputation extends to



Joey Mathews of The VA Loan Nerd



Patrick Loftus of Loftus Law is a Co-Host on The HomeBuyers Hour

those they refer their clients to. The fastest way to ruin a client relationship is to violate their trust."

Beyond his professional endeavors, Charlie enjoys spending time with his wife and their five children. He also serves as the Illinois Association of Home Inspectors president and regularly

engages in discussions with fellow home inspectors nationwide.

Despite his busy schedule, Charlie remains grateful for his impact on the lives of his team of inspectors and their families and the lasting positive impressions he made on his clients throughout his career. "I still wake up in the morning with a smile, looking forward to starting the day," he says. "I feel as thankful when I see the impact we've made as I do when we get a phone call from a client years later, wanting to work with us again."

Charlie Bellefontaine's journey from firefighter and paramedic to successful home inspector is a testament to the power of trust, dedication, and unwavering commitment to excellence in the real estate industry. His story inspires professionals and clients alike, reminding us all that success in real estate begins with a foundation of trust and quality service.

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