

**CURRICULUM VITAE  
JOHN A. TEAGUE**

**CURRENT POSITION AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Certified Fire Investigator – Fire Cause Analysis July 2012 to Present
  - Formulate an opinion concerning origin, cause, or responsibility for investigating fires of accidental, undetermined, suspicious and incendiary origin, report investigative findings, so that the opinion regarding origin, cause, or responsibility for a fire supported by the data, facts, records, reports, documents, and evidence.
- United States Coast Guard Auxiliary (USCG) – District 11NR, Flotilla 55, 2018 to Present
  - Volunteer with the USCG Auxiliary responding to Coast Guard search and rescue operations.
  - USCG Vessel Examiner – conduct vessel safety inspections and issue USCG vessel safety certification.
  - Certified USCG Auxiliary Boat Crew 2018
  - Flotilla 55 Staff Officer, Public Education 2019
- Underwater Search and Recovery Team (UWSAR) – Sonoma County Sheriff Department, 2013 to Present
  - Volunteer with the Sonoma County Sheriff Department UWSAR Team responding to search and recovery operations. Assist law enforcement in searching for victims, weapons, stolen property, vehicles and other submerged objects that may have been used in a crime or accident.
- Hazmat First Responder Operations/DECON (FRO) – Sonoma County Fire Department, 2012 to 2018
  - Volunteer with the Sonoma County Fire Department Hazmat Team responding to hazmat emergencies and hazardous material incidents at the first responder operational level.
- Professional Photographer – Unique Images – John Teague Photography, 1985 to Present
  - Self-employed professional photographer and business owner, specializing in studio and location portrait photography, commercial and documentary photography. I have traveled to 23 different countries on a variety of photographic assignments.
  - Professional Photography Workshop Speaker and Technical Instructor

- Santa Rosa Fire Department Fire Corps – Santa Rosa Fire Department, 2011 to 04/06/2018
  - Volunteer with the Santa Rosa Fire Department as their official fire photographer photographing department fire suppression, training and fire investigation. Assist the SRFD in community outreach event (Fire Chief for a Day, Fire Prevention Week activities, Station Tours, etc.) and public education (Compression only CPR, Fire Prevention presentations).

### **FORMAL EDUCATION:**

- A.S. Degree – Fire Technologies, Santa Rosa Junior College, CA 2013
- A.A. Degree – Liberal Arts, College of the Redwoods Junior College, Eureka, CA 1977

### **INVESTIGATION EXPERIENCE:**

- Private Investigator:
  - Over 466+ fires as a private investigator for Fire Cause Analysis.
  - Certified as a qualified fire investigator with 3 nationally recognized governing organizations. (IAAI, NAFI and CCAI)

### **CERTIFICATION AND MEMBERSHIPS:**

- Certified Fire Investigator #22-0827117 (IAAI-CFI) 2019
- Certified Fire Investigator #711 (CFI-CCAI) 2013
- Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator #10585 (CFEI-NAFI) 2013
- Certified Fire Investigation Technician (IAAI-FIT) 2013
- Member of United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 113-05-05 (BQ) 2018
- Member of Sonoma County Sheriff Department (UWSAR Team) 2013
- Member of Santa Rosa Fire Department Fire Corps 2011
- Member of Sonoma County Hazardous Materials Response Team 2011
- Member of the California Conference of Arson Investigators (CCAI) 2011
- Member of the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI) 2011
- Member of the National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI) 2011
- Master Photographer Degree (PPA) 1990
- Photographer Craftsman Degree (PPA) 1987
- Certified Professional Photographer (CPP) 1985
- Member of Professional Photographer of America (PPA) 1978
- Member of Professional Photographers of California (PPC) 1978

### **VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATES AND TRAINING:**

- Western States Regional Training Seminar for Marine Investigation (11/13-14/2019)  
*Presented by International Association of Marine Investigators (IAMI) Henderson, NV*  
 – 16 hours

- How First Responders Impact the Fire Investigation (10/29/2019) – 2 hours (Tested)  
*Presented by International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. on CFI Trainer.Net.*
- Advance Fire and Arson Investigation (09/23/2019 – 09/26/2019) – 28 hours (Tested)  
*Presented by California Conference of Arson Investigators at the CCAI Conference in San Luis Obispo, CA. This course provides professional training continuing education in fire investigation. CCAI training meets or exceeds the requirements set forth in NFPA 921 and NFPA 1033.*
- Asbestos Awareness (08/14/2019) – Certificate #19081462296500  
*Presented by Jules Griggs (Instructor ID #892), Safety Unlimited, Inc., 2139 Tapo Street, Suite 228, Simi Valley, CA 93063 2hrs Asbestos Awareness Training for General Industry - Federal OSHA and EPA Regulation 29 CFR 1910.1001 (j)(7), 29 CFR 1915.1001 (k)(9), 29 CFR 1926.1101 (k)(9), 40 CFR Part 763 Subpart G and State OSHA/EPA Regulations.*
- Lead Awareness (08/11/2019) – Certificate #19081125296500  
*Presented by Jules Griggs (Instructor ID #892), Safety Unlimited, Inc., 2139 Tapo Street, Suite 228, Simi Valley, CA 93063 2hrs Lead Awareness Training for General Industry - Federal OSHA Regulation 29 CFR 1910.1025 (I) and 29 CFR 1915.1025 (I)*
- Regional Instructor Orientation (06/18/2019) – 8 Hours  
*This course provides the skills and knowledge needed to function as an approved instructor for the California Fire Service Training and Education System.*
- Ethical Leadership in the Classroom - ELC0092 (06/17/2019) – 8 Hours  
*This course is designed to provide the required ethical classroom training for instructors who will deliver State Fire Training programs for the California Fire Service Training and Education System.*
- Fire Service Instructor 2 (02/25/2019) – 40 Hours  
*This course provides the skills and knowledge needed for the intermediate level professional instructor to perform his or her duties safely, effectively, and competently. The curriculum is based on the 2012 edition of NFPA 1041 Standard for Fire Service Instructor Professional Qualifications and the 2012 edition of NFPA 1403 Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions. At the end of this course, candidates for Instructor II certification will be able to develop lesson plans and evaluation instruments, teach and deliver instruction, and evaluate and coach other instructors. The Instructor II will also be able to analyze resources and formulate a program budget. California Fire Service Training and Education System*
- Fire Service Instructor 1 (01/27/2019) – 40 Hours  
*This course provides the skills and knowledge needed for the entry level professional instructor to perform his or her duties safely, effectively, and competently. The curriculum is based on the 2012 edition of NFPA 1041 Standard for Fire Service Instructor Professional Qualifications. At the end of this course, candidates for Instructor I certification will be able*

*to teach and deliver instruction from a prepared lesson plan utilizing instructional aids and evaluation instruments. The Instructor I will also be able to adapt a lesson plan and complete the reporting requirements to the local jurisdiction. California Fire Service Training and Education System*

- Thermometry, Heat and Heat Transfer (10/14/2018) – 3 hours (Tested)  
*Presented by International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. on CFI Trainer.Net.*
- Regional Training Seminar for Marine Investigation (09/07/2018)  
*Presented by International Association of Marine Investigators (IAMI) Port Orchard, WA – 8 hours*
- NFPA 921 and 1033 2014 Editions: Important Revisions (08/29/2018) – 3 hours (Tested)  
*Presented by International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. on CFI Trainer.Net.*
- Preparation for the Marine Fire Scene (08/29/2018) – 4 hours (Tested)  
*Presented by International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. on CFI Trainer.Net.*
- Fire Chemistry (08/27/2018) – 3 hours (Tested)  
*Presented by International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. on CFI Trainer.Net.*
- Asbestos and Lead Awareness (08/21/2018) – 3 hours  
*Presented by Remington Caldwell, Terracon, 10841 S. Ridgeview Road, Olathe, KS 66061 2hrs Asbestos Awareness-Federal OSHA 1926.62, Cal-OSHA CCR title 8 Sec. 1529, 1 hr. Lead Awareness-OSHA 1926.62 & Cal-OSHA CCR 1532.1*
- ICS-700 National Incident Management System (NIMS) (04/06/2018)  
*Presented by Emergency Management Institute, FEMA, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.*
- Comprehensive Training Seminar for Marine Investigation (03/11/2018 – 03/14/2018)  
*Presented by International Association of Marine Investigators (IAMI) 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Seminar hosted by the Chesapeake Police Department, Norfolk, VA.*
- Asbestos and Lead Awareness (08/30/2017) – 3 hours (Cert#163043)  
*Presented by Remington Caldwell, Argus Pacific Training and Consulting, Seattle, WA 98119 2hrs Asbestos Awareness-Federal OSHA 1926.62, Cal-OSHA CCR title 8 Sec. 1529, 1 hr. Lead Awareness-OSHA 1926.62 & Cal-OSHA CCR 1532.1*
- 2017 IAAI ITC General Session Course and Exam (04/15/2017) – 32 hours (Tested)  
*Presented by International Association of Arson Investigators at the International Training Conference in Las Vegas, NV. This conference provides advanced instruction in fire investigation. IAAI training meets or exceeds the requirements set forth in NFPA 921 and NFPA 1033.*

- The HAZWOPER Standard (01/02/2017) – 4 hours (Tested)  
*Presented by International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. on CFI Trainer.Net.*
- Investigating Natural Gas Systems (01/02/2017) – 3 hours (Tested)  
*Presented by International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. on CFI Trainer.Net.*
- Residential Natural Gas Systems (12/18/2016) – 3 hours (Tested)  
*Presented by International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. on CFI Trainer.Net.*
- Fire Scene Awareness Workshop (8/23/2016) – 3 hours (Cert#159242)  
*Presented by Remington Caldwell, Argus Pacific Training and Consulting, Seattle, WA  
98119 2hrs Asbestos Awareness-Federal OSHA 1926.62, Cal-OSHA CCR title 8 Sec.  
1529, 1 hr. Lead Awareness-OSHA 1926.62 & Cal-OSHA CCR 1532.1*
- The Deposition Part 2: Questioning Tactics and Effective Responses (11/4/2015)  
– 3 hours (Tested)  
*Presented by International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. on CFI Trainer.Net.*
- Vessel Fire Investigation – Navigating Troubled Waters (9/21/2015) – 2 hours (Tested)  
*Presented by Donald Perkins, IAAI-CFI, Fire Cause Analysis.*
- The Deposition Part 1: Format, Content, and Preparation (9/18/2015) – 3 hours (Tested)  
*Presented by International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. on CFI Trainer.Net.*
- Wildland Fire Investigation (8/23/2015) – 5 hours (Tested)  
*Presented by International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. on CFI Trainer.Net.*
- Residential Electrical Systems (2/13/2015) – 4 hours (Tested)  
*Presented by International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. on CFI Trainer.Net.*
- Investigating Motor Vehicle Fires (2/13/2015) – 4 hours (Tested)  
*Presented by International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. on CFI Trainer.Net.*
- Fundamentals of Interviewing (2/13/2015) – 4 hours (Tested)  
*Presented by International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. on CFI Trainer.Net.*
- Evidence Examination: What Happens at the Lab? (2/5/2015) – 4 hours (Tested)  
*Presented by International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. on CFI Trainer.Net.*
- Basic Electricity (2/4/2015) – 4 hours (Tested)  
*Presented by International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. on CFI Trainer.Net.*
- Emergency Medical Responder Training Program (December 15, 2014) – 40 Hours  
*This course meets the national standard curriculum for Emergency Medical First  
Responder and exceeds the training requirements of First Aid Standards for Public Safety*

*Personnel as described in Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 1.5, Article 3 of the California Code of Regulation.*

- Incident Response to Terrorist Bombing (05/06/2014 – 05/09/2014) – 32 hours and 3 Continuing Education Units (Tested)  
*Presented by Energetic Materials Research and Testing Center at New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, Socorro, NM. This technical operations course certifies the holder as an Instructor for the Incident Response to Terrorist Bombing program.*
- 2014 IAAI ITC General Session Course and Exam (04/14/2014 – 04/18/2014) – 40 hours (Tested)  
*Presented by International Association of Arson Investigators at the International Training Conference in Las Vegas, NV. This conference provides advanced instruction in fire investigation. IAAI training meets or exceeds the requirements set forth in NFPA 921 and NFPA 1033.*
- Advance Fire and Arson Investigation (11/18/2013 – 11/20/2013) – 20 hours (Tested)  
*Presented by California Conference of Arson Investigators at the CCAI Conference in San Luis Obispo, CA. This course provides advanced instruction in fundamentals of fire investigation. Topic included: Review of Fire chemistry, thermodynamics, thermometry, fire dynamics, fire investigation methodology and fire investigation technology. CCAI training meets or exceeds the requirements set forth in NFPA 921 and NFPA 1033.*
- Electrical Safety (10/30/2013) – 3 hours (Tested)  
*Presented by International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. on CFI Trainer.Net.*
- A Ventilation-Focused Approach to the Impact of Building Structures and Systems on Fire (10/29/2013) – 4 hours  
*Presented by International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. on CFI Trainer.Net.*
- Wildland Fire Pattern Recognition Workshop (07/30/2013) – 5 hours (Tested)  
*Presented by Paul Steensland, owner/president of a private wildland fire investigation consulting firm, Paul Steensland and Associates, LLC.*
- Fire Scene Awareness Workshop (06/25/2013) – 4 hours (Cert#13-1069)  
*Presented by Remington Caldwell, RGA Environmental, 1466 66th Street, Emeryville, CA 94608 2hrs Asbestos Awareness-OHSA 1926.1001 & Cal-OSHA CCR title 8 Sec. 1529, 1 hr. Lead Awareness-OSHA 1926.62 & Cal-OSHA CCR 1532.1, 1 hr. Hazard Comm from Fire Scene Toxins.*
- Fire Investigation 2B (2013) – 40 Hours – Advance Fire Investigation  
*This course provides advanced instruction in fire scene investigation, case preparation, and courtroom presentation. Topic included: Review of fire scene photography, sketching, evidence collection, interviewing and interrogation, and extensive use of*

*simulations for developing and presenting an arson case. Awarded a Fire Investigation 2B certificate from the State Fire Marshal's office.*

- Expert Witness Courtroom Testimony Course (2013) – 40 Hours  
*The course required more than 40 hours of preliminary case work, with six weeks to prepare and submit, updating (or writing) your C.V., preparing an opinion analysis and court testimony plan, and creating two courtroom exhibits. During the worked with actual attorneys giving deposition, preparing for testimony, as well as spend the day in a courtroom on the stand for direct examination and cross examination. The course meets the testimony requirement for the IAAI-CFI (IAAI-Certified Fire Investigator) application.*
- NFPA1033 and Your Career (05/06/2013) – 2 hours  
*Presented by International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. on CFI Trainer.Net.*
- The Practical Application of the Relationship Between NFPA 1033 and NFPA 921 (05/03/2013) – 2 hours  
*Presented by International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. on CFI Trainer.Net.*
- Fire Protection Systems (05/03/2013) –3 hours  
*Presented by International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. on CFI Trainer.Net.*
- Training Instructor 1B (2013) – 40 Hours – Fire Code Enforcement  
*Fire and emergency services personnel instructional methods and techniques relative to psychomotor training using the latest concepts of career-technical education and to select, develop, organize, and utilize instructional material appropriate for teaching technical fire technology lessons. Awarded a Training Instructor 1B certificate from the State Fire Marshal's office.*
- Hazmat for Public Safety (2013) – 40 Hours  
*Study of hazardous materials, and emergency response to hazardous material incidents. Includes basic hazardous material chemistry, regulations, toxicology, the tactics and strategy of mitigation, decontamination, and scene management. Certificates from the California Specialized Training Institute (CSTI) in:*
  - *Hazardous Materials Incident Commander*
  - *Hazmat First Responder Operations*
  - *First Responder Operations (DECON) Decontamination*
  - *First Responder Operations WMD**The course is Police Officers Standards and Training (POST) certified.*
- ICS-100 Introduction to Incident Command System (03/05/2013)  
*Presented by Emergency Management Institute, FEMA, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.*
- Fire Prevention 1B (2013) – 40 Hours – Fire Code Enforcement

*Fire and building codes, building construction, occupancy classifications, exiting requirements, sprinkler and alarm systems. Awarded a Fire Prevention 1B certificate from the State Fire Marshal's office.*

- PC832 Course (2012) – 40 Hours – Arrest, Search and Seizure  
*Introduction to criminal law, laws of arrest, search and seizure and basic law enforcement principles and practices. It fulfills the arrest component of the training mandated by California Penal Code Section 832 (PC 832) for employment as a peace officer. The course is certified by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST).*
- Fire Prevention 1A (2012) – 40 Hours – Fire Prevention Technician  
*The history and philosophy of fire prevention, organization and operation of a fire prevention bureau, use of fire codes, identification and correction of fire hazards, and the relationship of fire prevention to fire safety education and detection and suppression systems. Awarded a Fire Prevention 1A certificate from the State Fire Marshal's office.*
- Building Construction for Fire Protection (2012) – 40 Hours  
*State mandated core course that identifies the different types of elements of construction and design that effect structural firefighting. The study of the components of building construction that relate to fire safety. The elements of construction and design of structures are shown to be key factors when inspecting buildings, preplanning fire operations, and operating at fires. The development and evolution of building and fire codes, and studies in relationship to past fires in residential, commercial, and industrial occupancies.*
- Fire Investigation 2A (2012) – 40 Hours – Advance Fire Investigation  
*Explosives, surveillance methods, search and seizure procedures, field burn exercises, fire investigation report writing, trial process and presentation of evidence in court. Awarded a Fire Investigation 2A certificate from the State Fire Marshal's office.*
- Arc Mapping Basics (07/10/2012) – 4 hours  
*Presented by International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. on CFI Trainer.Net.*
- Fire and Explosion Investigation: Utilizing NFPA 1033 and 921 (07/10/2012) – 4 hours  
*Presented by International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. on CFI Trainer.Net.*
- Fire Safety and Survival (2012) – 40 hours  
*Basic principles and history related to the national firefighter life safety initiatives, focusing on the need for cultural and behavioral change throughout the emergency services regarding first responder deaths and injuries.*
- Case Study: Charleston Sofa Super Store Fire (07/03/2012) – 4 hours  
*Presented by International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. on CFI Trainer.Net.*
- Forensic Macro Photography 202 (2012) – 4 hours



*Presented by Nikon School of Photography.*

- Fire Investigation 1B (2012) – 40 Hours – Techniques of Fire Investigation  
*In depth study of fire indicators, fire behavior, study of burn and char patterns, overview of all aspects of interpretation of fire scene for determining the origin and cause of a fire. Awarded a Fire Investigation 1B certificate from the State Fire Marshal's office.*
- Ethics and the Fire Investigator (01/30/2012) – 3 hours  
*Presented by International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. on CFI Trainer.Net.*
- The Scientific Method for Fire and Explosion Investigation (01/30/2012) – 3 hours  
*Presented by International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. on CFI Trainer.Net.*
- Understanding Fire through the Candle Experiments (01/30/2012) – 4 hours  
*Presented by International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. on CFI Trainer.Net.*
- Documenting the Event (02/08/2012) – 4 hours  
*Presented by International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. on CFI Trainer.Net.*
- Fire Investigation 1A (2012) – 40 hours – Fire Cause and Origin Determination  
*Determining cause of fires (structure, vehicle and wild land) and their behavior as it relates to fire investigation; introduction to arson, incendiary, fatal fires and explosions; related laws; recognizing and preserving evidence; interviewing witnesses and suspects; arrest and detention procedures; court procedures and giving court testimony. Awarded a Fire Investigation 1A certificate from the State Fire Marshal's office.*
- Fire Behavior and Combustion (2012) – 40 hours  
*The theory and fundamentals of fire ignition, extension, behavior and control. An in-depth study of fire chemistry, fire characteristics of materials, extinguishing and fire control techniques.*
- Fire Detection and Protection Systems (2012) – 40 hours  
*The course covered the selection of the appropriate fire extinguisher for any given hazard; protection systems for special hazards, sprinkler systems, fire detection, and alarm systems. The course content is designed to provide up-to-date information on fire detection and suppression systems.*
- Fire Protection Organizations (2012) – 40 hours  
*Introduction to fire service and protection; it includes careers in fire protection and related fields. The course includes history, loss analysis, private fire protection, and an introduction to the chemistry and physics of fire.*
- Digital Photography and the Fire Investigator (01/27/2012) – 4 hours  
*Presented by International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. on CFI Trainer.Net.*

### **EXPERT WITNESS EXPERIENCE:**

- Arbitration – FCA 15-19686 *Cornerstone Development Corporation aka AG Construction*, Sacramento, CA (2018)
- Arbitration – FCA 15-19686 *Cornerstone Development Corporation aka AG Construction*, Menlo Park, CA (05/2019)
- Deposition – FCA 15-19686 (*Allstate Insurance, Plaintiff vs. Andrei Grohkotov, individually and dba Corner Stone Development dba AG Construction; Atul Purohit; Jyoti Khubchandani, and DOES 1 to 20, Defendants*) No. CGC-17-560192, by David Lavine, Attorney at Law (06/07/2019)

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

- Vessel Fire Investigations – “Navigating Troubled Waters”, CCAI Roundtable 15 Orange County Arson Task Force, Newport Beach, CA (2018)
- Basic Fire Investigation Photography - CCAI Roundtable Novato, CA (2012)
- Professional Photographer of America Seminar & Convention Speaker (1988 - present)
- Photography Instructor for West Coast School of Professional Photographer (2002)
- Photography Instructor for California Photographic Workshops (1998 – 2008)
- Photography Instructor for Golden Gate School of Professional Photographer (1995 – 1997)