



CURRICULUM VITAE DAVID SEAN PERKINS, CFI

Area of Specialization:

Certified Fire Investigator

Background and Professional Experience:

Sean Perkins has worked in the fire service for the last 29 years. His career started in 1987 with the California Department of Forestry (CDF) as a seasonal wildland firefighter. Since 1990 Mr. Perkins has been employed by Moraga-Orinda Fire District where he has held the rank of Firefighter, Engineer, Captain, and for the last five years, Battalion Chief.

Over his 29 years of experience he had responded to hundreds of structure and wildland fires and has firsthand experience observing fire behavior and suppression activities. He has also responded to dozens of large wildland fires as part of California's Mass Mutual Aid System. The Esperanza Fire, the Witch Fire, the Station Fire, the Butte Lightning Complex, the Lodge Fire, and the King Fire are among the experiences that have allowed Sean Perkins the opportunity to observe and learn extreme fire behavior and rapid rates of spread in the wildland environment. Mr. Perkins is the fire district fire investigator. His duties include origin and cause determination, report writing, interviewing, and evidence preservation.

Mr. Perkins also conducts fire scene investigations as a private fire investigator for Fire Cause Analysis. He worked with Fire Cause Analysis for approximately 5-years investigating residential and commercial fires. Again these duties included cause and origin determination, report writing, interviewing witnesses and evidence preservation.

Over his career, in both the fire service and as a private fire investigator, Mr. Perkins has investigated or supervised over 200 fire investigations.

Education:

- Associate of Science "A.S." Fire Science Degree
 - Mission College, Santa Clara California 2009
- Bachelor of Arts – Fire Administration with concentration in Fire Investigation
 - Columbia Southern University – Alabama – "*in progress*" 2015-present

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Certificates and Training:

Certified Fire Investigator (CFI) – International Association of Arson Investigators – April 2015

Certified Fire Investigator NFPA 1033-2014 (Pro Board) – National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications – April 2015

NFPA 1033 Certificate of Training– California Conference of Arson Investigators – 40 hours, – March 30 thru April 3, 2015

International Association of Arson Investigators International Training Conference – *Fundamentals of Fire Investigations* – 40 hours – April 2014

National Fire Academy – *Interviewing/Interrogation Techniques and Courtroom Testimony* – 80 hours - October 2014

National Incident Management System – L-965 – “*Resource Unit Leader*” – 40 hours – November 2013

California Fire Service Training and Education System – S-420 – “*Command and General Staff*” – 40 hours – March 2013

California Fire Service Training and Education System – S-404– “*Safety Officer*” – 40 hours – October 2012

California Fire Service Training and Education System – S-339 – “*Division Group Supervisor All Risk*” – 40 hours – October 2012

National Incident Management System – L-964 – “*Situation Unit Leader*” – 40 hours – May 2012

California Fire Chiefs Association – Chief Officers Leadership Symposium – 40 hours – November 2011

Emergency Management Institute FEMA – IS-703.a “*Resource Management*” – September 2011

National Wildfire Coordinating Group – S-270 – “*Basic Air Operations*” – 40 hours – October 2010

California Fire Service Training and Education System – Chief Officer Certification – June 2010

California Fire Service Training and Education System – Fire Management 2D – “*Administrative Management*” – 40 hours – November 2009

California Fire Service Training and Education System – Fire Management 2E – “*Contemporary Issues and Concepts*” – 40 hours – May 2009

California Fire Service Training and Education System– Fire Command 2B – “*Management of Major Hazardous Materials Incidents*”– 40 hours – February 2009

California Fire Service Training and Education System – Fire Command 2A – “*Command and Tactics at Major Fires*” – 40 hours – January 2009

California Fire Service Training and Education System – Fire Command 2B – “*Management of Major Hazardous Materials Incidents*” – 40 hours – February 2009

California Fire Service Training and Education System– Fire Command 2D – “*Planning for Large Scale Disasters*” – 40 hours – October 2008

California Fire Service Training and Education System– Fire Command 2C – “*High-rise Fire Fighting Tactics*” – 40 hours – September 2008

California Fire Service Training and Education System– Fire Management 2C “*Personnel and Labor Relations*” – 40 hours – May 2008

California Fire Service Training and Education System – Fire Management 2A “*Organizational Development and Human Relations*” – 40 hours – March 2008

California Fire Service Training and Education System – S-330 – “*Strike Team Leader*” – 40 hours – March 2008

California Fire Service Training and Education System – Fire Management 2B “*Fire Service Financial Management*” – 40 hours – September 2006

National Wildfire Coordinating Group S-230- “*Crew Boss*” – 24 hours – May 2005

National Wildfire Coordinating Group S-231- “*Engine Boss*” – 16 hours – May 2005

California Fire Service Training and Education System – Fire Command 2E– “*Wildland Firefighting Tactics*” – 40 hours – June 2004

National Wildfire Coordinating Group S-390 – “*Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior Calculations*” – 24 hours – May 2004

National Wildfire Coordinating Group – S-290 – “*Intermediate Fire Weather Behavior*” – 40 hours – February 2004

California Fire Service Training and Education System – Fire Officer Certification – July 2003

California Fire Service Training and Education System – “*Investigation IA*” – January 2003

California Fire Service Training and Education System – *Fire Prevention IA* – 40 hours – February 2003

National Wildfire Coordinating Group S-234 – “*Ignition Operations*” – 40 hours – June 2002

National Interagency Fire Training – “*S-130/S-131/S-190 Train-the-Trainer*”- 40 hours – May 2002

National Wildfire Coordinating Group S-205 – “*Fire Operations in the Urban Interface*” – 24 hours – November 2001

California Interagency Wildland Training Program – S-130 – “*Wildland Firefighter Training*” – 16 hours - June 1999

California Interagency Wildland Training Program – S-190 – “*Basic Fire Weather*” – June 1999

California Fire Service Training and Education System – “*Fire Instructor IB*” – 40 hours – March 1999

California Fire Service Training and Education System – “*Fire Instructor IA*” – 40 hours – February 1999

Public Agency Training Council – “*Mastering Performance Management, Supervision and Leadership Skills*” – 24 hours – October 1998

California Fire Service Training and Education System – “*Fire Management IA*” – 40 hours – February 1998

National Fire Academy – “*Incident Safety Officer*” – 32 hours – March 1996

Santa Clara County Fire Unit Seminar – “*Electrical Fire Investigation in Residential Dwellings*” – April 1994

California Conference of Arson Investigators – Fire/Arson Investigation Training Seminar – January 1994

California Fire Service Training and Education System – “*Fire Prevention IB*” – 40 hours – March 1994

California Fire Service Training and Education System – Firefighter II – October 1993

California Fire Service Training and Education System – “*Fire Command IB*” – 40 hours – November 1993

California State Fire Training – “*Fire Investigation 2B*” – November, 1992

California State Fire Training – “*Fire Investigation 2A*” – tested – October, 1992

California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training – Powers of Arrest – tested – June 1992

Sacramento County Fire Investigation Unit – Fire Investigation Training Seminar – November 1991

National Association of Fire Investigators – “*Determining the Cause and Origin of Fires and Explosions*” – November 1990

California Fire Service Training and Education System – “*Fire Command IA*” – 40 hours – October 1990

California Fire Service Training and Education System – Fire Fighter I – October 1989

California State Fire Marshal Office Arson and Bomb Unit – “*Fire Death Investigation*” – September 1989

California Fire Service Training and Education System – “*Fire Investigation IB*” – May 1988

California State Fire Training – “*Fire Investigation IA*” – tested – December 1987

State of California Department of Forestry – “*Basic Forest Firefighter Training Course*” – June 1987

Professional Experience:

- Moraga-Orinda Fire District – Battalion Chief (Operations, Fire Investigator, Communications) 1990 to present
- Fire Cause Analysis – Fire Investigator 1991-1995
- Los Altos Fire Department – Cadet Firefighter 1987 to 1990
- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection – Seasonal Firefighter 1987

Moraga Fire Department, Moraga, California – 1990 to present

Mr. Perkins has held the rank of Firefighter, Engineer, Captain, Battalion Chief, and Fire Investigator. These duties have included fire suppression, fire prevention company inspections, company firefighting structure tactics and suppression training, company firefighting wildland education and tactics training, company level fire investigation training, program management, administrative policy development, annual budgets, and as the incident commander at emergency scenes.

Fire Cause Analysis, Berkeley, California – 1991-1995 / 2015 to Present

Mr. Perkins is a CFI, Fire Investigator and with the responsibility of conducting fire origin and cause investigations and providing additional services in all fire related disciplines including Computer Modeling, Fire Testing, Fire Safety Consulting, Mechanical & Electrical Engineering and Forensic Studies.

Los Altos Fire Department, Los Altos, California - 1987 to 1990

Mr. Perkins held the rank of cadet-firefighter where his primary duty was fire suppression.

California Department of Forestry – 1987

Mr. Perkins held the rank of wildland firefighter where his primary duty was fire suppression.

Professional Affiliations:

International Association of Arson Investigators – 1991-1995/ 2014 to present

California Conference of Arson Investigators – 1991-1995/ 2014 to present

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