

# **Curriculum Vitae**

# Andrew Berasley

#### **Current Position**

Fire Investigation Technician - Evidence Technician - Automotive Specialist Fire Cause Analysis 2008 - Present

## **Duties and Responsibilities**

Responsible for all aspects of evidence recovery, storage, and documentation. Supervise collection of evidence and the evidence Chain of Possession.

Oversee evidence storage and handling for Arizona and both Northern and Southern California facilities.

## **Large Loss Evidence Collection Experience**

- Safeway Distribution Center Substation Fire Transformers, main switch gear, 115 KV equipment cabinets
- Fortistar Power Generation Facility Fire
- Intermodal containers and vehicles
- Passenger trains
- Numerous apartment complex and high rise building fires
- Multiple large commercial buildings: Westfield Mall, restaurants, warehouse/storage facilities, grocery store (refrigeration units)
- Multi-million dollar houses

# **Employment History**

Fire Cause Analysis – Fire Investigation Technician - Evidence Technician - Evidence Warehouse Supervisor 2008 – Present

Champion Security, Investigation and Management 1998 – 2007 Owner / Operator

A & A Autoworks BAR# 165611 1991 – 2007 Owner / Operator

C & S Autoworks

1984 – 1992 Owner / Operator

Security Resources International PPO# PA001697 1984 – 2007 Co Owner / Operator

#### Fire Investigation Experience (#of Scenes)

Structure Fires 176

Vehicle Fires

(Including RV's and Heavy Equipment) 72
Boat 2
Scenes Investigation assists 711

#### **Vocational Certificates**

CCAI Vehicle Fire Investigation 4/2009

IAAI Forensic Evidence Collection and Processing (A.Z. Chapter) 4/2010

Farm Machinery Fires 05/2010

Fire Investigation 1 B 11/2010

Fire Investigation 1 A 12/2010

Fire Investigation 2 A 01/2011

Fire Investigation 2 B 02/2011

CCAI Advanced Fire & Arson Investigation March 2012

IAAI Ethics & the Fire Investigator July 2012

IAAI Test for Fire Investigation Technician (F.I.T.) – August 2012

IAAI Fire Investigation Technician

CCAI - ATF Getting the Most Out of Your Fire Scene 10/28/2013

Wildland Fire Pattern Recognition Workshop 7/30/2013

RGA 1 – Certificate of Completion – Fire Scene Awareness Training – June 2013

Anatomy of a Wrongful Arson Conviction – 3/24/2014

Crime Scene Investigation at Fire Scenes - 4/7/2014

Fire Scene Awareness Training: Asbestos, Lead, and Toxins 6/25/2013

Fire Scene Awareness Training: Asbestos, Lead, and Toxins 6/30/2014

Fork Lift, Bobcat and Backhoe Certified

X-ray Certified

# **Vocational Training**

Police Cadet City of Santa Clara 1974 – 1977

Basic Reserve Police Academy 1982 – 1983

Certified operator and inspector light gas pipe lines and meters from 1999 to Current Certification from AT&T pole climbing, voice over IP and vehicle operation from 2006 to current

Actively participated in 14 structure burn exercises/classes and 11 vehicle burn exercises/classes from 2008 to present

#### **Depositions**

- Walker vs. Bullock Superior Court of Santa Clara County (Civil Deposition)
- Chaboya Ranch vs. Precision Printing Superior Court of Santa Clara County (Civil Deposition)

#### **Court Testimonies**

- County of Santa Clara vs. Joe Rocha (Criminal)
- County of Santa Clara vs. Todd Ridnour (Criminal)
- County of Santa Clara / Foothill Apartments vs. William Schmidt (Criminal)