

# Jeffrey P. Schlesinger Curriculum Vitae



## BACKGROUND AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Mr. Schlesinger is a Certified Fire Investigator with Fire Cause Analysis. After 30 years in the public safety field, Mr. Schlesinger retired in December 2010 as the Fire Marshal with the City of Sunnyvale, California. As a member of the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety, he worked in both the fire and law enforcement sides of the department. Prior to working for the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety, he was a police officer with the San Carlos Police Department. Mr. Schlesinger has conducted over 550 fire investigations and has testified as an expert in fire investigations in both civil and criminal court systems. Mr. Schlesinger is a past president of the Santa Clara County Fire Investigations Taskforce and the Santa Clara County Fire Marshals' Organization.

Mr. Schlesinger has a M.S. degree in Emergency Services Administration and a B.P.A. degree in Public Administration. He is a California State Certified Fire Investigator (Level II) through the State Fire Marshal's Office, a Certified Fire Investigator through the International Association of Arson Investigators and the California Conference of Arson Investigators, and a California P.O.S.T. Certified Police Manager. Mr. Schlesinger spent eight years working in the crime scene investigations unit, including four years as the coordinator for the unit of ten crime scene investigators.

Mr. Schlesinger has attended numerous training courses and seminars conducted by the California State Fire Marshal's Office, California Conference of Arson Investigators, International Association of Arson Investigators, National Fire Academy, National Fire Protection Association, International Code Council, and other training organizations.

## Current Professional Experience

-Fire & Explosion Origin and Cause Investigator – Fire Cause Analysis (July, 2011–Present)

## Past Professional Experience

-Public Safety Lieutenant/Fire Marshal (*Retired*) - Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety  
-Collateral duties included Crime Scene Investigations major scene coordinator, Mobile Field Force Supervisor/Commander, Press Information Officer.

## **Fire Marshal Related Duties and Responsibilities**

- Fire Origin-Cause Investigator - Supervise and Investigate fires of accidental, undetermined, natural, and incendiary causes.
- Fire Prevention Officer – Supervise and conduct inspections of businesses and assists with fire related public education.
- Fire Protection Engineering - Supervise and conduct new construction initial plan reviews and inspections.
- Hazardous Materials Compliance Unit – Supervise unit.
- Supervisor/Watch Commander for Police Patrol Operations
- Company Officer for Fire Operations

## **Public Safety Employment History**

- Foothill-De Anza CCD Police Department – Deputy Chief/Emergency Manager (2012-)
- Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety– Public Safety Lieutenant (Dec, 2004 - Dec, 2010)
- Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety– Public Safety Officer (May, 1988 - Dec, 2004)
- San Carlos Police Department– Police Officer (Dec, 1982 - May, 1988)
- San Carlos Police/South County Fire– Public Safety Dispatcher (Aug, 1980 – Dec, 1982)

## **Specialty Assignments**

- Fire Marshal (May, 2007 to Dec, 2010)
- Office of Emergency Services Coordinator/Acting Lieutenant (Dec, 2004 – July, 2005)
- Arson/Fire Origin & Cause Investigator– Fire Prevention Inspector (Feb, 2000– Dec, 2004)
- Crime Scene Investigations Unit Coordinator – (4 years)
- Crime Scene Investigator – Locate, identify, collect and process evidence (4 years)
- Police Detective – Property Crimes (1 year)
- Police Field Training Officer – Train and evaluate new officers (2 years)
- Police Reserve Officer Program Coordinator (San Carlos Police Dept.) (3 years)
- Mobile Field Force (Tactical Team) – Squad Leader/Supervisor/Commander (20 years)

## **Fire Investigative Experience**

554 Fire/Explosion origin and cause investigations: Structures including; residential, multi-family, commercial, garages, and out building; vehicles, vegetation, fatalities, and arsons.

364 Public Sector  
190 Private Sector

## **Formal Education**

- Master of Science / Emergency Services Administration – C.S.U. Long Beach (2008)
- Bachelor of Public Administration – University of San Francisco (2005)
- Associate of Science / Administration of Justice – College of San Mateo (1981)

## **Professional Certifications**

- Certified Fire Investigator #22-030847 (CFI) – International Association of Arson Investigators (2012)
- Certified Fire Investigator #578 (CFI) – California Conf. of Arson Investigators (2009)
- Fire Investigator II Certification #870237 – California State Board of Fire Services (2003)
- Fire Investigator I Certification#881541 - California State Board of Fire Services (2002)
- Fire Inspector Certification #000043 – California State Board of Fire Services (2003)
- Firefighter II Certification #2035137 - California State Board of Fire Services (2002)
- Firefighter I Certification #018057– California State Board of Fire Services (1989)
- POST Management Certificate #M28697-Peace Officer Standards and Training (2015)
- POST Supervisory Certificate #S26335 - Peace Officer Standards and Training (2007)

## **Training and Education**

- Basic Fire Academy – Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety (1988)
- Basic Police Academy – Modesto Criminal Justice Training Center/POST (1983)
- Reserve Police Officer Academy – College of San Mateo (1981)
- Fire Investigation 1A – State Fire Marshal's Office – Fire Origin & Cause (1987)
- Fire Investigation 1B – State Fire Marshal's Office – Techniques of Fire Invest. (2000)
- Fire Investigation 2A – State Fire Marshal's Office – Fire Criminal & Legal Proc. (2001)
- Fire Investigation 2B – State Fire Marshal's Office – Fire Field Case Studies (2000)
- Fire Prevention 1A – State Fire Marshal's Office – Introduction to Fire Prevention (2000)

- Fire Prevention 1B – State Fire Marshal’s Office – Fire Prevention Practices (2000)
- Fire Prevention 1C – State Fire Marshal’s Office – Flammable Liquids & Gases (2002)
- Fire Prevention 2A – State Fire Marshal’s Office – Fire System/Bldg Components (2008)
- Fire Prevention 2B – State Fire Marshal’s Office – Building Code (2001)
- Fire Prevention 2C – State Fire Marshal’s Office – Special Hazards (2004)
- Fire Prevention 3A – State Fire Marshal’s Office – Sprinkler Calculations (2009)
- Fire Prevention 3B – State Fire Marshal’s Office – Plan Review (2007)
- Fire Command 1A – State Fire Marshal’s Office – Company Officer Operations (2000)
- Fire Command 2A – State Fire Marshal’s Office – Company Officer Operations (2003)
  
- Police Field Training Officer – San Jose City College – 40 hours (1987)
- Field Evidence Technician – West Valley College – 80 hours (1990)
  
- Police Photography – FBI – 24 hours (1992)
- Advanced Investigators School – NLEI – 24 hours (1994)
- Interview and Interrogation – Behavior Analysis Training Institute – 40 hours (1995)
- Fire Death Invest/Fire Scene Video - SCCFITF - 24 hours (2001)
- Electrical Fire Investigation – PATC – 24 hours (2002)
- Arson-Explosive Investigation - ICI - 40 hours (2002)
- Fire & Arson Fatality Fire Scene Investigation – PATC - 16 hours (2004)
- Advanced Fire Origin & Cause – PATC - 24 hours (2004)
- Vehicle Fire/Fraud Investigation – SCCFITF - 16 hours (2004)
- S-231 Engine Boss – National Wildfire Coordinating Group 16 hours - (2004)
- Weapons of Mass Destruction – SCC OES – 4 hours – (2005)
- International Building Code and International Fire Code courses – ICC (2007)
- S-130/S-190 Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior – NWCG (2004/2008)
- Art of Reading Smoke – SCCFPO – 8 hours (2008)
- Wildland Fire Investigation (FI-210) – NWCG - 40 hours (2009)
- Management of Fire Prevention Programs – National Fire Academy – 80 hours (2009)
- S-404 – Incident Safety Officer – CSFM – 40 hours (2010)
- Boat Fire Investigation - 8 hours (2013)
- Environmental Risks/Asbestos/Lead/Mercury - 4 hours (2013, 2014, 2015)

- NFPA 921/1033 (FCA/Hal Lyson 2014, 2015)
- Basic Electrical Fire Investigation – 16 hours (2014)
- Advanced Electrical Fire Investigation – 16 hours (2014)
- CFITrainer.net
  - Basic Electricity – 4 hours (2014)
  - Ethics – 3 hours (2011)
  - Scientific Method – 3 hours (2011)
  - Fire and Explosives Investigation – 3 hours (2011)
  - Documenting the Event – 4 hours (2011)
  - Introduction to Evidence – 4 hours (2011)
  - Physical Evidence at the Fire Scene – 4 hours (2011)
  - Evidence Examination: What Happens at the Lab – 4 hours (2011)
  - DNA – 3 hours (2011)
- California Conference of Arson Investigators - Training Seminar  
(03/2016, 03/2012, 03/2010, 11/2008, 03/2008, 11/2007, 01/2005, 01/2002, 07/2001)
- National Fire Protection Association – Training Conference (NFPA 921) (2003)
- International Association of Arson Investigators Training Conference (2014, 2003)
- California State Division-International Association for Identification Training Conference  
(2009, 2005, 2001, 1999, 1998, 1997)
- Instructor – Sunnyvale Fire Academy – Fire Investigations & Fire Prevention
- Instructor – Santa Clara County Joint Fire Academy – Fire Investigations/Fire Prevention
- Instructor – Santa Clara County Command Officer Academy– Evidence/Fire Investigations
- Instructor – California State Division International Association for Identification – Fire Investigation for the Crime Scene Investigator
- Instructor – Sunnyvale D.P.S. Crime Scene Unit – Photography and Evidence
- Instructor – Fire Investigation 1B – Photography section

### **Professional Memberships**

- California Conference of Arson Investigators (CCAI) – Since 2002
- International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI) – Since 2002
- California State Division of International Association for Identification – Since 1995
- California Narcotics Officers Association (CNOA) – *(life member)* – Since 1988

- Santa Clara County Fire Investigations Task Force– *Past President/member (2000-2010)*
- Santa Clara County Fire Marshal's Association – *Past President/member (2007-2010)*

### **Articles/Publications**

- Co-authored Fire Prevention/Fire Investigation Training Manual - Sunnyvale D.P.S. (2010)
- Authored Digital Imaging Procedure – Sunnyvale D.P.S. (1997/2004)
- Published letter to the editor – Digital photography for fire and law enforcement – CCAI magazine, CCAI newsletter, IAAI magazine (July 2000)
- Authored Crime Scene Investigations Unit Training Manual for Sunnyvale D.P.S. (1997)

### **Court – Fire related**

Civil Deposition – Santa Clara County Superior Court #108-CV105754, SDPS #FR09-2427 – Cause, Origin and Investigation for an accidental structure fire (11/16/10)

Civil Deposition – Santa Clara County Superior Court #I-02-CV-811795, SDPS #FR01-3089 – Cause, Origin and Investigation for an accidental structure fire and explosion (07/28/05)

Civil Deposition – Santa Clara County Superior Court #I-02-CV-811795, SDPS #FR01-3089 – Cause, Origin and Investigation for an accidental structure fire and explosion (08/24/04)

Criminal Court - Santa Clara County Superior Court/Sunnyvale (Preliminary Examination) SDPS #FR02-6515 – Cause, Origin, Investigation, and Arrest for an arson fire with serious injury (12/16/02)