



Curriculum Vitae

Andrew Berasley, CFEI, CVFI, IAAI-FIT

Current Position

Fire Cause Analysis

2008 – Present

Certified Fire & Explosion Investigator – Certified Vehicle Fire Investigator - Automotive Forensic Specialist - Fire Investigation Technician - Evidence Technician

Duties and Responsibilities

Mr. Berasley is a Certified Fire Investigator with the responsibility of managing and conducting vehicle fire investigations for FCA. His years of experience include owning and operating his own auto repair facilities & collision company where he was directly responsible for mechanical issues on vehicles, trucks and heavy equipment. He works with law firms and the insurance industry, providing additional services in all fire related disciplines including Fire Testing and Auto Related Mechanical & Electrical Studies. In addition, Mr. Berasley has given deposition and trial testimony in both civil and criminal cases.

Mr. Berasley is also responsible for all aspects of evidence recovery, handling & storage, and documentation of evidence, including supervising collection and evidence chain of possession in FCA's facilities in Northern & Southern California & Arizona.

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

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Employment History

Fire Cause Analysis – Automotive Forensic Specialist – Vehicle Fire Investigator - Fire Investigation Technician - Evidence Technician and Evidence Warehouse Supervisor
2008 – Present

Champion Security, Investigation and Management

1998 – 2007 Owner / Operator

A & A Autoworks BAR# 165611

1991 – 2007 Owner / Operator

Security Resources International PPO# PA001697

1984 – 2007 Co-Owner / Operator

C & S Autoworks

1984 – 1992 Owner / Operator

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 August 2013

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

Fire Scene Awareness Training: Asbestos, Lead, and Toxins 6/08/2015

Forensic Photography 04/15/2015

Fire Investigation 2 B Vehicle 05/2015

Fork Lift, Bobcat and Backhoe Certified

X-ray Certified

NAFI - Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator – 9/22/15

NAFI – Certified Vehicle Fire Investigator – 9/24/15

MAST – Ignition, Self-Heating & Spontaneous Combustion – 6 Hr. Training – 3/8/16

(NFPA 1033 1.3.7 (1)-(5), (8)-(12))

Presentations/Training

National General Insurance Training – Vehicle Fire Investigations – Jan 2017

East Bay Adjusters Claims Assoc. -“San Mateo Bridge Limo Fire Case Study”–June 2015

Milpitas Fire Dept. – Vehicle Fire Investigation Workshop & Live Burn – Aug. 2015

WSATI Annual Training Seminar –“Vehicle Arson Investigation”– S. Lake Tahoe – Oct 2015

Chabot Community College Fire Protections Systems Class– Co-Presented with Dennis Field –
“San Mateo Bridge Limo Fire” & “Identifying Arced Wires” - March 2016

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

Memberships:

International Association of Arson Investigators – Member since Sept. 2010

National Association of Fire Investigators – Member since 2015

Western States Auto Theft Investigators (WSATI) N. Chapter – Member since 2016

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)

Testimony Experience

- 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)
- FCA 11-13436 State Farm General Insurance Co. vs. Alma Cruz
Superior Court of California – Case #SCV254109
Trial Testimony – Feb. 5, 2016
Phil Kelly, Attorney – 707-578-7469

