



CURRICULUM VITAE RICHARD “CRAIG” CESARIN, CFI

AREA OF SPECIALIZATION

Certified Fire Investigator

EXPERIENCE

Mr. Cesarin’s background consists of education/technical training and over 40 years of professional fire service experience. He had worked in a major municipal fire department for 37 years and has worked in progressively more responsible positions during the course of his career retiring in 2004 at the rank of Deputy Fire Marshal. One of his responsibilities while working in the Suppression Division on a Truck Company was to get qualified as a State Certified Hazardous Materials Specialist/Technician. During the course of his career he responded to numerous emergencies and supervised and investigated many fires as an Acting Fire Captain. In 1997 Mr. Cesarin was promoted to Deputy Fire Marshal (DFM) and conducted approximately 250 fire investigations. As a DFM his primary responsibility was to conduct Origin and Cause investigations, prepare detailed written reports, coordinate criminal complaints with law enforcement, and perform complex code enforcement inspections within the City of Mountain View. Mr. Cesarin was a member of the Santa Clara County Fire Investigation Task Force Team and assisted in major mutual aid fire investigations such as the Orthodox Church Fire in Los Altos, the Minton Lumber Yard Fire and Postal Express Fire in Mountain View, and the Santana Row Fire in San Jose. Between 2004 and 2012 Mr. Cesarin was hired back on an hourly basis to train, supervise and oversee the development of the full time Deputy Fire Marshals within the City. Mr. Cesarin is also an employee and an Origin and Cause investigator for Fire Cause Analysis and has investigated numerous large loss fires in a variety of commercial and industrial buildings within the state of California and Nevada.

Mr. Cesarin is a certified Level II Fire Investigator and Fire Inspector through the California State Fire Marshal’s office (CSFM). He has been a member of the California Conference of Arson Investigators (CCAI) for over twenty years and a member of the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI). He is also permitted to work in Washoe County, Reno as a fire investigator. He has deliberately set many fires in a control burn setting to observe fire spread and its behavior in structures and has used several accelerants to observe their effects to carpet, flooring material and common furnishings.

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Mr. Cesarin periodically attends the Santa Clara County Investigators meetings held on a monthly basis and attended approximately 2 seminars a year since 1997 relating to interview and interrogation techniques, investigative skills in structures, vehicles and wildland fires.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Member: Santa Clara County Fire Investigation Task Force Team
- Member: International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI)
- Member: California Conference Arson Investigators (CCAI)
- Member: Santa Clara County Fire Prevention Officer's Association

FORMAL EDUCATION

Various Certificates, California Fire Academy
Monterey City College, Pacific Grove, CA

Fire Science Advanced Certificate, Fire Science Technology
San Jose City College, San Jose, CA

Associate of Arts Degree, General Education
Canada College, Redwood City, CA

CURRENT CERTIFICATIONS / TRAINING / SPECIAL SEMINARS

- Fire Investigator I and II (CSFM)
- Fire Prevention Officer I and II (CSFM)
- CSFM Hazardous Materials Technician and Specialist (California Specialized Training Institute)
- Juvenile Fire Setter Counselor (Federal Emergency Mgt. Agency U.S. Admin.)
- PC 832 - Laws of Arrest (South Bay Regional Public Safety Training)
- Fire Fighter I and II (California State Board of Fire Services)
- Certified Videographer and Photographer
- Electrical Fire Investigation Skills (Public Agency Training Council)
- Vehicle Arson and Fraud (Santa Clara County Investigation Task Force)
- Wildland Fire Investigations (Santa Clara County Investigations Unit)
- Fraud Course of Instruction (No. California Fraud Investigators Association)
- Wildland Fire Litigation Conference (Reno Nevada – 2009)

INVESTIGATIVE EXPERIENCE

- 750 Structures Fires
- 60 Vehicle Arson Fires
- 5 Marine Vessel Investigation
- 60 Structure Arson Fires