



CURRICULUM VITAE

BRETT SUTHERLAND

CFI®

Brett Sutherland holds the position of Truck Captain for a leading fire department in Southern California and is a Certified Fire Investigator with Fire Cause Analysis. He has worked in the Fire Service for 20 years, serving in various capacities. He is a member of the Newport Beach Fire Department cadre of instructors for new recruits. He instructs recruits on fire behavior and is a lead instructor for Flashover training. Additionally, he instructs on hose and ladder training. For the past 11 years Captain Sutherland has been the lead Fire Suppression instructor for the Newport Beach Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). He also is an instructor for Newport Beach Fire Explorer program in which he instructs on Engine Company operations and fire attack.

Mr. Sutherland has been on numerous Campaign Fires in California working as an Engine Captain. Throughout his career he has responded to over 500 fires and has over 300 investigations through his career in the fire service. Working in the private sector he has investigated over 800 fires.

Mr. Sutherland specializes in fire behavior. He has attended FDIC in Indianapolis and is certified in the Swede Fire Survival system. Throughout his years of instruction, Mr. Sutherland has performed numerous live burns and taught on fire behavior and dynamics. He is a CSFM certified Company Officer and Fire Investigator. He is currently a member of the IAAI and CCAI and is also a member of the Orange County Arson Task Force.

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Professional Experience

- **Fire Investigator**, Fire Cause Analysis 2014-Present
- **Fire-Arson Investigator**, Newport Beach Fire Department 2010-Present
- **Fire Captain**, Newport Beach Fire Department 2005-Present
- **Fire Engineer**, Newport Beach Fire Department 2001-2005
- **Firefighter**, Newport Beach Fire Department 1999-2001
 - Newport Beach Fire Academy Instructor (7 years)
 - CERT – Fire Suppression Instructor (10 years)
 - Nbfd Live Fire and Flashover Instructor Lead (5 years)
 - Nbfd Fire Explorer Instructor (3 years)

Education

- **Bachelor of Arts Degree, History** Humboldt State University 1995
- **Associate of Science, Fire Science**, Santa Ana College 1997
- **Firefighter I Academy**, Rio Hondo College 1997

Professional Designations and Certifications

- IAAI CFI Fire Investigator 2023
- CCAI CFI Fire Investigator
- CSFM Fire Investigator I 2012
- CSFM Company Office 2005
 - CSFM Certifications Command 1A, 1B
 - Fire Investigation 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B
 - Fire Prevention 1A, 1B
 - Fire Management 1
 - ICS 200
 - ICS 300
 - Fire Instructor 1A, 1B
 - Driver Operator 1A, 1B
 - IAAI Certification
 - Fire Investigator Technician – IAAI-FIT

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- CFI Certification

National Wildfire Coordinating Group Certifications

S215, S230, S231, S290

Fire Investigation Experience

Fire Suppression: Responded to approximately 500 fires

Fire Investigation: Investigated approximately 1000 fires

CFI Trainer- over 135 hours of online training

Professional Associations

- International Association of Firefighters (IAFF)
- International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI)
- California Conference of Arson Investigators (CCAI) (CFI)
- North American Fire Investigators (NAFI)

Other Qualifications

- EMT, CPR, RS-1/ RS-2

Professional Development

- National Fire Academy
Fire-Arson Origin and Cause Investigation May 2013
The course is designed to meet or exceed the applicable sections of NFPA 1033, Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigator. This course also provides consistent methods and approaches to investigations per NFPA 921, Guide for Fire and Explosion Investigations. (80 Hours)
- Rio Hondo College
Fire Investigation 2B – Field Case Studies April 2011
This course provides advanced instruction in fire scene investigation, case preparation, and courtroom presentation. (40 Hours)
- Rio Hondo College
Fire Investigation 2A – Criminal and Legal Procedures March 2011

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This course provides information on conducting a fire investigation, preparing a search warrant, testifying as an expert witness, and properly documenting a criminally caused fire. (40 Hours)

- Santa Ana College
Fire Investigation 1B – Techniques of Fire Investigation Nov 2010
This course provides a deeper understanding of fire investigation with topics discussing the juvenile fire setter, report writing, evidence preservation and collection, interview techniques, motives, and fire fatalities. (40 Hours)
- Riverside County Sheriff's Department
P.C. 832 Arrest, Search and Seizure May 2011
Course covers topics such as Criminal Justice, Leadership, Professionalism and ethics, cultural diversity, community relations, laws of arrest, investigative report writing, and arrest methods and defensive tactics. (40 hours)
- Santa Ana College
Fire Investigation 1A – Fire Origin and Cause Determination Nov 2005
The course focus is providing information on fire scene indicators and fire origin determination. (40 Hours)