

CURRICULUM VITAE

GEOFF HAZARD

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Geoff Hazard is a Forensic expert in the origin and cause of fires and explosions and a partner with Fire Cause Analysis. Mr. Hazard is a Certified Fire Investigator with the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI) and holds a Pro Board Certification as a Fire Investigator from the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications.

Mr. Hazard has participated in over 2000 investigations of residential, commercial, vehicular and vessel fires as an origin and cause expert with Fire Cause Analysis since 2006. He is an expert in the dynamics, evolution, and spread of fires and the forensic application of NFPA 921: Guide for Fire & Explosion Investigations.

Mr. Hazard has served as a liaison to NFPA 921 Technical Committee Member Hal Lyson, as an NFPA 921 Task Group member, an instructor at the California Conference of Arson Investigators training seminars, and as a member of the IAAI Fire Investigation Standards Council.

Mr. Hazard holds a Master's Degree in Forensic and Fire Science from the University of New Haven, Connecticut and has guest lectured to UNH on numerous occasions.

Mr. Hazard has been published in the 2017, 2021 and 2024 Editions of NFPA 921 Guide for Fire & Explosion Investigations, and in various occasions in the the Journal of The International Association of Arson Investigators and the California Conference of Arson Investigator Magazine.

Professional Experience

- **Vice President of Fire Investigations & Managing Partner**, Fire Cause Analysis May 2006 – Present
- **Evidence Technician / Research Associate**, Fire Cause Analysis July 2003 – July 2004
- **Intern Fire Investigator**, New Haven Police / Fire Investigation Unit January 2005 – June 2005
- **Intern Fire Investigator**, Connecticut State Fire Marshal Fire Investigation Unit April 2005 – April 2006

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Education

- **Master of Science – Forensic Science & Fire Science** April 2006
University of New Haven, New Haven, CT
- **Bachelor of Arts** May 1997
Kenyon College, Gambier, OH

Professional Certifications

- **Certified Fire Investigator**, International Association of Arson Investigators March 2011
IAAI-CFI #22-030830
- **Pro-Board Certified Fire Investigator 1033-2009**, National Board of Fire Service Professionals March 2011

Professional Associations

- International Association of Arson Investigators, Member
- California Conference of Arson Investigators, Member
- Oregon Chapter of International Association of Arson Investigators, Member
- Fire Investigation Standards Council (FISC), Associate Member & Contributing Author
- International Association of Marine Investigators, Member
- National Fire Protection Association, Member

Publications

- Cover Photograph and Article, California Fire / Arson Investigator Magazine, October 2007 Issue
- Cover Photograph and Article, California Fire / Arson Investigator Magazine, December 2009 Issue
- 2011 Update Author, Scientific Evidence in California Criminal Cases – Chapter 12 – Origin & Cause of Fire
- Cover Photograph, Journal of the International Association of Arson Investigators, October 2013
- 2015 Update Author, Scientific Evidence in California Criminal Cases – Chapter 12 – Origin & Cause of Fire
- Contributing Photograph, Figures 18.3.2.7 (a) and 18.3.2.7 (b) of NFPA 921 – 2017 Edition
- 2018 Update Author, Scientific Evidence in California Criminal Cases – Chapter 12 – Origin & Cause of Fire
- Article, Journal of the International Association of Arson Investigators, October 2018 NFPA 1033 List of 16 Part 3: Understanding Topics 9-13
- Article, Journal of the International Association of Arson Investigators, July 2019 An Overview of the First Draft Report on NFPA 921, 2020 Edition
- 2022 Update Author, Scientific Evidence in California Criminal Cases – Chapter 12 – Origin & Cause of Fire
- Article Reviewer, Journal of the International Association of Arson Investigators, Winter 2024 Introducing the Latest NFPA 921: 2024 Edition

Professional Honors & Awards

International Association of Arson Investigators 2013 Photo Competition, 2nd Place Award

Teaching Experience

- Presenter, "*The DNA of Fire*", Wells Fargo CPCU Group of San Francisco June 2014
- Instructor, "*Vessel Fires*", California Conference of Arson Investigators Training Seminar March 2018
- Presenter, "*Fire Investigations that Sizzle*", Claims Conference of Northern California (CCNC) 2024
- Guest Lecturer, University of New Haven Fire & Forensic Science Master's Program Students Multiple dates

Professional Development

[H = Hours; TH = Tested Hours]

- International Association of Arson Investigators Annual Training Conference 2024 40.00 H
- California Conference of Arson Investigators Training Seminar & Field Test Burns 2023 24.00 H
- International Association of Arson Investigators Annual Training Conference 2019 40.00 H
- International Association of Arson Investigators Annual Training Conference 2018 40.00 H
- International Association of Arson Investigators Annual Training Conference 2017 40.00 H
- International Association of Marine Investigators Annual Training Conference 2016 24.00 H
- California Conference of Arson Investigators Training Seminar & Field Test Burns 2015 24.00 H
- International Association of Marine Investigator Annual Training Conference 2015
- International Association of Arson Investigators Annual Training Conference 2015 24.00 H
- California Conference of Arson Investigators Training Seminar & Field Test Burns 2012 24.00 H
- International Association of Arson Investigators Annual Training Conference 2010 40.00 H
- Fire and Explosion Perils Workshop 2009 8.00 TH
Fire Cause Analysis
- PC-832 / Laws of Arrest & Control 2007 40.00 TH
South Bay Regional Public Safety Academy
- Expert Witness Testimony Class 2007 20.00 TH
California Conference of Arson Investigators
- California State Fire Marshal Fire Investigation 1B 2006 40.00 TH
Ben Clark Regional Training Center
- California State Fire Marshal Fire Investigation 2A 2006 40.00 TH
California Fire Academy at Monterey Bay
- Fire Investigation 2B 2006 40.00 TH
California Fire Academy at Monterey Bay
- Advanced Vehicle Fire Investigation School 2005 40.00 H
Connecticut Fire Academy
- Advanced Fire & Arson Investigation School 2005 40.00 H
Connecticut Fire Academy
- Fire Investigation 1A 2003 40.00 TH
City College of San Francisco
- Basic Firefighter Academy Certificate 2002 256.00 TH
Monterey Peninsula College Fire Academy
- Emergency Medical Technician – Basic, Skyline College 2001 158.00 TH

Deposition & Trial Testimony

- Court Testimony, Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, Case # CGC-08-483165 October 22, 2009
Case involved subrogation against a roofing contractor who caused a fire on roof during hot work; testified as to fire origin and cause for Plaintiff – judgment in favor of Plaintiff.
- Court Testimony, Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, Case #CIV497149 May 2, 2011
Case involved subrogation by landlord against girlfriend of tenant’s son, for causing a fire related to unattended smoking materials; testified as to fire origin and cause for Plaintiff – judgment in favor of Plaintiff.
- Deposition by Attorney Lawrence Padway, Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, Case #RGO944741 November 24, 2010
Case involved subrogation by Landlord against tenant for causing fire in retail store; testified as to fire origin and cause for Plaintiff.
- Deposition by Attorney Stephanie Spich, Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Case #FCS031689 January 11, 2011
Case involved subrogation against HVAC manufacturer for a fire involving HVAC unit in attic of single family home; testified as to fire origin and cause for Plaintiff.
- Deposition by Attorney Ronald Losch, Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, Case #109CV149437 consolidated with 110-CV176665 August 29, 2011
Case involved subrogation by landlord against tenant for causing cooking fire in restaurant; testified as to fire origin and cause for Plaintiff.
- Deposition by Attorney Olivia Bissel, Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, Case #CGC-10-505518 consolidated with CGC-10-500763 August 23, 2012
Case involved subrogation by building owner against Electrical Contractor for allegedly causing fire in a home under renovation; testified as to fire origin and cause for Defendant.
- Deposition by Attorney Brett Culbreth, Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, Case # RG12613515 June 11, 2013
Case involved subrogation by homeowner against painter for fire that resulted from a floor furnace in an apartment under renovation; testified as to fire origin and cause for Defendant.
- Deposition by Attorney Paul Sheng, Superior Court of California, County of Contra Costa, Case # C12-02867 November 22, 2013
Case involved subrogation by homeowner against neighbor, where fire originated; testified as to fire origin and cause for Plaintiff.
- Deposition by Attorney Christopher Bolig, Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, Case # CGC-12-521142 January 3, 2014
Case involved litigation by tenant against landlord for alleged faulty building wiring; testified as to fire origin and cause for Defendant.
- Deposition by Attorney Michael Schreiber, Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, Case # CGC-14-539155 June 1, 2015
Case involved litigation by tenants against master tenant and building owner for alleged failure of refrigerator; testified as to fire origin and cause for Defendant.

- Arbitration Testimony, JAMS, San Francisco, California, JAMS Case number 1100084872 April 25, 2017
 Case involved arbitration between the current and previous owners of a home regarding disclosures of roof leaks prior to the sale; testified as an expert during the arbitration.
- Deposition by Attorney Steven Abern, Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, Case # CGC-16-551647 July 13, 2017
 Case involved a wrongful eviction suit brought by tenants following a fire at a rental property, testified as to fire origin and cause for the Defendant.
- Deposition by Attorney Mary Catherine Wiederhold, Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, Case # CGC-16-550493 May 31, 2018
 Case involved a lawsuit brought by the tenants following a fire at a rental property, testified as to fire origin and cause for the Defendant.
- Deposition by Attorney Douglas E Johns, Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, Case # CGC-17560430 February 21, 2019
 Case involved a lawsuit brought by the landlord following a fire at a commercial rental property, testified as to fire origin and cause for the Plaintiff.
- Deposition by Attorney Lydia V. Ko, Superior Court of California, County of Santa Cruz, Case # 18CV02852 August 12, 2019
 Case involved a lawsuit brought by the insurance carrier for a residential structure against a painting contractor; testified as to fire origin and cause for the Plaintiff.
- Deposition by Attorney Dean Alper, Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, Case # CGC18567373 December 4, 2020
 Case involved a lawsuit brought by two insurance carriers who sustained exposure losses; testified as to the fire origin and cause for the Defendant.
- Deposition by Attorney Elliot John, Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, Case #321CV01462LB February 7, 2023
 Case involved a lawsuit brought by a tenant who sustained a fire resulting from a product purchased on Amazon.com, testified as to origin and cause for the Plaintiff.
- Deposition by Attorney Erin McGahey, Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, Case #321CV01462LB December 18, 2023
 Case involved a lawsuit brought by a tenant who sustained a fire.