

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### JAMES “JIMMY” BLANDO

#### IAAI-CFI®, IAAI-ECT®, NAFI-CFEI, NAFI-CVFI

Mr. Blando received his Associate of Science Degree from Chemeketa Community College in Salem, Oregon. In addition, he is a Certified Fire Investigator (CFI) with the International Association of Arson Investigators, Evidence Collection Technician (ECT) with the International Association of Arson Investigators. He is a Certified Fire & Explosion Investigator (CFEI) with the National Association of Fire Investigators and a Certified Vehicle Fire Investigator (CVFI) with the National Association of Fire Investigators. Mr. Blando is a qualified Fire Inspector III NFPA.

In addition to being a qualified court expert witness during his tenure with the Maui Fire Department. Over his 25 years as an industry professional, Mr. Blando has performed over 1000 fire and explosion investigations involving injuries, fatalities, and fire damages.

#### Professional Experience

- **Fire Investigator**, Fire Cause Analysis, Hawaii January 2025 – Present
- **Fire Investigator**, EFI, Hawaii, California April 2022 – August 2023
- **Fire Inspector**, Marriott International, US, International May 2015 – December 2021
- **Fire Inspector**, Marriott Vacation Club, US, International March 2008 – May 2017
- **Fire Inspector / Investigator**, Maui Fire Department April 2002 – 2015
- **Fire Fighter**, Maui Fire Department February 1992 – February 2017

#### Education

- **Interviewing & Interrogation Techniques for Courtroom Testimony** 2006  
National Fire Academy
- **Wildland Fire Origin & Cause Determination** 2005  
National Wildfire Coordinating Group
- **Fire/Arson Investigation** 2005  
National Fire Academy

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- **Fire/Arson Investigator Conference** 2004  
Public Agency Training Council/Jody Cooper
- **Associate of Science – Fire Suppression** 1987  
Chemeketa Community College, Salem, OR

### **Professional Certifications**

- **Evidence Collection Technician (IAAI) #86** 2018
- **Certified Fire Investigator (IAAI) #62-002** 2008
- **Certified Vehicle Fire Investigator (NAFI) #11078-5811 #86** 2005
- **Certified Vehicle Fire & Explosion Investigator (NAFI) #11078-5811 #86** 2004

### **Professional Licenses**

- **Pro-Board Accredited Certification**

### **Professional Associations**

- **International Association of Arson Investigators** 2004 – Present
- **National Association of Fire Investigators** 2004 – Present

### **Teaching Experience**

- Topics: Fire Inspection, Hawaii Department of Transportation May 2024 – November 2024  
Airports, All Islands NFPA 1030 Fire Protection

### **Deposition & Trial Testimony**

- Commercial Structure Fire, Deposition – Civil No. 2CCV-21-0000302 October 18, 2022
- Murder Case Vehicle Fire – Civil Court Wailuku, HI CR.NO 16-1-01333(3) May 23, 2016
- Vehicle Fire Arson – Civil Court Wailuku, HI 2P311-00025 November 30, 2011
- Structure Fire-Civil Court Wailuku, HI FC-J NO.83659 Ref. No 109-488 October 9, 2009
- Grand Jury Circuit Court of the Second Circuit November 16, 2007