

CURRICULUM VITAE

JEFFREY P. SCHLESINGER

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Mr. Schlesinger is a Certified Fire Investigator and Fire Investigations Supervisor with Fire Cause Analysis. He retired in 2010 as the Fire Marshal and Public Safety Lieutenant with the City of Sunnyvale, California, Department of Public Safety. The Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety is the largest fully integrated public safety department in the United States. All sworn members are fully trained firefighters, police officers, and emergency medical technicians. Mr. Schlesinger later worked as the Deputy Chief of Police and District Emergency Manager for the Foothill-De Anza Community College District Police Department. Prior to working for the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety, he was a police officer with the City of San Carlos Police Department. Mr. Schlesinger spent ten years assigned to the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety Crime Scene Investigations Unit, including six years as the coordinator for a unit consisting of ten crime scene investigators.

Mr. Schlesinger has conducted over 1200 fire and explosion investigations and has testified as an expert in fire and explosion investigations in both civil and criminal court systems. Mr. Schlesinger also testified in the State of California Criminal Superior Court system in his law enforcement capacity. Mr. Schlesinger is a past president of the Santa Clara County Fire Investigations Task Force and the Santa Clara County Fire Marshals' Organization.

Mr. Schlesinger has participated as a member of the evidence collection and retention team, coordination and quality review for the following significant vegetation fires in California and Hawaii; Camp Fire in 2018, Kincade Fire in 2019, Dixie and Fly fires in 2021, and the Maui, HI fires of 2023.

Mr. Schlesinger's current assignment includes conducting origin and cause investigations for fire and explosions, supervision of fire investigators, training new investigators, and evidence handling and coordination. Mr. Schlesinger is authorized and licensed to conduct fire/explosion investigations in the states of Arizona, California, and Nevada.

Mr. Schlesinger possesses a Master of Science (MS) degree in Emergency Services Administration, Bachelor of Public Administration (BPA) degree, and an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Administration of Justice. He is a Certified Fire Investigator through the International Association of Arson Investigators and the California Conference of Arson Investigators, Master Certified Fire Investigator through the California Conference of Arson Investigators, California State Certified Fire Investigator (Level II) through the State Fire Marshal's Office, and a Certified Evidence Collection Technician through the International Association of Arson Investigators.

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Professional Experience

- **Fire and Explosion Origin and Cause Investigator & Fire Investigations Supervisor**, Fire Cause Analysis
Investigate the origin and cause of fires & explosions, supervise and train new investigators. July 2011 – Present
- **Deputy Chief of Police & District Emergency Manager**, Foothill-De Anza Community College District Police Department
August 2012 – November 2017
- **Fire Marshal and Public Safety Lieutenant (Fire/Police/EMS)**, Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety
May 2007 – December 2010
 - Fire Origin and Cause Investigator**
Supervise and investigate the origin and cause of fires, train new investigators and technical review of reports.
 - Fire Prevention Officer**
Supervise, train, and conduct inspections of businesses, health care facilities, schools, and assists with fire related public education.
 - Fire Protection Engineering**
Supervise Fire Protection Engineering staff and conduct initial construction plan reviews and inspections.
 - Hazardous Materials Compliance Unit**
Manage Hazardous Materials Supervisor and Inspectors.
- **Public Safety Lieutenant (Fire / Police / EMS)**, Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety
November 2004 – May 2007
 - Company Officer for Fire Operations**
 - Supervisor/Watch Commander for Police Patrol Operations**
 - Office of Emergency Services Coordinator**
- **Public Safety Officer (Fire / Police / EMS)**, Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety
May 1988 – November 2007
 - Fire and Explosion Origin & Cause Investigator, Fire Prevention Inspector.**
 - Firefighter/EMT**
 - Crime Scene Unit Coordinator**
 - Crime Scene Investigator**
 - Police Officer**
 - Police Detective**
- **Police Officer**, San Carlos Police Department
December 1982 – May 1988
 - Patrol Officer**
 - Field Training Officer**
 - Police Reserve and Explorer Program Coordinator**

Education

- **Master of Science / Emergency Services Administration** 2008
C.S.U. Long Beach
- **Bachelor of Public Administration** 2005
University of San Francisco
- **Associate of Science / Administration of Justice** 1981
College of San Mateo

Professional Certifications

- **Certified Fire Investigator (IAAI-CFI®) #22-030847** – International Association of Arson Investigators Expires 2027
- **Certified Fire Investigator (CCAI-CFI) #578** – California Conference of Arson Investigators Expires 2027
- **Master Certified Fire Investigator (CCAI-MCFI) #131** – California Conference of Arson Investigators Expires 2027
- **Evidence Collection Technician (IAAI-ECT®) #20** – International Association of Arson Investigators Expires 2025
- **Fire Investigator II Certification #870237** – California State Board of Fire Services 2003
- **Fire Investigator I Certification #881541** – California State Board of Fire Services 2002
- **Fire Inspector Certification #000043** – California State Board of Fire Services 2003
- **Firefighter II Certification #2035137** – California State Board of Fire Services 2002
- **Firefighter I Certification #018057** – California State Board of Fire Services 1989
- **Police Management and Supervisor Certificates** – California P.O.S.T. 2015, 2007
- **Emergency Management Specialist/Safety Officer, EOC Coordinator** – Cal OES 2018

Professional Licenses

- **State of California Private Investigator License # PI11582** (Fire Cause Analysis)
- **State of Nevada Private Investigator License # R-2019-08905**
- **State of Arizona Private Investigator License # 1756058**

Professional Associations

- **International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI)** Since 2002
- **California Conference of Arson Investigators (CCAI)** Since 2002
- **California State Division of International Association for Identification** Life Member
- **California Narcotics Officers Association (CNOA)** Life Member

Teaching Experience

- Instructor – California State Division International Association for Identification – Fire Investigation for the Crime Scene Investigator
- Instructor – Fire Investigation 1B – Photography Section
- Instructor – Santa Clara County Joint Fire Academy – Fire Investigations/Prevention
- Instructor – Santa Clara County Command Officer Academy – Evidence/Fire Investigations
- Instructor – Sunnyvale D.P.S. – Crime Scene Unit – Photography and Evidence
- Instructor – Sunnyvale D.P.S. – Fire Academy – Fire Investigations/Fire Prevention
- Instructor – Sunnyvale D.P.S. – New Fire Investigators – Fire Investigations

Publications

- Co-authored Fire Prevention/Fire Investigation Training Manual – Sunnyvale D.P.S., 2010
- Authored Digital Imaging Procedure – Sunnyvale D.P.S., 1997/2004
- Published letter to the editor – Digital photography for fire and law enforcement – CCAI magazine, CCAI newsletter, IAAI magazine, July 2000
- Authored Crime Scene Investigations Unit Training Manual for Sunnyvale D.P.S., 1997

Deposition and Trial Testimony (Fire Investigation/Explosion Related)

- Criminal Court – Sonoma County Superior Court, DA #PBK 0948366, Court # SCR-732466-1. Expert testimony for a jury trial for 23153(a) CVC et al, vehicle collision, fire, and significant bodily injury, 02/01/24.
- Civil Deposition – San Mateo County Superior Court #CIV533845, FCA #14-17058 – Cause, Origin, and Investigation for a commercial structure fire, 11/07/17
- Civil Mediation – Via telephone conference call – Jang and Associates (AAA) – FCA 14-17802 Cause and Origin for an accidental structure fire, recalled fish tank heater, 04/05/17
- Civil Deposition – Santa Clara County Superior Court #108-CV105754, SDPS #FR09-2427 – Cause, Origin, and Investigation for an accidental structure fire., 11/16/10
- Civil Deposition – Santa Clara County Superior Court #I-02-CV-811795, SDPS # FR01-3089 – Cause, Origin and Investigation for an accidental structure fire and explosion (07/28/05 – 2nd deposition for this case)

- Civil Deposition – Santa Clara County Superior Court #I-02-CV-811795, SDPS # FR01-3089 – Cause, Origin and Investigation for an accidental structure fire and explosion, 08/24/04
- Criminal Court – Santa Clara County Superior Court/Sunnyvale (Preliminary Examination) SDPS #FR02-6515 – Cause, Origin, Investigation, and Arrest for an arson fire with serious injury, 12/16/02

Professional Development (Fire Related)

[H = Hours; TH = Tested Hours]

• Fire Investigator Meeting/NFPA 921/Polycam – Fire Cause Analysis	2024	3.00 TH
• Automobile Insurance Fraud – California Department of Insurance (NT)	2024	2.00 TH
• Asbestos and Lead Awareness – Safety Unlimited Inc. (Annual)	2024	3.00 TH
• CFITrainer.net – Fatal Fire Investigation	2024	3.00 TH
• CFITrainer.net – Emerging Technologies in Fire Investigation	2024	3.00 TH
• Scientific Protocols for Fire Investigations – Fire Nuggets Inc./John Lentini	2023	24.00 TH
• CFITrainer.net – Ethics and Social Media	2023	3.00 TH
• CFITrainer.net – Fundamentals of Residential Building Construction	2023	3.00 TH
• CFITrainer.net – Fire Effects Part 1: Heat Effects on Fuels	2023	3.00 TH
• CFITrainer.net – Site Safety Assessment	2023	3.00 TH
• CFITrainer.net – NFPA 1033 & 921 2022/2021 Editions Updates	2022	3.00 TH
• CFITrainer.net – Relationship between NFPA 1033 and NFPA 921	2022	2.00 TH
• CFITrainer.net – Lithium-Ion Battery Fires	2021	1.00 TH
• CFITrainer.net – Analysis of the Station Nightclub Fire	2020	4.00 TH
• CFITrainer.net – Fire Investigator Scene Safety	2020	3.00 TH
• CFITrainer.net – Electrical Safety	2020	3.00 TH
• CFITrainer.net – Understanding Undetermined	2018	3.00 TH
• CFITrainer.net – The Deposition Part 1	2018	3.00 TH
• International Association of Arson Investigators – International Training Conference	2018	
• Evidence Collection/Accelerants – Fire Cause Analysis	2017	3.00 TH
• Burn to Learn – Santa Clara Co Fire Investigations Taskforce	2017	16.00 TH
• CFITrainer.net – NFPA 1033 and Your Career	2016	2.00 TH
• NFPA 921/1033 – Fire Cause Analysis, Hal Lyson, instructor	2015, 2014	
• Basic Electrical Fire Investigation – United States Department of Justice	2014	16.00 TH
• Advanced Electrical Fire Investigation – United States Department of Justice	2014	16.00 TH
• International Association of Arson Investigators – International Training Conference	2014	
• Boat Fire Investigation – Fire Cause Analysis	2013	8.00 H
• S-404 – Incident Safety Officer – California State Fire Marshal	2010	40.00 TH
• Wildland Fire Investigation (FI-210) – National Wildfire Coordinating Group	2009	40.00 TH
• Management of Fire Prevention Programs – National Fire Academy	2009	80.00 TH
• Fire Prevention 3A – Sprinkler Calculations – State Fire Marshal's Office	2009	
• S-130/S-190 Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior – National Wildfire Coordinating Group	2008, 2004	
• Fire Prevention 2A – Fire Sys/Bldg. Components – State Fire Marshal's Office	2008	
• Art of Reading Smoke – Santa Clara Co Fire Prevention Officers	2008	8.00 TH
• International Building Code and International Fire Code courses – International Code Council	2007	

• Fire Prevention 3B – Plan Review – State Fire Marshal’s Office	2007	
• Weapons of Mass Destruction – Santa Clara Co Ofc. of Emergency Services	2005	4.00 TH
• Fire Prevention 2C – Special Hazards – State Fire Marshal’s Office	2004	
• Fire & Arson Fatality Fire Scene Investigation – Public Agency Trng. Council	2004	16.00 TH
• Advanced Fire Origin & Cause – Public Agency Training Council	2004	24.00 TH
• Vehicle Fire/Fraud Investigation – Santa Clara County Fire Inv. Taskforce	2004	16.00 TH
• S-231 Engine Boss – National Wildfire Coordinating Group	2004	16.00 TH
• Electrical Fire Investigation – Public Agency Training. Council	2002	24.00 TH
• Arson-Explosive Investigation – Institute of Criminal Investigation	2002	40.00 TH
• Fire Prevention 1C – Flammable Liquids & Gases – State Fire Marshal’s Office	2002	
• Fire Death Invest/Fire Scene Video – Santa Clara County Fire Inv. Taskforce	2001	24.00 TH
• Fire Prevention 2B – Building Code – State Fire Marshal’s Office	2001	
• Fire Investigation 2A – Fire Criminal & Legal Proc – State Fire Marshal’s Office	2001	
• Fire Investigation 1B – Techniques of Fire Invest. – State Fire Marshal’s Office	2000	
• Fire Investigation 2B – Fire Field Case Study – State Fire Marshal’s Office	2000	
• Fire Prevention 1A – Basic Fire Prevention/Codes – State Fire Marshal’s Office	2000	
• Fire Prevention 1B – Fire Prevention Practices – State Fire Marshal’s Office	2000	
• Fire Command 1A – Company Officer Operations – State Fire Marshal’s Office	2000	
• Basic Fire Academy – Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety	1988	
• Fire Investigation 1A – Fire Origin & Cause – State Fire Marshal’s Office	1987	
• International Association of Arson Investigators – International Training Conference	2024, 2018, 2014, 2003	
• California Conference of Arson Investigators – Training Seminars	2022, 2021, 2019, 2017, 2016, 2012, 2010, 2008, 2007, 2005, 2002, 2001	
• National Fire Protection Association – Training Conference (NFPA 921)	2003	

Professional Development (Law Enforcement Related)

• Police Management – Modules A, B, C – South Bay Regional Training Center	2013	112.00 TH
• Police Supervisor – Santa Rosa Public Safety Center	2005	80.00 TH
• Bloodstain Dynamics – Sacramento Public Safety Center	1998	40.00 TH
• Interview and Interrogation – Behavior Analysis Training Institute	1995	40.00 TH
• Advanced Investigators School – National Law Enforcement Institute	1994	24.00 TH
• Police Photography – Federal Bureau of Investigations	1992	24.00 TH
• Field Evidence Technician – West Valley College	1990	80.00 TH
• Police Field Training Officer – San Jose City College	1987	40.00 TH
• Traffic Accident Investigation – South Bay Regional Training Center	1986	40.00 TH
• Basic Law Enforcement Academy – Modesto Criminal Justice Training Center	1983	480.00 TH
• Reserve Police Officer Academy – College of San Mateo	1981	200.00 TH
• Multiple Drug and Alcohol Awareness Courses – Various Agencies	1983 – 2017	
• California State Division – International Association for Identification Training Seminars	2009, 2005, 2001, 1999, 1998, 1997	