



CURRICULUM VITAE

NICK CASTELLON, NAFI-CFEI, NAFI-CVFI

Nick Castellon has over five years of experience conducting fire and explosion origin and cause investigations; including: residential, commercial, industrial, and vehicles. He has one year of experience as a research analyst with Fire Cause Analysis assisting fire investigators on scene and in the Santa Clara facility. He has over 150 hours of training focused on fire investigation. He has assisted on several large losses including: Lahaina (Hawaii) Fires (2023) and Los Angeles Fires (2025).

Mr. Castellon holds memberships with the National Association of Fire Investigators, where he holds the Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator (CFEI) certification and Certified Vehicle Fire Investigator (CVFI), as well as a membership with the California Conference of Arson Investigators.

Professional Experience

- **Certified Fire Investigator**, Fire Cause Analysis, Marina, CA 03/2020 to Present
- **High School Teacher**, Science and Math, St. Francis High School, Watsonville, CA 08/2015 to 03/2020
- **Research Analyst**, Fire Cause Analysis, Berkeley, CA 01/2014 to 08/2015

Education

- **Bachelor of Science Degree, Biology**, California State University Monterey Bay

Professional Designations and Certifications

- **Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator**, #25944-14918V, National Association of Fire Investigators
- **Certified Vehicle Fire Investigator**, #25944-14918V, National Association of Fire Investigators

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Professional Licenses

- State of California Private Investigator, license # PI11582

Professional Associations

- International Association of Arson Investigators
- National Association of Fire Investigators
- California Conference of Arson Investigators

Teaching Experience

- “Fire and Explosion Investigations That Sizzle”, Sacramento Claims Association, 10/2024
- “Fire and Explosion Investigations That Sizzle”, Mid-Valley Claims Association, 01/2023

Professional Development

2024

- Asbestos Awareness Training, Safety Unlimited, # 21091562341000 2 hrs
- Lead Awareness Training for General Industry, # 21091425341000 2 hrs
- HAZWOPER, OSHA 40 hrs

2022

- Fire Investigation 1A - Fire Origin & Cause, CCAI 40 hrs
- Fire Investigation 1B - Documentation/Evidence Collection, CCAI 32 hrs
- Fire Investigation 1C - Legal/Court Proceedings, CCAI 40 hrs
- “Fire Science & Fire Dynamics”, CCAI
- NAFI Annual Conference, NAFI - CFEI & CVFI
- CFITrainer.net
 - 2025 Explosion Dynamics 4 hrs
 - 2022 Motive, Means, and Opportunity: Determining Responsibility in an Arson Case 4 hrs
 - 2021
 - The Scientific Method for Fire and Explosion Investigation 3 hrs

■ Basic Electricity	4 hrs
■ Documenting the Event	4 hrs
■ Ethics and the Fire Investigator	3 hrs
■ Fire Flow Analysis	3 hrs
■ NFPA 1033 and Your Career	2 hrs
■ The Practical Application of the Relationship Between NFPA 1033 and NFPA 921	2 hrs
■ Understanding Fire Through the Candle Experiments	4 hrs
■ Introduction to Evidence	4 hrs
■ Evidence Examination: What Happens at the Lab?	4 hrs
■ Digital Photography and the Fire Investigator	4 hrs
■ Managing Complex Fire Scene Investigations	4 hrs
■ Fire Chemistry	3 hrs
■ Fire Investigator Scene Safety	3 hrs
■ The HAZWOPER Standard	4 hrs
■ The Impact of Ventilation in Building Structures on Fire Development	4 hrs
■ Post-flashover Fires	4 hrs
■ Scientific Method for Fire and Explosion Investigation	3 hrs
■ Electrical Safety	3 hrs
■ Insurance and the Fire Investigation	4 hrs
○ 2014 Fire Scene Awareness, # 14-1284	4 hrs