

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

### **Kevin Tiscareno, IAAI-CFI®**

Mr. Tiscareno has 24 years of experience as a firefighter and fire investigator in the public and private sector. He has operational experience in the public sector, working in the ranks of firefighter to division chief. This experience includes seeing fire dynamics firsthand on initial attack operations in structure, vehicle, water vessel, and wildland interface fires. His administrative experience includes program management, overseeing budgets, managing personnel, and committee involvement. Mr. Tiscareno has served as the President of the Orange County and South Bay Arson Taskforce.

Mr. Tiscareno has 11 years of experience as a private fire investigator with Fire Cause Analysis. He has investigated complex incidents involving subrogation claims and liability exposures. He is an expert witness in the field of origin and cause.

His educational accomplishments include graduating from the Executive Fire Officer Program from the National Fire Academy, accreditation as a Chief Fire Officer with the Center for Public Safety Excellence, a Master's Degree in Public Administration, and a Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Leadership.

### **Professional Experience**

- **Fire Investigator, Fire Cause Analysis** March 2014 to Present

I am a fire and explosion origin and cause investigator representing multiple stakeholders investigating large-loss fires, fatalities, vehicles, marine, and brush fires. I have investigated over 600 fires and am a forensic expert in origin and cause.

- **Division Chief, Manhattan Beach Fire Department** November 2022 to Present

Fire Administration: I am the Division Chief of Support Services, which includes managing the facilities, fleet, fire investigation unit, communications, new software (First Due, Lexipol, and PS Trax), and SCBA (training, maintenance, FIT testing). I manage the budgets and contracts for all these programs with the assistance of our management analyst.

Budgetary Oversight: Fire Investigations \$11,170, Support Services \$60,700, Communications \$60,271, and Automotive Repairs \$110,000.

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Personnel Management: I am a division and duty chief for the “B” shift. The duty chief oversees the daily operations and supervises the suppression fire captains.

- **Battalion Chief**, Manhattan Beach Fire Department February 2022 to November 2022

Fire Administration and Operations: During the first ten months in the City of Manhattan Beach, I was the only chief officer, second to the Fire Chief. I oversaw all divisions of the fire department, including operations, EMS, and support services. I also represented the organization in the monthly meetings for each division. I engaged in substantial collaboration with neighboring agencies who supported achieving our fire department's mission.

Personnel Management: Managed day-to-day operations as a Battalion Chief for the department. I worked all three of the shifts as much as possible due to being the only chief officer, second to the Fire Chief. This was due to a Firefighter Association vs City contract issue.

- **Fire Captain**, Newport Beach Fire Department, 2006 to 2022

Personnel Management: Supervised and oversaw assigned crews while responding to emergency calls, conducting assigned fire prevention inspections, completing training, and performing public education/outreach activities. As the safety committee chairperson, I researched mold detection methods in fire stations and synthetic PT gear underneath structural firefighting gear.

- **Fire Investigator**, Newport Beach Fire Department 2014 to 2022

Personnel Management: Orange County Arson Task Force President and California Conference of Arson Investigators Board of Director. Develop agendas and training for monthly meetings. Collaborated with District Attorneys, fire investigators, and police personnel throughout California. Handled logistics for internationally recognized training hosted in the City of Newport Beach.

- **Training Officer**, Newport Beach Fire Department 2017 to 2020

Fire Administration: Provided leadership and direction for training for fire suppression, emergency medical delivery, hazardous situation mitigation, disaster response, fire prevention programs, and community education programs. Successfully handled a Cal OSHA investigation without recommendations or fines.

Personnel Management: Department Safety Officer on emergency and non-emergency incidents. Delivered recruit training class 8-17. Researched and completed special projects, including staff reports to the Civil Service Board and City Council, such as the Early

Earthquake Warning System.

- **Public Information Officer**, Newport Beach Fire Department 2014 to 2020

Operations: Provide press releases and interviews to the media. Conducted interviews in Spanish with television stations. Communicate with numerous press agencies during emergencies such as fires, traffic collisions, hazardous materials, promotional ceremonies, and mutual aid assistance.

- **Fire Engineer**, Newport Beach Fire Department 2002 to 2006

Operations: Maintained and operated fire apparatus. Assisted with Fire Engineer promotional exams, certifications, and inventory on new apparatus.

- **Firefighter**, Newport Beach Fire Department 2002 to 2004

Emergency Response: Provided emergency response for fire, medical, and other emergency calls.

## **Education**

- **Master of Public Administration**, California State University, Long Beach, CA
- **Bachelor of Arts Degree**, Chapman University, Orange, CA
- **Associate of Science Degree, Fire Administration**, Santa Ana College

## **Designations and Certifications**

- **Certified Fire Investigator**, International Association of Arson Investigators, # 22-1201102
- **Executive Fire Officer**, National Fire Academy 2024
- **Accredited Chief Fire Officer**, Center for Public Safety Excellence 2024
- **Chief Fire Officer, Fire Officer, USAR, ENGB, STEN-T, SOFR-T, S 339 Division/Group Supervisor**, California State Fire Marshal Office, Board of Fire Services, Sacramento, CA
- **Fire Investigator 2**, State of California

## **Professional Licenses**

- State of California Private Investigator, License # PI11582

## **Professional Associations**

- President, South Bay Arson Task Force
- President, Orange County Arson Task Force
- Secretary, Orange County Training Officers
- Board of Directors, California Conference of Arson Investigators
- Newport Beach Fire Incident Management System
- Newport Beach Safety Committee Chair

## **Professional Association Honors and Awards**

- Firefighter of the Year, Newport Beach Fire Department 2020

## **Publications**

- Fire Rescue One - Gen Z job satisfaction: Strategies to recruit and retain our youngest members – August 2024
- Fire Rescue One - From Sahara sands to station strength: Leadership lessons from a 250-km race – July 2025

## **Deposition and Trial Testimony**

- **20UD01247**, Superior Circuit Court of California, County of Sacramento – Northridge vs Alkhodar. Origin and cause testimony. Fire in a residential apartment. October 14, 2020, trial testimony.
- **Incident # N1809037**, Superior Circuit Court of California, County of Orange – Newport Beach, CA. Origin and cause testimony. Incendiary brush fire. September 2018 trial testimony.
- **Incident # N1411019**, Superior Circuit Court of California, County of Orange – Newport Beach, CA. Origin and cause testimony. Two-story duplex Christmas tree fire with multiple people injured. December 2014 civil disposition.