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**EXPERIENCE: *Fire Division Chief/ Fire Marshal-Arson/ Explosives Investigator - City of Alhambra Fire Department- Sworn management position responsible for all Arson/ Explosives/ and Hazardous Materials Investigations within the City of Alhambra and ten independent cities throughout the San Gabriel Valley. (March 30, 1992 to present).***

***Assignments in the Fire Suppression Division as Shift Battalion Chief commanding threshold level incidents involving fire, explosions, hazardous materials, and multi-victim accident incidents. State Certified Strike Team Leader for Campaign Fire Incidents (Assistant Strike Team Leader/ LA Riots (1992)/ Gran Prix/ Ole Fire Complex (2003).***

***Conducted approximately 1,800 fire investigations and testified in Federal, State, and Civil Court as an expert witness. Conducted approximately 100 fire, explosives, and hazardous material training sessions for law enforcement (Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, Drug Enforcement Administration, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and various municipal law enforcement agencies) and fire service personnel.***

***Team leader of the San Gabriel Valley Arson Explosives Task Force (January, 1998 to present). Responsible for conducting large scale fire and explosion incident investigations throughout the San Gabriel Valley within East Los Angeles County.***

***Twelve (12) years experience as a Police Officer with assignments in Patrol Division (Acting Patrol Sergeant, Field Crime Scene Investigator, and Field Training Officer), Detective Bureau (Homicide, Robbery, Burglary, Crimes against Persons, and Theft Investigations). Crime Impact Team Member (Surveillance Operations of Career Criminals and Search Warrant Entry Team) - (July 8, 1980 to March 30, 1992).***

***State of California Peace Officer Standards and Training/ Curriculum Consultant Course Development for the 832 P.C. - Laws of Arrest and Firearms Revision Manuals (1993 thru 1995).***

**State of California Office of Emergency Services/ California Specialized Training Institute (San Luis Obispo, CA) - Curriculum Consultant  
Course Development for Law Enforcement and Fire Agencies primarily in  
Terrorism Studies (1997 thru 1999).**

**Fire Technology Instructor- Pasadena City College, Pasadena, CA (1992 thru  
1994)**

**Hazardous Materials Incident Command Instructor- Rio Hondo Community  
College, Whittier, CA (1988 thru 1990). Responsible for training and certifying 600  
Los Angeles County Sheriff Deputies.**

**Medal of Valor Nomination 1991- Robbery Hostage Incident involving an Officer  
Involved Shooting with a fatality.**

**Alhambra Exchange Club Law Enforcement Award for Commendable Service  
1982- Recognized for the apprehension of Armed Robbery Suspects, Burglary  
Theft Ring Investigation, and Commendable Restraint in an Armed Confrontation  
Incident.**

**EDUCATION: California State University, Los Angeles, CA.  
Major/ Criminal Justice**

**California State University, Long Beach  
Field Evidence Technician Certification  
120 hours of training (November 1- 19, 1982)**

**California State University, Long Beach, CA.  
Advanced Field Evidence Technician Certification  
40 hours of training (March 7- 11, 1983)**

**Rio Hondo Community College, Whittier, Ca.  
Basic Police Academy Training  
705 hours of training (Graduated October 17, 1980)**

**TRAINING AND CERTIFICATIONS:**

**Peace Officer Standards and Training, Basic P.O.S.T. Certification (7-31-81)**

**Peace Officer Standards and Training, Intermediate Certification (9-8-89)**

**Peace Officer Standards and Training, Advanced Certification (9-8-89)**

**California State Certified Firefighter I (7-23-91)**

**California State Certified Firefighter II (11-7-96)**

**California State Certified, Hazardous Materials Instructor  
California Office of Emergency Services- Certification # 00134 (10-28-88)**

**Clandestine Methamphetamine Laboratory Chemical/Hazardous  
Assessment and Identification Course for the Specialist Employee  
California Specialized Training Institute, San Luis Obispo, CA. (11-16-00)**

**Burn Pattern Certification Course, Public Agency Training Council, El Cajon, CA  
October 8-10, 2007**

**California Community College Special Service Teaching Credential (10-18-88)**

**National Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator (N.A.F.I. 2006/ Certification #  
11792-5671)**

**Burn Pattern Certification Course- Public Agency Training Council-  
24 Hours- October 8-10-, 2007, El Cajon, CA**

**Fire/ Arson Fatality Fire Scene Investigation- Public Agency  
Training Council- 16 Hours- December 6-7, 2004**

**Incident Response to Terrorists Bombings- Technical Operations  
Course- New Mexico Tech- Energetic Materials Research and Testing  
Center- 32 Hours- October 19-22, 2004**

**Vehicle Arson & Fraud Course- Santa Clara County Fire Investigation  
Task Force- 16 Hours- May 19 & 20, 2004**

**Basic Incident Command System I-200- National Wildfire Coordinat-  
ing Group- 16 Hours- February, 2004**

**Bombs and Explosive Devices- Public Agency Training Council  
24 Hours- December, 2003**

**Fire/ Arson Fatality Fire Scene Investigation- Public Agency  
Training Council- 16 Hours- April 24 & 25, 2000**

**Chief Officer Hazardous Materials Workshop- Huntsville Training  
Associates- 16 Hours- March, 2000**

**Fire Control Flammable Gas and Flammable Liquids Course  
8 Hours- November 8, 1999**

***Evidence Detection and Preservation for WMD Incidents- National Terrorism Preparedness Institute- 8 Hours- July, 1999***

***Overview of Weapons of Mass Destruction- National Terrorism Preparedness Institute- 8 Hours- July, 1999***

***Fire/ Arson Investigation- California Conference of Arson Investigators- 18 Hours- January 25-27, 1999***

***Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior- National Wildfire Coordinating Group- 32 Hours- February, 1998***

***Wildland Fire Behavior- California Fire Chief's Association 32 Hours- November 2-5, 1997***

***Explosives Recognition and Reconnaissance Course- California State Fire Marshal Office- 40 Hours- September, 1996***

***Strike Team Leader Course- California Fire Service Training and Education System- 24 Hours- February, 1996***

***Fire Investigation Techniques- International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc.- 28 Hours- May 15-9, 1995***

***Fire/ Arson Investigation- California Conference of Arson Investigators 18 Hours- January 17-19, 1995***

***Fire/ Arson Investigation- California Conference of Arson Investigators 18 Hours- July, 1993***

***Team Concept in Fire Investigation Training- Fire Investigation Regional Strike Team, Los Angeles County- 8 Hours- November, 1992***

***Fire/ Arson Investigation Training- California Conference of Arson Investigators- 18 Hours- August, 1991***

***Fatal Fire Investigation Training- Fire Investigation Regional Strike Team- Los Angeles County- 8 Hours- March 7, 1991***

***Explosives and Incendiary Devices- International Law Enforcement Training and Consulting, Inc.- 8 Hours- July, 1990***

***Fire/ Arson Investigation- California Conference of Arson Investigators 18 Hours- January, 1990***

***Fatal Fire Investigation Training- Foothill Arson Control Team  
8 Hours- October 8, 1988***

***Hazardous Materials Investigations Course- Office of Emergency  
Services- California Specialized Training Institute- 40 Hours  
March, 1988***

***Advanced Fire Investigation Training- California Conference of Arson  
Investigators- 16 Hours- January, 1980***

***Arson Investigation Training- Law Enforcement Officers Training  
School- 16 Hours- October 25-26, 1979***