

KURT JOHNSON

CURRICULUM VITAE

SUMMARY OF OR AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Recognized fire expert, specializing in fire and explosive origin and cause determination, with experience of about 2000 fires in structures (commercial, residential, premanufactured, etc.), about 1200 fires in vehicles (boats, airplanes, heavy equipment, automobiles, etc.), about 100 fires in wildland, including the San Diego-Cedar Fire of 2003, and over 500 incidents of flammable and/or explosive devices.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Montebello Fire Department**, Montebello, California 2003 – present
Fire Marshal/Battalion Chief (Arson Division Director) — Responsible for the planning, direction, operation, and coordination of all Fire, Arson, and Explosive Investigations, within the City of Montebello. Developed, supervise, and participate in the Area E/Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives Arson Task Force, and United States Department of Transportation-HEAT [Hazmat (Fireworks) Enforcement Action Taskforce]. Deputized as a Special Deputy United States Marshal, to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.
- Pacific Rim Investigative Services Group**, Corona, California 2009 – present
Private Investigator — Responsible for private investigations in the areas of fire origin and cause determination; prepare reports; maintain records; and other duties required by the President.
- Advanced Analysis, Incorporation**, Lake Elsinore, California 2006 – 2009
Private Investigator — Responsible for private investigations in the areas of fire origin and cause determination; prepare reports; maintain records; and other duties required by the President.
- Compton Fire Department**, Compton, California 1994 – 2003
Fire/Arson Investigator — Responsible for the planning, direction, operation, and coordination of all Fire, Arson, and Explosive Investigations, within the City of Compton. Developed, supervise, and participate in the Area E/Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives Arson Task Force. Deputized as a Special Deputy United States Marshal, to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.
- Long Beach City College**, Long Beach, California 1998 – present
Fire/Arson Instructor — Responsible for planning and teaching of basic fire/arson investigation coursework in a classroom and field environment to pre-service fire science students.

EXPERT TESTIFICATION

- United States District Court (Federal/Criminal Courts)**
- Cases involving racketeering, arson, and flammable/explosive devices.
- County of Los Angeles-Superior Court (State/Criminal Courts)**
- Cases involving arson, homicide, vandalism, and flammable/explosive devices.
- County of Los Angeles-Superior Court (State/Civil Courts)**
- Cases involving recreational vehicles, mobile homes, pressure vessels, and fire and explosive investigations.

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- Long Beach City College, Long Beach, California**
- Associates of Science in Fire Science (coursework of over 1500 hours)
- Rio Hondo College, Whittier, California**
- Fire Academy Graduate (coursework of over 500 hours)
- California State Fire Marshal Certifications**
- Fire Investigator II and I (coursework of over 300 hours)
 - Fire Investigator II CFI Number 870270
 - Fire Investigator I CFI Number 881527
- Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) Courses**
- Penal Code 832 (PC 832) — Levels I/II (firearms)/III (coursework of over 120 hours)

ASSOCIATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS

International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI) — Member and CFI Number 22-050724
National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI) — Member and pending certification
California Conference of Arson Investigators (CCAI) — Member and CFI Number 606