



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA FIRE SCENE INVESTIGATIONS
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CURRICULUM VITAE BRYAN A. SPITULSKI, IAAI-CFI, P.I.

Area of Specialization:

Fire Investigation/Hazardous Material Specialist/Fire Consultant

Background and Professional Experience

Mr. Spitulski's background consists of educational/technical training and over 26 years of professional experience. His career in the fire service started in the US Army when he was deployed to fight the wild land fires in Yellowstone in 1986. After his honorable discharge he became a Fire Safety Specialist. He was certified to service and certify fire extinguishers and kitchen fire systems. As a Firefighter he has worked on hand crews for the US Forest Service where he was the lead Sawyer for two years. He also has worked on a Crash Rescue/Hazardous Material Technician crew at Naval Air Station Lemoore, CA. He has worked as a Professional Firefighter for a large city and has held the rank of Captain as a Fire Investigator. After being hired by the Modesto Fire Department he became a Hazardous Material Specialist. He worked three years as a team member of the Stanislaus County Hazardous Materials Team then became the Team Leader. He started as a Fire Investigator for Modesto first as an On-Call Investigator. He then became one of only two full time Fire Investigators for the Modesto Fire Department. In addition to his investigative duties he was also the cities Weapons of Mass Destruction Expert. This required many out of state training classes some for extended periods of time. He was responsible for communications/coordination between the Fire Department, Sheriff's Department, City Police, Medical Staff, and City Staff.

In March 2003 Mr. Spitulski went to work for Tyson Fire Investigations in Livermore, CA. In June of 2004 Mr. Spitulski purchased the company from Wayne Tyson. In addition to conducting his own investigations, he would over see the investigation of up to six other investigators. He has conducted approximately 2100 fire scene investigations on his own and supervised another 250 investigations. He has worked on commercial, residential, vehicle and marine investigations. He has also conducted training burns in houses and simulated fire ignition scenarios. As a Fire Investigator for the City of Modesto he has arrested suspects and testified in arson cases. He is a certified Expert Witness in Stanislaus County, Kern County and Solano County, as well as providing deposition testimony in Fresno County, Kern County, Stanislaus, Sacramento, San Joaquin County, Solano County, San Francisco County and Alameda County. He has had his deposition help up in the Appellate court. Mr. Spitulski is a current Certified Fire Investigators with the International Association of Arson Investigators. He is a licensed Private Investigator. He has taught classes at the Regional Fire Training Center run by Modesto Junior College. He has also given presentations to insurance adjusters, attorneys, and other experts on fire systems, fire safety and marine fire investigations.



Education/Training

Fred C. Beyer High School, Modesto, CA - 1985

Modesto Junior College, Modesto, California – 2000
Certificate of Achievement Fire Science - Presidents List

California State Fire Marshal's Office Fire Control 4 1993
California State Fire Marshal's Office ICS 220 - 1994
Alpine Mother Lode, San Joaquin Emergency Medical Services Agency EMT 1A Certification
California State Fire Marshal's Office Fire Fighter I – 1995
Ripon Firefighter I Academy - 1995
Rescue International Training Swiftwater Rescue Technician - 1995
California State Fire Marshal's Office Auto Extrication – 1995
California Specialized Training Institute Hazardous Materials First Responder – 1995
California Specialized Training Institute Hazardous Materials First Responder Decon - 1995
California State Fire Marshal's Office Fire Fighter II – 1996
Office of Emergency Services Multi-Casualty Incident Operations – 1996
BNSF Railroad Emergency Response - 1996
California State Fire Marshal's Office Fire Control 3 – 1997
Department of the Navy Emergency Vehicle operation - 1997
California Specialized Training Institute Hazardous Materials First Responder – 1999
California Specialized Training Institute Hazardous Materials First Responder Decon - 1999
California State Fire Marshal's Office ICS I-200 1999
California Specialized Training Institute Hazardous Materials Technician 1A - 1999
California Specialized Training Institute Hazardous Materials Technician 1B – 1999
California Specialized Training Institute Hazardous Materials Technician 1C – 1999
California Specialized Training Institute Hazardous Materials Technician 1D – 1999
Regional Fire Training Center Modesto Junior College Fire Fighter I Academy
Certificate in Fire Science Modesto Junior College December 2000
California Specialized Training Institute Hazardous Materials Specialist 1F – 2001
California Specialized Training Institute Hazardous Materials Specialist 1G - 2001
California Specialized Training Institute Hazardous Materials Incident Commander – 2001
California Specialized Training Institute Rail Car Safety – 2001
California Conference of Arson Investigators Fire Arson Investigations - 2001
California Specialized Training Institute Mass Casualty Decontamination – 2001
California State Fire Marshal's Office Fire Investigation 1A – 2001
California State Fire Marshal's Office Fire Investigation 1b – 2001
California Conference of Arson Investigators Vehicle Fires/Profiling the Serial Arsonist – 2001



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University of Nevada Las Vegas Radiological/Nuclear Course for Hazardous Materials Technicians -2002
Sacramento Regional Public Safety Training Center/ American River College PC 832 Arrest, Search & Seizure - 2002
International Association of Fire Fighters Emergency Response to Terrorism – 2002
California Conference of Arson Investigators Fire/Arson Investigation – 2002
California State Fire Marshal’s Office Fire Investigation 2A – 2001
Criminal Justice Training Center PC832 Firearms course - 2002
Auburn University WMD HAZMAT course (COBRA) – 2002
Advanced Scuba Diver NAUI Worldwide No. 10-88 8794
Auburn University WMD Incident Command Course – 2002
Department of Justice Emergency Response to Terrorism – 2002
Department of Justice LSU Emergency Response to Domestic Biological Incidents – 2002
Department of Justice WMD HAZMAT Technician Course – 2002
Department of Justice WMD Incident Command Course – 2002
New Mexico Tech Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings – 2002
Sacramento Regional Public Safety Training Center/ American River College Interview and Interrogation
California Conference of Arson Investigators Fire/Arson Investigation- 2008
International Association of Arson Investigators CFI test No. 22-129 2008
April 15-17, 2009 Wildland Fire Litigation Conference Reno, Nevada
Presentation Claims Conference of Northern California April 26, 2010 Kitchen Fire Suppression Systems
October 18, 2010 Presentation Central Coast Claims Conference Ansul Fire Suppression Systems
California Conference of Arson Investigators Fire/Arson Investigation – 2010
Maritime presentation San Francisco, CA-Forensic Evidence after boat fires 11-14-2011
California Conference of Arson Investigators Forensic Social Media Investigations – 2011
California Conference of Arson Investigators NFPA 921 – 2012
Ventilation-Focused Approach to the Impact of Building Structures and Systems of Fire CFI-Trainer Feb 2013
Arc Mapping CFI Trainer Feb 2013
An Analysis of the Station Nightclub Fire CFI-Trainer Feb 2013
Charleston Sofa Super Store program CFI-Trainer Feb 2013
Critical Thinking CFI-Trainer Feb 2013
Digital Photography and the Fire Investigator CFI-Trainer Feb 2013
Documenting the Event CFI Trainer March 2013
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Professional Experience

Nor-Cal FSI Senior Fire Investigator/Owner- December 2011 to present

Investigate fires of accidental, undetermined, and incendiary origin. Conduct file reviews for clients which includes reading of depositions, fire department reports, and organizing and understanding photo documentation. As a Private Investigator he is also able to conduct in-depth interviews. He has given Expert testimony as an Origin & Cause Investigator in many court trials and depositions. Over the past three years he has given multiple presentations for attorneys and adjusters about fire related material. As a business owner he is also responsible for all of the day to day business operations for Nor-Cal FSI.

Berkeley Research Company, Fire Investigator 2010- 2011

A Certified Fire Investigator/Licensed Private Investigator working with insurance adjusters, attorneys, and other experts. Conducted test fires on many different products for flame spread and ignition capabilities. Some of his other duties included coordinated evidence examinations with other experts and attorneys.

Ron Hall and Associates, Fire Investigator 2008 - 2009

Fire Investigator working with insurance adjusters, attorneys, and other experts

Tyson Fire Investigations, Fire Investigator/Owner/Consultant 2003 – 2008

Investigate fires of accidental, undetermined, and incendiary origin. As owner of the business he was responsible for all of the day to day business operations.

Modesto Fire Department, Fire Investigator- Captain 1999 - 2003

Suppression / Hazardous Material Specialist/ WMD Expert / Fire Investigator
He has conducted over 200 extensive fire scene investigations which included scene processing, interviews and interrogations. Arrested suspects for arson and worked with the District Attorney to prosecute. He trained Engine Crews on recognition of arson fires. He was responsible for training for the Stanislaus County Hazardous Material Team.

Modesto Junior College, Instructor 1999 – 2003

Classroom instructor for the Regional Fire Academy and provided training aids for students and faculty. Instructed Cadets on fire safety and suppression related material.



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Naval Air Station, Lemoore – Fire Fighter/ Engineer 1997 - 1999

Hazardous Material Technician / Crash Rescue Crew Member

Jorgensen Fire Protection – Fire Extinguisher/ Hood system Technician 1990 – 1997

EE 15484 Service and inspect all kinds of fire extinguishers. Service and certify Ansul/Kiddie/Pyro-Chem fire systems in restaurant hoods. He conducted public training on the use of fire extinguishers.

United States Army Sargent E-5 Special Weapons Team Leader 1985 – 1993

In charge of six-man special weapons team out of Ft. Lewis, WA. Top Secret Background Investigation done in 1988 (TSBI) Sent to Yellowstone in 1988 to fight the wild fires burning in the national park. Honorable discharge in 1993

Major Fire Investigation Experience

Mr. Spitulski has investigated numerous large loss fires and explosions in many different types of buildings and vehicles. The following list provides a sample of the variety of fire investigations he has personally been involved in.

- *McLaren F1 Car fire – \$3 million car fire in Santa Rosa, CA
- *Wine Central fire - \$500 million structure and content fire in Vallejo, CA
- *Four-plex fire – Four children died in the fire. Worked with the Fairfield FD and the District Attorney. Conviction of one of the mothers was a direct result of our investigation.
- *Foot Massager failure and fire – Fire caused large loss from water damage in Dublin, CA
- *San Francisco apartment fire – 5 Alarm fire San Francisco, CA
- *Washoe County fire – 4000 acre wild land fire in Washoe, NV
- *Blackhawk fire fatality – Residential fire caused the death of a 19 year old
- *Triple apartment fatality in San Francisco – Large apartment building in San Francisco, CA
- *Bio Plant fire – Oroville, CA
- *Houseboat fire – Lake Don Pedro, CA
- *Boiler/heater fire - Monache Condominium Complex Mammoth, CA
- *House explosion – Four Fire Fighters hurt in house explosion Sacramento, CA
- *Ferry boat fire – Electrical fire on a ferry San Francisco, CA
- *Yellowstone - First taste of fire Yellowstone, Wyoming



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California Conference of Arson Investigators

National Fire Protection Association Member

International Association of Fire Fighters – past member

American Legion

Stanislaus County Arson Task Force – past member

Sacramento Claims Association

Central Valley Claims Association

East Bay Adjusters Association