

**RICHARD “CRAIG” CESARIN
CURRICULUM VITAE**

AREA OF SPECIALIZATION

Certified Fire Investigator

EXPERIENCE

2007-present **Certified Fire Investigator – Fire Cause Analysis**

Conduct fire/arson investigations to determine origin and cause and prepare detailed written reports

1997-present **Deputy Fire Marshal**

Organized and currently coordinating the inspection program and file system for Prevention assigned inspections. Researched and prepared specifications for the purchase of a fire investigation response vehicle.

- Conduct fire/arson investigations to determine origin and cause and prepare detailed written reports.
- Coordinate criminal complaints with law enforcement.
- Ensure code compliance for life safety by inspecting Prevention assigned facilities.
- Investigate and resolve citizen complaints relating to fire and life safety.
- Provide technical, legal and training assistance to Suppression and Environmental Safety Division personnel.

1989-1997 **Fire Engineer/Hazardous Material Technician II**

Instrumental in the development and implementation of our tiller/truck training program and coordinated the placement of its tools and equipment. Developed, researched and analyzed specifications for the purchase of our Hazardous Emergency Action Team (HEAT) response vehicle and the placement of its tools and equipment.

- Responded with and without supervision under emergency and daily operations.
- Maintained Suppression and Hazardous Materials specialty certifications.
- Maintained a high level of proficiency in manipulative skills and use of related equipment.
- Responsible for routine maintenance of fire apparatus and related equipment to ensure reliability and its safe operation.
- Responsible for training shift personnel in Tiller/Truck driving and operations.

1982-1989 **Fire Engineer**

Maintained modern principles and practices of first aid and rescue methods, suppression functions, and techniques of driving and sustaining efficient operating fire apparatus.

- Responded with and without supervision under emergency and daily operations.

- Maintained certifications and a high level of proficiency in suppression skills and related equipment.
- Responsible for routine maintenance of fire apparatus and related equipment to ensure reliability and safe operation.
- Supervised and coordinated company fire inspection program.

Fire Captain (Acting)

Managed, directed, motivated and evaluated a 5 personnel fire suppression company in a two year continuous period. Responsible for department-wide apparatus maintenance records. Required making decisions affecting life and property and determining origin and cause at fire scenes.

1974-1982

Fire Fighter

Planned and developed a budget analysis report for the justification and purchase of Mountain View Fire Departments high pressure breathing air compressor.

- Responded with and without supervision under emergency and daily operations.
- Maintained certifications and a high level of proficiency in suppression skills, and operation and maintenance of related equipment.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Member: Santa Clara County Fire Investigation Task Force Team
- Member: California Conference Arson Investigators (CCAI)
- Member: Santa Clara County Fire Prevention Officer’s Association
- Member: Mountain View Fire Department Public Relations Committee
- Vice President FPB Mountain View Fire Department IAFF Local 1965
- Chaired: Project Coordinator for Hazardous Materials Response Vehicle
- Chaired: Project Coordinator for Depts. Breathing Air Compressor Committee

FORMAL EDUCATION

Various Certificates, California Fire Academy
 Monterey City College, Pacific Grove, CA

Fire Science Certificate, Fire Science Technology
 San Jose City College, San Jose, CA

Associate of Arts Degree, General Education
 Canada College, Redwood City, CA

CURRENT CERTIFICATIONS

- California Fire Service Training and Education System (CFSTES) Fire Prevention Officer I and II
- CFSTES Fire Investigator I and II
- CFSTES Hazardous Materials Technician and Specialist
- CFSTES Fire Officer (pending completion Mgt. 1)
- Federal Emergency Mgt. Agency U.S. Administration Juvenile Fire Setter Counselor

- PC 832 (Laws of Arrest)
- Level II, Mine Safety Apparatus (MSA) Repair Person
- Emergency Medical Technician-Defibrillator (EMT-D)
- Fire Fighter I and II

INVESTIGATIVE EXPERIENCE

- 300 Structures Fires
- 5 Vehicle Arson Fires
- 25 Structure Arson Fires
- 75 Undetermined Structure Fires
- 225 Accidental Structure Fires
- Certified Videographer and Photographer

I have deliberately set many fires in a control burn setting to observe fire spread and its behavior in structures. I have utilized several accelerants to observe their effects to carpet, flooring material and common furnishings.

I have attended Santa Clara County Investigators meeting on a monthly basis and attended approximately 2 seminars a year relating to investigative and/or interviewing techniques. I have been a member of the California Conference of Arson Investigators the last 5 years and have attended at least one 32-hour seminar per year.

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