

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### THOMAS A. PIERCE, CFI

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#### **Areas of Specialization**

Fire Investigation, Solid Fuels, Pyrotechnics

#### **Background and Professional Experience**

Mr. Pierce has over 25 years of fire fighting experience. He currently holds the position of Certified Fire Investigator with Fire Cause Analysis. During the course of Mr. Pierce's career, he has participated in over 500 cause and origin investigations, including vehicles, structures, and vegetation. He has instructed fire service personnel in oil fire suppression tactics and also has accumulated 18 years experience as a solid fuel contractor and inspector. Mr. Pierce serves the fire investigation community as a round table coordinator for the California Conference of Arson Investigators.

#### **Special Training**

- Numerous multi-day training sessions in fire and arson related matters; most of which were sponsored by the California State Fire Marshal's office.
- Additional training by the Bureau of ATF, California Conference of Arson Investigators, National Fire Academy, United States Forest Service, Public Agency Training Council, P.O.S.T and local agencies.
- Fire Investigation 1A & 1B (80 hours), California State Fire Training
- Fire Investigation 2A (40 hours), California State Fire Training
- Fire Investigation 2B (40 hours), California State Fire Training
- Expert Courtroom Testimony Program (20 hours - tested), IAAI – January 2005
- PC832, with firearms, P.O.S.T. Certification (64 hours)
- Level III P.O.S.T. Certification (116 hours)
- Level II P.O.S.T. Certification (277 hours)
- P.O.S.T. Correctional Deputy Academy (296 hours)

## **Professional Experience**

- 2004- Present** - Origin and Cause Investigator, Fire Cause Analysis, Bakersfield, Ca.
- 2002-2004** - Reserve Deputy, Correctional Officer, Inyo County Sheriff's Department, Independence, CA.
- 1980-2002** - Fire Investigator, Fire Fighter, Fire Apparatus Engineer, Fire Prevention Coordinator, Bishop Fire Department, Bishop, CA.
- 1982-2000** - Chimney sweep - owner/operator, Ye Olde Chimney Sweep, Bishop, CA  
- Solid fuel contractor - Educator of fire prevention safety programs, installations and inspections for real estate and insurance companies.
- 1980-present** - Pyrotechnician, Pyro Spectaculars, Rialto, CA.

## **Certifications**

Certified Fire Investigator # 092782  
Certified Fire Investigator # 587  
Certified Chimney Sweep # 6182  
Certified Fireplace Inspector # 110  
Certified Solid Fuels Inspector #1395  
Certified Gas appliance Technician  
California licensed Contractor C-61 #543499 (inactive)  
California Pyrotechnic Operator License # 1222-02  
California DL Class II with HazMat, air brake, tanker, passenger van endorsement

## **Professional Affiliations**

California Conference of Arson Investigators  
National Association of Fire Investigators  
International Association of Arson Investigators  
Southern California Fraud Investigators Assn.  
National Chimney Sweep Guild  
Golden State Chimney Sweep Guild  
California State Fire Fighters Association  
San Bernardino County Fire/Arson Association  
Central Valley Arson Fire / Arson Association

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