

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION:

Napa Valley College

Associate of Science

Fire Science

Napa Valley College

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Wildlife Law Enforcement

California Polytechnic State University

San Luis Obispo, CA

Agricultural Engineering

National Fire Academy

Emmitsburg, MD

Fire & Arson Mitigation

National Fire Academy

Emmitsburg, MD

Executive Development

**California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection
Academy**

Ione, CA

Basic Fire Academy

**California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection
Academy**

Ione, CA

Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) Academy

EMPLOYMENT:

Vallerga Fire Investigations

P.O. Box 1131

Condon, Montana. 59826

January 2012—present

Konocti Unified School District

9430 Lake Street

Lower Lake, CA 95457

August 2015—June 2017

EMPLOYMENT *Continued:*

Northshore Fire District
Battalion Chief/Investigator
Lucerne, CA (Consultant)
October 2012 – Retired January 2015

Unified Investigations and Sciences, Inc.
Special Investigator
Sacramento, CA
August 2009 –January 2012

Napa County Office of Education
ROP Fire Science Instructor
Napa, CA
August 2010 –September 2011

EFI Global
Rocklin, CA
Investigator
July 2008- August 2009

California Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection
St. Helena, CA
Fire Captain (Specialist)
June 1973 to November 1977 and
November 1988-March 2008

California State Fire Marshal's Office
Deputy State Fire Marshal II
July 1986-October 1988

American Canyon Fire Protection District
American Canyon, CA
Fire Chief
June 1981 to July 1986

Self Employed, California Agriculture

American Canyon Fire Protection District
American Canyon, CA
Engineer
February 1977-1979

MILITARY EXPERIENCE: United States Navy, Selected Reserve
Petty Officer 2nd Class (E5)
Navy & Marine Corps Construction Battalion-II (SeaBees)

TRAINING:

- Pile burning and slash removal, Flathead Valley College, February 2023
- Forest Practices, Flathead Vally College,
- Wildland Fire, California Conference of Arson Investigators, September 2019
- IAAI International Training Conference, Frisco, TX 2018
- Wildland Fire Litigation Conference, San Diego, CA May 2018
- Serial Arson Detection, Reno, NV. January 2017
- Wildland Fire Litigation Conference, Ken Roye, Monterey, CA May 2015
- Serial Wildland Arson Seminar, Reno, NV, 24-hours, February 2015
- Wildland Fire Investigation, CCAI, 20-hours, November 2014
- Wildland Fire Litigation Conference, FI-210 Bridge, Monterey, CA, April 2014
- NFPA 921 & NFPA 1033 Update, CCAI, 20-hours, March 2014
- Serial Arson Seminar, Las Vegas, NV. May 2013
- Wildland Fire Litigation Conference, Ken Roye, Monterey, CA April 2013
- Fire Investigation, California Conference of Arson Investigators 20-hours, March 2013
- Serial Arson Case Study, CCAI, 20-hours, November 2012
- Wildland Fire Litigation Conference, Ken Roye, Sacramento, CA 10-hours, April 2012
- Forensic Fire Reconstruction, Dr. John DeHaan, Dr. David Icove & Steve Carman, CCAI, 20 hours March 2012
- Fire Investigation, CCAI, 20 hours March 2011
- Vehicle Fire Investigation, CCAI, 20 hours March 2010
- Legal Research and Writing, Empire Law School, Cathern Kohlert, 30 hours, March 2009
- Electrical Caused Fires, CCAI, 20 hours, November 2009
- Fire/Arson Investigation, CCAI, 20 hours March 2009 .Fire/Arson Investigation, CCAI, November 2008
- Forensic Fire and Arson Investigation, UC-Davis by Dr. John DeHaan, 30 hours June 2008
- Fire Death Investigation, CCAI, by Dr. John DeHaan, 16-hours, March 2008
- Fire Scene Reconstruction, IIAI, by Dr. John DeHaan & David Icove, March 2008
- National Wildfire Coordinating Group, FI-310, Fire Case Management, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection/United States Forest Service, 40 hours, November 2006
- Fire Investigation, CCAI, 20 hours, February 2006
- ICS S-430, Operation Section Chief, CDF Academy, January 2006
- NIFC, FI-210, Wildland Fire Investigation, CDF/USFS, 40-hours, May 2005
- NFPA 921, CCAI, 20-hours, March 2005
- Fire Death Investigations, CCAI by Jim Allen, 8-hours, December 2006
- Surveillance Operations, CDF. 36-hours, May 2004
- Interview & Interrogation, John Reid & Associates, 36-hours, February 2004

TRAINING: Continued:

- Incident Command System S-348 Resource Unit Leader/S-347 Demobilization Unit Leader, CDF, 40 hours, February 2002
- Incident Command System S-270, Basic Air Operations, NWCG, 24 hours, March 2000
- Strike Team Leader, Engines, Crews & Dozers, CDF, 40 hours, January 1991
- Human Relations, CDF, 24 hours, March 1990
- Basic Crew Captain, CDF, 24 hours, January 1990
- Basic Fire Control, CDF, 320 hours, April 1989
- Naval Education Training 10255 & Naval Education Training 10256, U.S. Navy, 120-hours, November 1987
- Life Safety Code, Health and Human Services, Baltimore, Md., 40 hours, May 1987
- Fire Safety Evaluation System, Health and Human Services, San Francisco, CA, 24 hours, January 1987
- 832 Penal Code, Napa Valley College, 40 hours, April 1986
- Fire Executive Development III, National Fire Academy, Emmitsburg, MD, 80 hours, March 1986
- Fire Investigation 1A, 1B, 2A & 2B California Fire Service Training and Education System, 160 hours, March 1985-March 2006
- Fire/Arson Mitigation, National Fire Academy, Emmitsburg, MD., 80 hours, December 1984
- Fire Investigation, University of California, Davis, 16 hours, November 1983
- Incident Management I, II, & III, CDF, 160-hours December 1982/April 1990/December 2001
- ICS 100, 200 & 300, 50-hours, CDF, December 1982 & October 1999
- Title 19 & Title 24, California State Fire Marshal's Office, 46 hours, September 1982 & December 1982
- Fireground Management, California Fire Chief's Association, 16 hours, April 1982
- Intermediate Fire Behavior, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, 32 hours, February 1981

EXPERIENCE:

- Over 50 years as a Firefighter, Fire Officer, Peace Officer, Instructor and Investigator.
- Investigated over 2000 fires. Lead Investigator on several major cases.
- Over 20 years as an instructor.
- Assigned to Konocti Conservation Camp, 1987, Wilbur Springs FFS, 1993, Clearlake Oaks FFS, 1995, Boggs Mountain HeliTack Base, 1999 & Lake-Napa-Sonoma Law Enforcement 2004.
- Represented the State of California on major fire incidents in Idaho, Nevada and Oregon.
- Member of CalFire Arson Investigation Unit (AIU).
- Instructor Cadre, Surveillance Operations, CDF Academy, Ione, CA
- Senior Investigator, Lake County Arson Task Force, Lake County, CA.

Medically retired from active duty, February 29, 2008

CERTIFICATES:

- Private Investigator, California License #PI 25719
- Private Investigator, Montana License #PI 32574
- Certified Fire Investigator, California Conference of Arson Investigators, #604
- **Master-Certified Fire Investigator**, CCAI # 114
- Behavioral Analysis Training Institute, Interview & Interrogation, #13847
- Certified Fire Officer, State Board of Fire Services, #017008
- Basic Peace Officers Standards and Training, (POST), #B121893
- Fire Officer, State Board of Fire Services, #017088
- Community College Teaching Credential, #268224
- Certified Fire Investigator I, State Board of Fire Services #880516
- Firefighter I, State Board of Fire Services, #00467

COURT QUALIFICATIONS:

Expert Witness testimony, as an Origin and Cause specialist, in the following courts:

- **Federal Court of San Francisco**
- Superior Court of Napa County (Criminal & Civil)
- Superior Court of Solano County (Civil)
- Superior Court of Lake County (Criminal)
- Superior Court of Yolo County (Criminal)
- Superior Court of Sonoma County (Civil)
- Superior Court of Yuba County (Civil)
- Superior Court of Marin County (Civil)
- Superior Court of San Francisco (Civil)
- Grand Jury of Yolo County (Criminal—Eason v. California)

BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCES:

Torchered Minds, Edward Norskog, 2011

Fireraisers, Freaks and Fiends, Edward Norskog, 2013

The Arsonist Profiles, Edward Norskog, 2016

MEMBERSHIPS:

- International Association of Arson Investigators
- International Association of Wildland Fire

AWARDS: Superior Accomplishment Award, 2001, CalFire

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