

CURRICULUM VITAE

Brad J. Phillipson CFI

- CA License: PI 21886 -

CURRENT POSITION

Fire Investigator & Expert Witness for Larry Rohrer Investigations, Inc.

I am a licensed private investigator: # PI21886

Qualified in Superior Court as an expert witness in the determination of the origin\cause of fire and the application of the fire code.

INVESTIGATION EXPERIENCE

Retired Fire Captain – 21 years in the fire service

City of San Marino Fire Department - 18 years.

County of San Bernardino Forestry and Fire Warden- 3 years.

Duties included fire suppression, fire prevention, emergency rescue, licensed paramedic, and determining origin/cause of fires.

Fire Captain - 8 Years

In charge of all fire and arson investigations for the City of San Marino.

Duties include investigating fires, preparing reports, supervising other investigators, coordinating with the City Police Department, filing cases involving arson; testify in court as the arresting officer, and testifying as an expert in determining the cause of fires.

Supervise fire personnel at the fire station and at emergency incidents

Lead fire investigator for 14 years. Investigated over 800 fires for the City of San Marino and other nearby mutual aid cities. Member of a taskforce that investigated a serial arsonist and was the lead arson investigator in a capital mass-murder case.

Fire Marshal

City of San Marino Fire Department - 1990 to 1996

Duties included the coordinate of company inspections, enforce the fire code, drafting resolutions, adopting and amending the Fire Code, and amend the City Codes.

Coordinate inspection and plan checks with the City's Building Department and with the State Fire Marshal Office.

PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR EXPERIENCE

Subcontractor Fire Investigator

Larry Rohrer Investigations, Inc. - 1996 to the Present
Investigated the origin and cause of over 1500 fires
These investigations included residential, commercial, brush, and
vehicular fires

TEACHING EXPERANCE

Instructor at Glendale Community College: 3 Unit Fire Investigation
course
Fire Technology 111
Instructor at Verdugo Fire Academy: Fire Investigation and Wildland Fire
Control

EDUCATION

Associate Science Degree from Crafton Hills College in Fire Science – 6/85
Associate Science Degree from ITT Technical Institute in Electrical
Engineering –9/2000

Completed over 223 units of College that includes:
63 Units in Fire Science
56 Units in Emergency Medical Service
40 Units in Electrical Engineering Technology

College Awards

“College Student of the Quarter” ITT Technical Institute 3/2000
“Highest Class GPA” June 2000
“Perfect Attendance Award” throughout enrollment at ITT Technical
Institute
“Honors Graduate” ITT Technical Institute

CERTIFICATIONS

Certified by the California Conference of Arson Investigators:

Certified Fire Investigator
May 2004 through May 2018

Certified by the California State Fire Marshall:

Certified Fire Investigator Level I

Certified Fire Investigator Level II

Incident Commander

Fire Officer

Fire Instructor

Asbestos Operation & Maintenance Class III Work

Licensed through the State of California

Licensed Private Investigator-PI 21886

P.C. 832 Peace Officer

Credential Vocational Instructor in Fire Science

Licensed Paramedic 1985-1996

Fire Investigation Courses

Fire Investigation 1A, SFFM, 40 Hrs. - 3/84

Fire origin and cause investigation, incendiary devices, fire causes, and constitutional law.

Fire Death Investigation, SFFM, 8 Hrs. - 11/84 & 4/02

Fatal fire scene analysis, working with the coroner, determining accidental/homicide, and collecting evidence.

Fire Investigation 2B, SFFM, 36 Hrs. - 4/86

Investigation techniques, determination of origin and cause, constitutional law,
case preparation, report writing, field exercises, and expert witness qualifications.

Arson Investigation, PTC Associates, 24 Hrs. - 10/87

Fire cause and analysis, and criminal profiling.

Fire Investigation 1B, SFFM, 40 Hrs. - 5/89

Fire origin and cause determination, incendiary fire causes, arson devices, Constitutional law, field exercises, and actual fire scene examinations.

ATF Advanced Explosives Course, 36 Hrs. - 6/89

Post blast scene examination, post blast field scenarios, explosives demonstrations, explosion identification, domestic terrorist lectures, instruction on bomb construction, case study where bombs were used, incendiary devices, and chemistry

Fire Investigator 2A, SFFM, 40 Hrs. - 1/90

Link analysis, search warrants, and constitutional law.

**PC 832 Arrest & Firearms Modules I & II Post Certified, 40 Hrs.
3/90**

Powers of arrest, Constitutional law, rules of evidence, history of U.S. law, types of crime, use of force, types of weapons, and use of firearms

Ethical Leadership in the Classroom-8 Hrs. - 12/07

Instructor Ethics relating to the State, students, and testing

Required Safety Courses

Asbestos Operation and Maintenance Course 16-Hrs. – 3/13

National Association of Training & Environmental Consulting

**Asbestos Operation & Maintenance Class III Refresher Course
4-Hrs. – 7/14**

Certification Expires 7/2016

California Conference of Arson Investigators Courses:

20 hours Vehicle Fire Investigation 1/86

18 hours Interview Techniques 3/88

40 hours Officer Safety & Field Tactics 12/93

22 hours NFPA 921, Criminal/Civil Litigation 1/96

22 hours Vehicle Fire Investigation 7/98

22 hours Scientific Approach to Fire Investigation 7/2000

22 hours NFPA 921 and Legal Aspects of Fire Investigation 1/2001

8 hours Electrical fires involving Non-Metallic Shielded Wiring 12/2001

22 hours tested in NFPA 921/Vehicle Fires, Evidence Collection, and Alarm
Systems 1/2002

22 hours tested: NFPA 921, Report Writing, fireplace fires, and 1875
Insurance Code 1/2003

20 hours tested: Advanced Fire/Arson Investigation 1/2005

20 hours tested: Advanced Fire/Arson Investigation 3/2007

20 hours tested: Advanced Fire/Arson Investigation 3/2008

20 hours tested: Advanced Fire/Arson Investigation 11/2009

20 hours tested: Advanced Fire/Arson Investigation 11/2010

20 hours tested: Advanced Fire/Arson Investigation 3/2012

20 hours tested: Advanced Fire/Arson Investigation 3/2013

20 hours tested: Advanced Fire/Arson Investigation 11/2014

ORGANIZATIONS:

California Conference of Arson Investigators

Electronics Technicians Association International

Past President of the Fire Investigation Regional Strike Team (F.I.R.S.T.)

Past Drill Instructor with the Foothill Fire Academy 4-years

Past President of the Yucaipa Valley Fire and Rescue Association.

AWARDS:

City Manager Employee of the Year 1995

Commendation from the City of Glendale Fire Department

Outstanding Service Award from the Fire Investigator's Regional Strike
Team

Distinguished Service Citation from the Rotary Club of San Marino

Dedicated Service Award from the San Gabriel Valley Arson and
Explosives Task Force