

JAMES M. STEMLER, M.C.F.I.

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Experience

Stemler Fire Investigations	Fire Investigator	2003 - Pres
Fresno City Comm. College	Adjunct Instructor	1999 - 2020
Clovis Fire Department	Captain	2000 - 2020
Clovis Fire Department	Apparatus Engineer	1995 - 2000
Clovis Fire Department	Fire Investigator	1990 - 2020
Clovis Fire Department	Fire Fighter	1989 - 1995
City of Fresno	Public Safety Officer	1988 - 1989
U.S. Air Force	Sergeant, Fire Fighter	1983 - 1987

Certifications

CCAI Master Certified Fire Inv.	2020	CSFM Fire Officer	1994
IAAI Certified Fire Inv.	2012	CSFM Fire Fighter II	1994
CCAI Certified Fire Inv.	2005	CSFM Fire Inv. I	1991
CSFM Fire Investigator II	2005	CSFM Fire Fighter I	1987

Education

Fresno City College	A.S. Fire Science	1998
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Published Writings

Department in Focus; Clovis Fire	CFFA Magazine	1998
The Female Juvenile Fire Setter	CCAI Magazine	1994

Lectures

Clovis Fire Investigation Team	Fire Investigation	Ongoing
Central Valley Arson Investigators	Fire Investigation	Ongoing
Center for Advanced Research & Technology; Forensics		Ongoing
California Conference of Arson Inv.	Fire Investigation	3/7/2018
Merced City Fire Dept.	Fire Investigation	1/15/2013
Merced CCAI Roundtable	Fire Investigation	9/17/2012
Clovis Emergency Response Team	Fire Investigation	July 2010
Western States Auto Theft Inv.	Vehicle Fire Inv.	8/2/2006

Professional Memberships

I.A.A.F	International Association of Arson Investigators: CFI
C.C.A.I.	California Conference of Arson Investigators: Master CFI
C.V.A.I.	Central Valley Arson Investigators: Two Time Past President

Awards

Clovis Fire Department Fire Fighter of the Year	2020
Central Valley Safety Society Fire Fighter of the Year	2006
Clovis Fire Department Fire Fighter of the Year	1997

Training Highlights

I have completed over two thousand hours of specialized fire investigation training through professional conferences, classes, and research projects. I have participated/instructed in setting over two hundred fifty fires, in structures, wildland, and automobiles, to study and document the fire behavior and burn patterns. I have been a guest lecturer and conducted case reviews for several professional investigation organizations. I have attended over thirty CCAI conferences and classes which were tested and covered numerous specialized topics beyond the high school level. I have also completed over sixty IAAI CFITrainer.net modules which are tested. Some of the other tested training I have completed includes:

HAZWOPER Standard	4 hours
Understanding Fire; Candle	4 hours
Process of Elimination	3 hours
Charleston Fire (Fire Modeling)	4 hours
Post Flashover Fires	4 hours
Residential Electrical Systems	4 hours
Residential Building Construction	3 hours
Arc Mapping Basics	4 hours
Basic Electricity	4 hours
Scientific Investigation Method	3 hours
Wildland Fire Investigation	5 hours
Hazardous Materials Operational	32 hours
Interview Techniques	40 hours
Electrical Fire Investigation	40 hours
CSFM Fire Prevention 1A & 1B	80 hours
CSFM Fire Investigation 1A & 1B	80 hours
CSFM Fire Investigation 2A & 2B	80 hours

Testimony Experience; Previous Ten Years

BioDico Westside v. Red Rock Ranch Nationwide Claim #257602-GJ	Deposition 2/18/2022
Hernandez v. Khalil Claim #55-03F5-44Z	Deposition 9/20/2021
Halonda Naff v. State Farm Claim #55-232H-498	U.S. District Court; Fresno 8/17/2016
Halonda Naff v. State Farm Claim #55-232H-498	Deposition 1/20/2016
Farmers v. Irving Claim #1019123729	Deposition 5/7/2015
Caetano v. State Farm Claim #55-E109-316	Superior Court, Kings County March 2015
Caetano v. State Farm Claim #55-E109-316	Deposition 2/18/2015
State Farm v. Hart Case #13CECG01681	Superior Court, Deposition 1/8/2015
Caetano v. State Farm Claim #55-E109-316	Deposition 8/5/2014
K. Nelson v. State of Calif. Case #512470	Superior Court, Stanislaus Co. 1/10/2013
Tamayo v. Babbitt Case #T-1504-CL-9935	Superior Court, Taft 8/6/2012
State Farm v. Ranlin, Inc. Case #VCU 246220	Superior Court; Deposition 1/22/2012