

**CURRICULUM VITAE of:  
RICHARD ORTIZ  
IAAI-CFI, Certification #43-031705**

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:**

**LAS VEGAS FIRE & RESCUE (Retired), 7/17/1989 – 1/6/2015  
HOMELAND SECURITY DIVISION  
BUREAU OF FIRE INVESTIGATIONS AND BOMB SQUAD**

- 02/05/2012 – 01-06-2015 Fire Investigator II/Bomb Technician
- 06/06/2011 – 02/05/2012 Battalion Chief – Commander; Arson/Bomb Squad
- 03/22/1997 – 06/04/2011, Fire Investigator II/Bomb Technician
- 12/31/1995 – 03/22/1997, Fire Investigator I
- 07/17/1989 - 12/30/1995, Firefighter EMT-I/Paramedic

**EDUCATION:**

**COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN NEVADA**

*College level courses with emphasis in Fire Sciences and Criminal Justice coursework to include:*

**Fire Sciences:**

- Introduction to Fire Science
- Chemistry for Fire Science
- Fire Hydraulics
- Fire Prevention
- Fire Investigations
- Management of Incident Command System
- Wildland Firefighting Tactics and Strategies
- Fire Tactics and Strategy
- Fire Officer Development (CSN) Special Topic
- EMS Intermediate
- Building Construction for Fire Service

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**Criminal Justice:**

- Introduction to Criminal Justice
- Criminal Procedures
- Criminal Investigations
- Criminal Law
- Criminal Evidence
- Arson Investigation Seminar (CSN) Special Topic
- Elements of Supervision (CRJ)
- Survey of Criminal Law
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**Current Adult Student at College of Southern Nevada (CSN):**

**FORMAL TRAINING:**

*All formal training completed in Las Vegas, NV unless stated otherwise. This list is not comprehensive.*

- 07/1989 – Las Vegas Fire Department Training Academy
- 10/1991 – Clark County Para-medicine School
- 09/1995 – Southern Nevada Law Enforcement Training Academy, POST
- 02/1996 – LVF&R Bureau of Fire Investigations/ Bomb Squad, Law Enforcement Training Program- Origin and Cause/Investigative and Criminal Procedures
- 09/1996 – LVF&R, CCSN Fire Officer Development School
- 02/1997 – FBI Hazardous Devices School – Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, AL
- 03/1997 – LVF&R Bureau of Fire Investigations/ Bomb Squad, Explosive and Incendiary Devices Field Training Program
- 02/1998- FEMA, National Fire Academy Fire/Arson Investigations – Emmetsburg, MD
- 09/1999 – FBI Hazardous Devices School, Weapons of Mass Destruction School, Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, AL
- 04/2002 – FBI Hazardous Devices School, Re-certification for Render-safe Procedures and Investigation of Explosive and Incendiary Devices – Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, AL
- 03/2004 – FBI Hazardous Devices School, Bomb Technician Robotics Operator Course, Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, AL
- 04/2005 – FBI Hazardous Devices School, Re-certification for Render-safe Procedures and Investigation of Explosive and Incendiary Devices – Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, AL

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- 07/2009 – FBI Hazardous Devices School, Re-certification for Render-safe Procedures and Investigation of Explosive and Incendiary Devices – Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, AL

## **RELATED TRAINING SCHOOLS AND SEMINARS:**

*All training attended in Las Vegas, NV unless otherwise stated.*

- 11/1994 – Nevada Fire Chiefs Association Officer Development Seminar - Reno, NV
- 07/1994 – Nevada State Fire Marshal Arson Training Seminar – Carson City, NV
- 01/1996 – CCSN Public Safety Training Center, Arson Seminar
- 05/1996 – Incident Command Seminar
- 09/1997 – Denver Advanced Arson Seminar – Denver, CO
- 05/1999 – IAAI - International Association of Arson Investigators, Annual Arson Seminar
- 08/1999 – Loaded Dice II, Training for Render-safe and Investigation procedures for Explosive and Incendiary Devices – USAF, Nellis AFB EOD Group
- 03/2001 – Loaded Dice III, Training for Render-safe and Investigation procedures for Explosive and Incendiary Devices – USAF, Nellis AFB EOD Group
- 10/2001 – IAAI - International Association of Arson Investigators (NV Chapter), Seminar for Fire and Arson Investigations
- 04/2002 – NFPA - National Fire Protection Association, NFPA 921 Review, Clark County Fire Department, NV
- 03/2004 – Command School, NV – Incident Command and Management
- 06/2004 – IABTI – International Association of Fire Investigators – Annual Training Conference, Baton Rouge, LA
- 03/2005 – CIRTS – Critical Incident Response to Terrorism - Training Seminar, Sacramento, CA
- 04/2006 – CIRTS – Critical Incident Response to Terrorism - Training Seminar, Las Vegas, NV
- 04/2007 – Incident Command School for ICS 300 & 400
- 09/2007 – HMS Training for Advanced Render-safe Procedures
- 01/2009 – FBI Post Blast School-Nellis AFB- Instructor/Facilitator
- 03/2009 – FBI Post Blast School – Nellis AFB – Instructor/Facilitator
  
- Jan, 2011- FEMA ICS-100, Incident Command System
- Jan, 2011- FEMA ICS-200, Initial Action Incident Command
- March, 2011- FEMA ICS-300 Incident Command
- March, 2011- FEMA ICS-400 Advanced Incident Command
- Jan, 2011- FEMA IS-700.a, National Incident Management System
- Jan, 2011- FEMA IS-800.b, Nation Incident Response Framework
- Nov, 2006- US Dept. of Homeland Security, Incident Safety Officer

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**QUALIFIED TO RENDER EXPERT OPINION - EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF NV, FIRE ORIGIN AND CAUSE INVESTIGATIONS.**

- Justice Court – 03/30/1998, Dept 3, Judge Tony Abbatangelo, Case #98F01672X
- District Court – 04/26/1999, Dept 3, Judge Joseph Pavlikowski, Case #98F0167X
- Justice Court – 04/26/2000, Dept 4, Judge James Bixler, Case #00F05873X
- District Court – 05/11/2000, Dept 8, Judge Lee Gates, Case #C166882X
- Justice Court – 06/12/2002, Dept 16, Judge Melonie Tobiasson, Case#02F08402X
- Clark County Grand Jury – 02/20/2003, Case #C190247
- Clark County Grand Jury – 04/23/2003, Case #C191647
- Justice Court- 10/01/2008, Dept 5, Judge William Jansen, Case #08F19208X
- District Court- 09/14/2009, Dept 6, Judge Elissa Cadish, Case #09FH0699A

**QUALIFIED TO RENDER EXPERT OPINION – EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF NV, EXPLOSIVE INCIDENT MITIGATION AND RENDER-SAFE TECHNOLOGY,**

- Henderson Justice Court – 05/13/2009, Dept 2, Judge Rodney Burr, Case #09FH0699A/B

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:**

- **IAFF** – INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS
- **IAAI** – INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ARSON INVESTIGATORS
- **NAFI** – NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE INVESTIGATORS
- **IABTI** – INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BOMB TECHNICIANS AND INVESTIGATORS
- **NBSCAB**- NATIONAL BOMB SQUAD COMMANDERS ADVISORY BOARD- PAST

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## **OTHER RELATED PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Certified Fire Investigator (CFI)- International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI license #NV-43-031705)

*While employed by LVFR Arson/Bomb Squad, served as:*

- Field Training Officer – LVF&R Fire/Arson Investigations and Law Enforcement Procedures and fire/explosion cause determination
- Field Training Officer – Hazardous Devices Render-safe Technologies
- Instructor – Bomb Incident Planning and Management for Private Industry
- Instructor – Tactical Procedures for Explosive Related Incidents
- Instructor – Patrol Response Procedures for Explosive Related Incidents
- Served as EOD (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) support to US Secret Service and other security detachments

## **COMMENDATIONS:**

- 10/23/1989 – Rick Hart, Detective, LVMPD
- 05/26/1995 – Southern Nevada Fire Prevention Council
- 10/08/1996 – Ben C. Hoge, Fire Investigator II, LVF&R
- 05/21/1997 – Steve Van Natta, Battalion Chief, LVF&R
- 08/25/1997 – Mario H. Trevino, Fire Chief, LVF&R
- 09/02/1997 – **Honorable** Bob Miller, Governor, State of Nevada
- 10/01/1997 – Steve Van Natta, Battalion Chief, LVF&R
- 12/01/1997 – Joseph J. Saitta, Special Agent in Charge, US Secret Service
- 12/11/1997 – Steve Van Natta, Battalion Chief, LVF&R
- 06/04/2002 – Ben Hoge, Battalion Chief, LVF&R
- 07/19/2003 – Chief Judge, Eight Judicial District, Southern NV
- 11/05/2003 – Joseph Matvay, LVMPD, CSA Supervisor
- 07/17/2004 – Ben Hoge, Battalion Chief, LVF&R
- 11/05/2004 – Douglas Farber, Technical Operations Squad, US Secret Service
- 11/23/2004 – Robert Pitts, Battalion Chief, Fire Training Division
- 06/28/2006 – Jacqueline R. Holloway, Director, Dept. of Business License  
Clark County Board of Commissioners
- 04/16/2007 – **Honorable** Peggy A. Leen, US Magistrate Judge, District of NV
- 09/17/2007 – **Honorable** Jon C Porter, United States Congressman
- 03/27/2008– Jeffery S. Muller, Acting Section Chief, WMD Directorate

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