



# Serial Arson Investigations

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Location: Carlsbad Police Department, 2560 Orion Way,  
Carlsbad, CA 92010

Date: Monday, August 20, 2012      Time: 0800-1700

Course:

This class is designed for both police and fire department first responders, arson and fire investigators, criminalists (CSI), crime analysts, behavior analysts (profilers), police and fire department supervisors, detectives and investigators of every type.

This 8 hour course will de-myth past misconceptions on serial fire starters. It will discuss the past "profiles" of serial arsonists and attempt to present a clearer picture of the serial offender. The most famous fire starters of all time will be described and "profiled". The instructor has broken serial arsonists into several sub-types. All information will be described through real case studies from both the local area and from nationally famous investigations.

**Topics:**

- *Is there a Profile?*
- *Common traits and behaviors*
- Notorious and Famous Serial Arsonists- John Orr, Thomas Sweatt, Paul Keller, etc
- Conducting a Serial Arson Investigation- Why we don't learn from successful operations
- Serial Arson sub groups:
  - Firebugs
  - Recognition or "hero" serial arsonists
  - Whackjobs, weirdos and wannabes
- Female offenders
- Serial arson case studies

## **Instructor:**

Detective Nordskog is a Certified Fire Investigator and a graduate of both the National Fire Academy and the ATF's Advanced Arson Investigation courses. He has been an instructor for the International Association of Arson Investigators, California Conference of Arson Investigators, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, California State POST, and the Robert Pressly Institute of Criminal Investigation for several topics in the arson and explosives field. He is a current course developer for the State POST Arson and Explosives Investigation Course. He is the course developer and instructor for Major Arson Case Investigation, Fire Death Investigation, Booby Traps, Arson for Profit, and Fire Scene investigation.

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