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Professional Summary:

Robert Rullan is a Senior Fire Investigator with EFI Global and is based in Central Florida. Mr. Rullan is a public safety professional with over 20 years of experience in law enforcement, fire services, and forensic investigations. As a Public Safety Officer with the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety Mr. Rullan served as a police officer, firefighter, and EMT. During his tenure with Sunnyvale DPS Robert held specialty positions in the areas of fire investigations, fire prevention, crime scene investigations, hazardous materials, ladder truck operations, and heavy rescue. Mr. Rullan served on the Board of Directors of the California Conference of Arson Investigators and on the Board of Directors of the International Association of Arson Investigators. He is also a founding member of the Hispanic American Chapter of the IAAI.

Robert is a Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator and Certified Vehicle Fire Investigator. He is also a Certified Instructor - Fire (CA OSFM - Office of State Fire Marshal) and a Certified Instructor Police Academy (CA POST - Peace Officer Standards and Training). He has taught fire investigation skills to police officers and fire investigators throughout the United States, Latin America, and in England.

Licenses and Certifications:

Certified Fire Investigator, International Association of Arson Investigators, #09-021177

Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator, National Association of Fire Investigators, #16067-8766

Certified Vehicle Fire Investigator, National Association of Fire Investigators, #16067-8766v

Private Investigator, State of Florida, #C3200234

Certified Instructor, California Office of State Fire Marshal

Academy Instructor Level II, California Peace Officer Standards and Testing

Fire Prevention Officer, California Office of State Fire Marshal, #160-1821

Fire Investigator I, California Office of State Fire Marshal, #130-1821

Crime Scene Investigator, California Peace Officer Standards and Testing

Hazardous Materials Specialist, California Specialized Training Institute, #S-1946

Clandestine Laboratory Investigation Technician, Drug Enforcement Agency

Certificate in General Insurance, Insurance Institute of America

Associate in Insurance Services, Insurance Institute of America

Court Qualifications/ Depositions:

Litigation CV available upon request.

Professional Experience:

EFI Global, Senior Fire Investigator, 2022 – present
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Federal Investigator, 2021 – 2022
Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety, Public Safety Officer II, 2001 – 2020

Specialized Education:

Lithium-Ion Battery Fires, International Association of Arson Investigators, 2025
Photovoltaic Cells & Systems, International Association of Arson Investigators, 2025
Commercial Kitchen Fires, Part 2, International Association of Arson Investigators, 2025
Lightning Fundamentals, International Association of Arson Investigators, 2025
Electrical Vehicle Fires, International Association of Arson Investigators, 2024
Solar Power and the Fire Investigator, International Association of Arson Investigators, 2024
Electrical Vehicle Bus Fires, International Association of Arson Investigators, 2024
Preparation for the Marine Fire Scene, International Association of Arson Investigators, 2024
Comprehensive Training for Marine Investigators, International Association of Arson Investigators, 2024
Marine Fire Investigations, International Association of Arson Investigators, 2024
Investigating Lightning Strikes, FL ATC - Int'l Association of Arson Investigators, 2023
Challenges to Expert Qualifications, Methodology & Opinions FL ATC - Int'l Association of Arson Investigators, 2023
Wildland Fire Investigation. FL ATC - Int'l Association of Arson Investigators, 2023
Fuel Gas Fire & Explosion Investigations, FL ATC - Int'l Association of Arson Investigators, 2022
Investigating Commercial Kitchen Fires, FL ATC - Int'l Association of Arson Investigators, 2022
Electrical Training, FL ATC - International Association of Arson Investigators, 2022
Mental Wellness Strategies for First Responders, FL ATC - Int'l Assoc of Arson Investigators, 2022
Discovery in Civil Cases, International Association of Arson Investigators, 2022
Introduction to Appliances, International Association of Arson Investigators, 2022
NFPA 1033 & 921: 2022 / 2021 Editions Important Updates, IAAI, 2022
Introduction to Youth-Set Fires, International Association of Arson Investigators, 2022
Motor Vehicles: Transmission, Exhaust, Brake, and Accessory Systems, IAAI, 2022
Fire Investigator Scene Safety, International Association of Arson Investigators, 2022
Fire Investigation for Fire Officers, International Association of Arson Investigators, 2020
Fire Flow Analysis, International Association of Arson Investigators, 2020
Effects of Combustion on Human Remains, Santa Clara Co. Fire Investigation TF, E. Pope, 2019
Legal Aspects of Investigating Youth-Set Fires, International Assoc. of Arson Investigators, 2019
Critical Evaluation and Testing of Commonly Reported Accidental Causes, IAAI, 2019
Arc Mapping Basics, International Association of Arson Investigators, 2019
Forensic Fire Death Investigation, San Luis Obispo Fire Investigation Strike Team, E. Pope. 2018
Clandestine Laboratory Investigation, Drug Enforcement Agency, 2018
Burn to Learn, Santa Clara Co. Fire Investigation TF, J. Novak, 2017
Investigating Natural Gas Systems, International Association of Arson Investigators, 2017

Motor Vehicles: The Engine and the Ignition, Electrical, and Fuel Systems, IAAI, 2017
Investigating Fire and Explosion Incidents Involving a Line of Duty Death, IAAI, 2017
Thermometry, Heat, and Heat Transfer, International Association of Arson Investigators, 2017
Basic Electricity, International Association of Arson Investigators, 2017
Ethical Duties Beyond the Fire Scene, International Association of Arson Investigators, 2016
Fire Instructor 1C- Instructional Development Techniques, CA State Fire Marshal's Office, 2015
Expert Witness Courtroom Testimony, International Association of Arson Investigators, 2015
The Practical Application of the Relationship between NFPA 1033 and NFPA 921, IAAI, 2015
NFPA 1033 and your Career, International Association of Arson Investigators, 2015
Fire Instructor 1B. Adult Learning, Psychomotor Skills, California State Fire Marshal's Office, 2015
NFPA 921 and 1033 2014 Editions: Important Revisions, IAAI, 2014
Fire Instructor 1A. Adult Learning, Cognitive Learning, California State Fire Marshal's Office, 2014
Ventilation Focused Approach Impact on Bldg Structures & Systems Fire Development IAAI, 2014
Fundamentals of Residential Building Construction, Int'l Assoc. of Arson Investigators, 2014
Writing the Initial Origin and Cause Report, International Association of Arson Investigators, 2013
Advanced Forensic Fire Death Investigation, San Luis Obispo Fire Investigation Strike Team, 2013
Basics of Electricity at the Fire Scene, Santa Clara County Fire Investigation Task Force, 2012
Fire Protection Systems. International Association of Arson Investigators, 2012
Forensic Psychology, National University, 2009
Constitutional / Criminal Procedure, National University, 2009
Fingerprint Analysis National University, 2009
Advanced Criminalistics, National University, 2007
Crime Scene Investigation, National University, 2006
Forensic Photography, National University, 2006
Major Case Investigations, National University, 2006

Education:

Master of Arts, Government and Politics, St John's University, Queens, NY
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI
Associate of Arts, Liberal Arts, Honolulu Community College, Honolulu, HI

Affiliations:

International Association of Marine Investigators
International Association of Arson Investigators
National Association of Fire Investigators

Courses Instructed / Guest Lecturer:

Report Writing for Fire Investigators
Evidence Photography
Social Media / Smart Data for Fire Investigators
Evidence for the Fire Investigator
Fire Investigation Basics
Fire Investigations for Crime Scene Investigators
Fundamentals of Fire Investigations (Spanish)
Legal Aspects of Investigations
Fire Protection Systems
Evidence Preservation and Collection

Publications and Presentations:

Rullan, Robert. "Think Safety, Think Robots." Fire & Arson Investigation Journal. July, 2020.
Rullan, Robert. "Leadership in the Fire Investigation Scene." Fire & Arson Investigation Journal.
April, 2019.