

Scotty Neely | District Fire Science Principal, IAAI -CFI

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Professional Summary:

Scotty Neely has over 29 years of firefighting experience. He currently holds the position of Fire Investigator with EFI Global, and is based out of American Canyon CA. He has over 500 hours of training specific to fire origin and cause investigation. He is certified as a California State Level II Fire Investigator and is a member of the International Association of Arson Investigators and is recognized by them as a Certified Fire Investigator. He is also a member of the California Conference of Arson Investigators and is recognized by them as a Certified Fire Investigator. During the course of Mr. Neely's career, he has investigated over 500 structure, vehicle and wildland fires. Mr. Neely has qualified as an expert witness in criminal court and serves as a senior member of the Solano Fire Investigation Unit.

Licenses and Certifications:

International Association of Arson Investigators IAAI – CFI # 22-060911
California Conference of Arson Investigators: CFI #654
California Private Investigator: PI 187943
Nevada Private Investigator Agency License, NV #644
Pro Board Certification: #344018
California State Board of Fire Services: Fire Investigator 2
California State Board of Fire Services: Fire Investigator 1

Professional Experience:

EFI Global: July 2012 to Present
Benicia Fire Department: September 2014 to Present (Volunteer)
Fire Cause Analysis: September 2008 to April 2011
Napa City Fire Department: August 1997 to November 2009 (Retired)
American Canyon Fire District: December 2001 to May 2005 (Volunteer)
Vacaville Fire Protection District: May 1990 to August 1998 (Volunteer)
Dixon Fire Department: November 1986 to May 1990 (Volunteer)

Specialized Education:

Site Safety Assessment, CFI Trainer, 3 hours tested, Sept. 2025
Electric & Hybrid Vehicle Design Basics, CFI Trainer, 3 hours tested, Sept. 2025
Alternative Fuel Vehicles, CFI Trainer, 3 hours tested, Sept. 2025
Emerging Technologies in Fire Investigations, CFI Trainer, 3 hours tested, Sept. 2025
Understanding Undetermined, CFI Trainer, 3 hours tested, Sept. 2025

CCAI Conference (tested) – San Luis Obispo, CA – February 2023– 28 hours
CCAI Conference (tested) – San Luis Obispo, CA – June 2022 – 28 hours
CCAI Conference (tested) – San Luis Obispo, CA – February 2021 – 28 hours
CCAI Conference (tested) – San Luis Obispo, CA - September 2020 – 28 hours
CCAI Conference (tested) – San Luis Obispo, CA - September 2019 – 28 hours
Understanding Undetermined, CFI Trainer.net (tested) 2019 – 3 hours
CCAI Conference Vehicle and Structural Burn Patterns (tested) 2018 – 28 hours
CCAI Conference (tested) – San Luis Obispo, CA - March 2018 – 28 hours
CCAI Conference (tested) – San Luis Obispo, CA - October 2016 – 20 hours
CCAI Conference NFPA 1033 (tested) – San Luis Obispo, CA - March 2015 – 40 hours
CCAI Conference (tested) – San Luis Obispo, CA - March 2014 – 20 hours
CCAI Conference (tested) – San Luis Obispo, CA - October 2012 – 20 hours
CCAI Conference (tested) – San Luis Obispo, CA - March 2011 – 20 hours
CCAI Conference (tested) – San Luis Obispo, CA - November 2010 – 20 hours
Cal Chiefs & NCFPO, Forensic Fire Scene Reconstruction–Roseville CA. March 2010–16 hours
CCAI Conference (tested) – San Luis Obispo, CA - November 2009 – 20 hours
Fire Cause Analysis 2008 NFPA 921 (tested) – Roseville CA. July 2009 – 8 hours
CCAI Conference (tested) – San Luis Obispo, CA - April 2009 – 20 hours
CCAI Conference (tested) – San Luis Obispo, CA - November 2008 – 20 hours
Vehicle Fire Investigation Class – Petaluma CA. – October 2008 – 12 hours
Fire Death Investigation Class (tested) – Napa, CA. – June 2008 – 16 hours
Attended autopsy of 4 fire victims, Vale Ave. fire, Napa CA. – Feb. 2008
CCAI Conference (tested) – San Luis Obispo, CA - March 2007 – 20 hours
CCAI Conference (tested) – San Luis Obispo, CA - July 2006 – 20 hours
CCAI Conference (tested) – San Luis Obispo, CA - January 2005 – 20 hours
Electrical Fire Investigation – Novato, CA – March 2004 – 16 hours
CCAI Conference (tested) – Seaside, CA - January 2004 – 20 hours
CCAI Live Burn Exercise (tested) – Seaside, CA – July 2003 – 20 hours
Napa Valley College: PC 832 – March 2004 24 hrs.
Sierra College - 40 hrs.
California State Fire Marshal: Fire Investigation 2B – May 2005
Electrical Fire Investigation – Novato, CA – March 2004
American River College - 40 hrs.
California State Fire Marshal: Fire Investigation 2A – March 2003
American River College - 40 hrs.
California State Fire Marshal: Fire Investigation 1B – December 2002
American River College - 40 hrs.
California State Fire Marshal: Fire Investigation 1A – December 2002
American River College - 40 hrs.
California State Fire Marshal: Fire Prevention 1B – October 2001
American River College - 40 hrs.
California State Fire Marshal: Fire Prevention 1A – September 2001

Affiliations:

California Conference of Arson Investigators (CCAI)
International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI)
Solano Fire Investigation Unit (SFIU)



Courses Instructed/ Guest Lecturer:

C.E.R.T. Community Emergency Response Training

**Litigation CV available upon request.