



COURSE AGENDA



Fighting Fire with Fire: The Investigation and Prosecution of Cases Involving Arson

October 17-19, 2022

Hilton Phoenix Chandler
2929 W. Frye Road
Chandler, AZ 85224

All presentations held in the Mojave Classroom

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF INSTRUCTION*

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022

8:00 – 8:45 AM	Registration
8:45 – 9:15 AM	Welcoming Remarks
9:15 – 9:45 AM	An Introduction to ATF: Fire Investigator Training and National Response Team <i>Jason Schmidt, Supervising Special Agent and Certified Fire Investigator, ATF - Phoenix Field Division, AZ</i>
9:45 – 10:15	An Introduction to NFPA 921/1033 <i>Dector Celaya, Special Agent Certified Fire Investigator, ATF - Phoenix Field Division, AZ</i>
10:15 – 11:15	Fire Science and Dynamics <i>Jonathan Butta, Fire Research Engineer, ATF – Fire Research Laboratory, MD</i>
11:15 – 11:30	Break
11:30 – 12:30	Explosives: Overview and Current Trends <i>Cory Borkenhagen, Special Agent and Certified Explosives Specialist and Bomb Technician, ATF - Phoenix Field Division, AZ</i> <i>Chris Livingstone, Special Agent and Explosives Specialist and Bomb Technician, ATF – Phoenix Field Division, AZ</i>



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- 12:30 – 1:30 PM Lunch (on your own)
- 1:30 – 3:00 PM Wildland Arson: What the Prosecutor can Expect from the Investigator
Joe Konefal, Cal Fire, Office of the State Fire Marshal, Supervising Arson/Bomb Investigator (retired)
- 3:00 – 3:15 PM Break
- 3:15 – 5:00 PM Serial Arson for the Prosecutor
Edward Nordskog, L.A. Sheriff Arson/Bomb Squad (retired)
CH Chung, Deputy County Attorney, Maricopa County Attorney's Office, AZ

Adjourn for the day

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022

- 8:30 – 9:30 AM The Role of the Prosecutor in an Arson Investigation
Michael Cabral, Assistant District Attorney, Riverside County District Attorney's Office, CA
- 9:30 – 9:45 AM Break
- 9:45 – 11:15 AM The Arson Investigator: Effective Strategies for Preparation and Presentation in Court
Malena Acosta, Chief Prosecutor, Pascua Yaqui Prosecutor's Office, AZ
Sean Garnand, Detective, Tucson Police Department, AZ
- 11:15 – 11:30 AM Break
- 11:30 – 12:00 Direct Examination with your Arson Investigator (Demonstration)
Malena Acosta, Chief Prosecutor, Pascua Yaqui Prosecutor's Office, AZ
Sean Garnand, Detective, Tucson Police Department, AZ
- 12:00 – 1:15 PM Lunch (on your own)
- 1:15 – 2:45 PM Dealing with Arson Experts for both the Prosecution and Defense
Edward Nordskog, L.A. Sheriff Arson/Bomb Squad (retired)



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2:45 – 3:00 PM	Break
3:00 – 4:00 PM	ATF Laboratory <i>Jonathan Butto, Fire Research Engineer, ATF – Fire Research Laboratory, MD</i>
4:00 – 4:15 PM	Break
4:15 – 5:15 PM	From Origin and Cause to Trial: Responsibilities and Cooperation of the Public and Private Sectors <i>AC Jodway, Assistant Attorney General, Law Enforcement and Special Prosecutions Division, TN</i>

Adjourn for the day

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022 (MORNING ONLY)

8:30 – 9:30 AM	A Federal Perspective on Arson (and Explosives) From the District of Arizona <i>Angela Walker Woolridge, Assistant US Attorney, AZ</i>
9:30 – 11:00 AM	The Challenges to Arson Prosecution <i>Michael Cabral, Assistant District Attorney, Riverside County District Attorney's Office, CA</i>
11:00 – 11:15 AM	Break
11:15 – 12:15 PM	Trends in Cases Involving Arson – Moderated Panel Discussion <i>Angela Walker Woolridge, Michael Cabral, AC Jodway, CH Chung, Luke Coyne</i>
12:15 PM – 12:30 PM	Closing Remarks

Course Concludes

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