



Al Alcalá

Director, Fire & Explosion

Department

Investigative Services

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Locations

St. Petersburg, FL

Biography

Mr. Alcalá is an experienced fire and explosion consulting professional with a demonstrated history in the fire and explosion private forensics industry. Mr. Alcalá conducts investigations for the insurance industry, manufacturers, and legal communities to determine the origin and cause of fires, explosion incidents, marine fire incidents, wild-land fire incidents, and other investigative activities. Mr. Alcalá has frequently testified as an expert witness at trial and deposition. Mr. Alcalá has the expertise, professionalism, and integrity to bring you solid results you expect in determining the origin and cause of your fire and explosion losses. His systematic approach to all investigations provides our clients with the information and documentation necessary to decide the next course of action. Mr. Alcalá is bilingual and has experience working investigations in many areas of the United States and abroad. During Mr. Alcalá's 28-year tenure with Tampa Fire Rescue and the Tampa Police Department, he conducted over 2,400 fire origin and cause investigations and served on a multi-agency federal task force with ATF and the Federal Bureau of Investigations. Mr. Alcalá was instrumental in the investigation of many high-profile cases including those involving serial arsonists, arson for profit, insurance fraud, and homicides. Mr. Alcalá has testified numerous times as an expert witness at trial and deposition. Mr. Alcalá received specialized training in fire and explosion investigations at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and the National Fire Academy.

Credentials

- Florida Private Investigator License #C1200142

Professional Experience

- 2022 - Current | Director, Fire & Explosion | YOUNG & Associates
- 2020 - 2022 | Senior Fire Consultant | J.S. Held
- 2019 - 2020 | Director of Fire & Explosion | NV5
- 2017 - 2019 | Fire Forensics Manager | GHD
- 2013 - 2017 | Fire Consultant | Jack Ward Fire Consultants
- 2011 - 2013 | Senior Fire Consultant | HSA Engineers & Scientists
- 1983 - 2011 | City of Tampa Fire Rescue & Police Department |

Education

- ST. LEO University | Dade City, Florida
Bachelor of Science - Criminal Justice