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Homeland Security
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Fire Prevention
and Control



Fire Investigation Training and Technical Assistance Program



Fire / Arson Investigation Training



The Arson Staff deliver advanced programs of instruction and education to the fire investigation community. Programs are presented at the State Fire Academy in Montour Falls by Arson Staff supplemented by subject matter specialists including, electrical engineers, district attorneys, veterinarians. Additional programs are delivered regionally across the state. A

listing and detailed description of these courses can be found in the OFPC training catalog or on its website at <http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/ofpc/training/>. Arson Staff also deliver special training programs as part of the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services [DCJS] training curriculum. These programs relative to arson investigation are directed to entry level patrol officers, supervisors and crime scene evidence technicians.

Academy Courses -

Canine Accelerant Detection
 Canine Accelerant Detection Recertification
 Electrical Fire Cause Determination I & II
 Introduction to Fire Investigation
 Fire Scene Evidence Collection
 Fire Investigation
 Fire/Arson Investigation Seminar
 Interviewing Techniques for the Fire Investigator
 Fire Investigative Photography
 Vehicle Fire Investigation
 Youth Firesetter Symposium

Regional Course Delivery -

Introduction to Fire Investigation

Regional Lecture Series -

DCJS Evidence Technician Course
 DCJS Law Enforcement Supervisors
 SUNY Public Safety Officer Training
 Vehicle Arson Awareness
 Law Enforcement Academies
 Prosecutor's Seminar

Regional Delivery of NFA Courses-

Youth Firesetting Prevention and Intervention

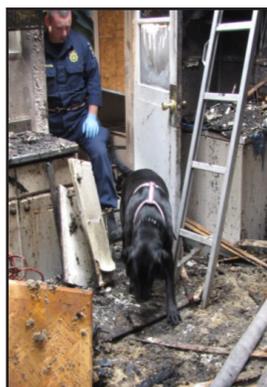
Special Services / Programs

Arson Staff supported investigative services:

- Accelerant detection canine searches
- Insurance claim searches where fraud is a motive
- Burn injury information for suspect identification
- NYS Corporations information checks

Support Programs:

- NYS fire investigator certification program
- County arson control plan review
- Arson criminal history checks for volunteer firefighter applicants in designated counties
- NYS Crime Laboratory Advisory Committee / Arson Technical Working Group



Fire Investigation Technical Assistance

The Fire Investigation Technical Assistance (FITA) program provides emergency response to the fire service, law enforcement, and prosecutors on a 24 hour basis. This program provides the requesting agency with highly trained, experienced, and certified personnel to assist in conducting fire investigations.



All Investigators are nationally accredited fire investigators, also trained and certified to New York State standards as; Fire Investigators, Peace Officers, and Crime Scene Evidence Specialists.



Every Investigator is equipped with a cache of equipment. This equipment includes basic hand tools, shovels, rakes, brooms, sifters, and saws, as well as documentation equipment including digital photographic and video cameras and the fundamental equipment necessary for the collection of fire debris evidence.

In instances of a major incident, staff have a response vehicle (MERV) that can be deployed with additional tools to include, a large generator and tripod lighting, portable shelters, scene processing tools, power tools and a portable x-ray unit. The unit also has a small excavator to assist with debris removal.



Regional Networking

As a means to keep abreast of the issues and provide information to our client group staff utilize a regional networking program. Investigators interact with fire investigation teams, fire coordinators, and burn treatment facilities to address their concerns and issues.

