NYS Fire Investigator Training Course and Certification Pre-requisite Update

Completion of the Fire Behavior and Arson Awareness (FBAA) course is required as a pre-requisite for the Principles of Fire Investigation (PFI) course and, by extension, NYS Fire Investigator I certification.

Note that the 30 hours of origin and cause determination required to obtain NYS Fire Investigator I certification must occur after the completion date of the training courses.

The Office of Fire Prevention and Control may accept completion of a three credit hour, college level fire investigation course as equivalent with the Fire Behavior and Arson Awareness course upon determination, by OFPC, that the coursework completed meets or exceeds the content of that course. If accepted as equivalent, a notation will be added to an individual’s training record in the Statewide Learning Management System (SLMS).

The NYS Firefighter I course will not be accepted as equivalent with the Fire Behavior and Arson Awareness course.