

Fire Investigations

Facilitator Guide

Session Overview

Introduction & Learning Objectives	05m
Why Investigate Fires?	10m
Four Causes of Fire	05m
Fire Related Crimes	10m
Arson Motives	20m
Break (as needed)	10m
Arson Motives (cont.)	10m
Serial Arsonists	10m
Juvenile Fire Setters	10m
Arson Indicators	15m
Closing/Questions	05m
End of Session / Break	10m

Learning Objectives:

- Define the extent of the arson problem in the U.S.
- Explain the importance of determining the origin & cause of fire.
- Identify the different types of arson motives as discussed in class.
- Explain the psychology of Serial Arson & Juvenile fire setters.
- Identify arson indicators for residential, commercial and vehicle fires.
- Demonstrate tactics to assist officers responding to fire scenes.

Total Session Time: 2 hours**Main Topics of Session:**

- *Why Investigate?*
- *Causes of Fire*
- *Fire Related Crimes*
- *Serial Arsonists*
- *Juvenile Fire Setters*
- *Arson Indicators*

Facilitators Needed: 1 (outside instructor for CI)**Location: Classroom****Materials Needed:**

- *PowerPoint – BLEA Fire Class with Links (brought by outside instructor)*



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**NOTE TO FACILITATOR –**

This class is presented by an outside Fire Department instructor. Introduction is all that is required.

**BREAK/END OF SESSION**