



Fire Investigator (2022) Implementation Plan

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OVERVIEW

This document is intended to provide information for all State Fire Training (SFT) stakeholders on the Fire Investigator (2022) curriculum requirements. Stakeholders are encouraged to study this information carefully and seek clarification from SFT if questions arise.

The Fire Investigator (2022) curriculum is presented as a California Fire Service Training and Education System (CFSTES) series. SFT updated the curriculum training standard (CTS) guide, three course plans, and certification task book based on the current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard, NFPA 1033: Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigator (2022).

IMPLEMENTATION

Candidates entering the SFT system should enroll in the Fire Investigator (2022) courses and comply with the Fire Investigator (2022) requirements.

| New Curriculum | Hours |
|---|-----------------|
| 1A: Basic Fire Investigation (2022) | 40 hours |
| 1B: Evidence, Documentation, Interviews, and Wildland (2022) | 40 hours |
| 1C: Preparation for Legal Proceedings (2022) | 40 hours |

Fire Investigator (2022) Curriculum..... September 1, 2024

Retirement of Fire Investigator (2017) Curriculum..... February 1, 2025

Effective February 1, 2025, SFT will retire Fire Investigator (2017). On February 2, 2025, SFT will remove the curriculum from the SFT course catalog, and it will no longer be available.

Candidates pursuing Fire Investigator certification using the 2017 curriculum can complete their certification requirements in one of two ways:

- Complete and submit their Fire Investigator Certification Task Book (2017) by February 1, 2025
- Complete and submit their Fire Investigator Certification Task Book (2017) **and** the Certification Task Book Update 22-1

Candidates who do not meet these deadlines will be required to meet the Fire Investigator (2022) certification requirements.

INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS

Instructor Registration..... Available September 1, 2024

Instructors for the Fire Investigator (2022) curriculum must meet the SFT requirements for Registered Instructor. Instructors must have appropriate education and practical experience relating to the specific course content.

Existing Registered Instructors

SFT will authorize existing Fire Investigator (2017) Registered Instructors who meet the following requirements to teach Fire Investigator (2022) courses. SFT will update the SFT User Portal.

- Be an OSFM Registered Instructor
- Complete the virtual Fire Investigator (2022) Instructor Update course*
- Complete the required education to teach the 2022 curriculum (see table below)
- Hold the rank of Fire Investigator for a minimum of two years full-time in a recognized California fire or law enforcement agency
- Submit the applicable web form

| Fire Investigator (2022) Course | Requirements to Teach 2022 Course |
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| Fire Investigator 1A: Basic Fire Investigation (2022) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered instructor of Fire Investigator 1A: Basic Fire Investigation (2017) • Completed the following education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Basic Electricity (CFITrainer.net) ○ Ethics and the Fire Investigator (CFITrainer.net) |
| Fire Investigator 1B: Interview, Evidence, and Documentation, and Wildland (2022) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered instructor of Fire Investigator 1B: Evidence and Documentation (2017) • Completed the following education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FI-110: Wildland Fire Observations and Origin Scene Protection for First Responders (NWCG) or Wildland Fires Investigation (CFITrainer.net) ○ Fundamentals of Interviewing (CFITrainer.net) ○ Introduction to Evidence (CFITrainer.net) |
| Fire Investigator 1C: Preparation for Legal Proceedings (2022) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered instructor of Fire Investigator 1C: Preparation for Legal Proceedings (2017) • Completed the following education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motive, Means, Opportunity: Determining Responsibility in an Arson Case (CFITrainer.net) |

* Cadre members are not required to complete the virtual Fire Investigator Instructor Update course.

New Instructor Registration..... Available September 1, 2024

New Fire Investigator instructor candidates shall:

- Be an OSFM Registered Instructor
- Be an OSFM-certified Fire Investigator (2017 or 2022)
- Have held a position responsible for fire investigation for three years in a recognized California fire or law enforcement agency (verified in fire chief letter)
- Provide a letter signed by their Fire Chief or authorized designee that verifies qualification to deliver Fire Investigator training
- Submit an SFT Instructor Registration Application
- Pay the registration fee (if applicable)

POTENTIAL AGENCY IMPACTS

Fire agencies desiring to use the Fire Investigator (2022) curriculum as a requirement for their recruitment/promotion activities need to review the Fire Investigator (2022) curriculum requirements to be sure that all agency training needs are met. After review, fire agencies should update their job specifications and recruitment documentation to reflect these new courses and certification requirements.

Accredited Regional Training Programs (ARTP), Accredited Local Academies (ALA), community colleges, and all other local delivery venues need to review the curriculum and seek approval from their curriculum committee / program sponsor, as appropriate. ARTPs should review the new Fire Investigator (2022) curriculum and discuss potential impacts with their advisory committees.