



# INTERIM PROCEDURES

## Fire Investigator Update

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Updated: February 2021

### Procedure Changes

- Edition:** May 2020 edition of the State Fire Training Procedures Manual
- Effective Date:** July 1, 2019
- Section Change:** Updated section 7.8.1: Fire Investigator
- Justification:** The Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee (STEAC) has approved the following revisions to the Fire Investigator Curriculum and certification. Revision one is to move FI210 from a prerequisite to an education requirement, that must be completed prior to applying for certification. SFT accidentally did not carry forward the previous language from the retired Fire Investigator tracks to recognize fire investigators from law enforcement agencies.
- SFT Contact:** [Contact SFT Staff](#) assigned to the specific certification.
- Note:** All new text appears in underline. All deleted text appears in ~~strikeout~~

## 7.8: INVESTIGATION

### 7.8.1: FIRE INVESTIGATOR (2017)

#### 7.8.1.3: Prerequisites

- A. Completion of the following courses:
1. Basic Electricity (CFITrainer.net)
  2. Ethics and the Fire Investigator (CFITrainer.net)
  3. Introduction to Evidence (CFITrainer.net)
  4. Motive, Means, and Opportunity (CFITrainer.net)
  5. POST certified PC 832 Arrest (POST)
  6. POST certified Interview and Interrogation (POST)
  7. ~~FI210 Wildland Fire Origin and Cause Determination (NWCG)~~

Note: "PC832 can be older than 3 years if currently employed as a Peace Officer. Peace Officer status must be stated in the letter of experience."

#### 7.8.1.4: Education

- A. Fire Investigation 1A: Basic Fire Investigation (2017)
- B. Fire Investigation 1B: Evidence and Documentation (2017)
- C. Fire Investigation 1C: Preparation for Legal Proceedings (2017)



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### D. FI210 Wildland Fire Origin and Cause Determination (NWCG)

#### 7.8.1.5: Certification Exam

A. Not applicable

#### 7.8.1.6: Certification Task Book

A. Fire Investigator Certification Task Book

#### 7.8.1.7: Experience

A. Fire Service or Law Enforcement (one of the following three options)

1. Have a minimum of two years' full-time paid experience in a recognized fire or law enforcement agency in California with the primary duty as a Fire Investigator
2. Have a minimum of four years' volunteer or part-time paid experience in a recognized fire or law enforcement agency in California with the primary responsibility as a Fire Investigator
3. Have a combination of full-time paid and part-time paid or volunteer experience equal to two years' full-time paid experience in a recognized fire agency in California with the primary responsibility as a Fire Investigator
  - i. Part-time paid or volunteer to full-time paid ratio is 2:1 (for example, two months' part-time paid or volunteer = 1 month full-time paid)

B. Investigate 20 fires, 10 of which must be structure fires, as the primary investigator, and develop complete fire investigation reports