



REQUESTING ARSON TASK FORCE

SCOPE

This guideline shall apply to all members of the Stoney Point Fire Department and shall be adhered to by all members.

PURPOSE

To establish procedures for requesting additional resources to investigate fires of suspicious origin.

DEFINITIONS

Arson – crime of using fire to destroy property for pleasure, profit, or revenge purposes

Fire/Arson Investigator – trained personnel who analyzes, investigates, and solves an arson problem

Guideline - a general rule, principle, outline of a policy

Member – any career, volunteer, staff, and auxiliary personnel affiliated with the department

Responsibility - the state or fact of having a duty to deal with something or of having control over someone, being accountable for one's actions

Shall - indicates a mandatory requirement

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GUIDELINES

The determination of fire origin and cause is a necessary assignment at all fire incidents. The Incident Commander has the responsibility for determining the need for a Fire Investigator on scene. Fire Investigators are required at all fire related incidents that involve a fatality or where witnesses declare that the fire was intentionally set.

- Fire Investigators are on duty 24 hours a day and may be contacted through County Fire Dispatch at 910-483-5467 or City Fire Dispatch at 910-433-1911 or by Radio on the appropriate Ground Operations channel
- Fire Investigators may conduct special investigations requested by the Fire Chief or his designee
- All personnel will cooperate with the Fire Investigator. Protection of the fire scene and preservation of physical evidence is a primary concern once life safety and fire control are achieved



Programs

Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG)

- An Engine Company shall remain at the incident scene until released by the Fire Investigator to maintain the chain of custody of the incident scene
- The first arriving apparatus crew shall be debriefed by the Fire Investigator prior to release Isolate
- Firefighters and Officers may only discuss the incident details with the Fire Investigator, Fire or Police personnel involved with the incident

The Public Information Officer shall release any pertinent information related to the incident. Any other interaction with the media or others not involved with the investigation shall relate that the incident "is under routine investigation"

References

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