INSTRUCTION SHEET

FIRE INVESTIGATOR PERFORMANCE SKILLS

Format
Each skill contains its own skill sheet, is evaluated independently, and is based on the JPRs in National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1033, Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigator, 2014 edition.

For skill sheets that do not contain time constraints, the Course Instructor should specify time constraints as necessary.

Scoring Method
The scoring method is satisfactory (S) or unsatisfactory (U) for each step of the skill objective, and a Pass or Fail for each individual skill section. In order to successfully pass an individual skill section, the Fire Investigator candidate must receive satisfactory scores in all the steps of the skill objective. In order to receive an overall Pass on the skill sheet, the Fire Investigator candidate must receive a passing score for all individual skill sections.

Any unsatisfactory or individual skill failure shall require the examiner to explain the reason for the failure in written form in the comments section of the skill sheet.

Preparation and Equipment
For optimal learning, scenario based training and role-playing is recommended; however, based on departmental needs certain activities may be simulated by other means.
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Fire Investigator Skills Equipment List

Fire ground (actual or simulated)
- Structure
- Video
- PowerPoint
- Slides
- With evidence of an explosion
- Simulated victim or fatality
- Vehicle
- Building systems

Six items of potential evidence

Burned items

Protective clothing (Appropriate safety equipment)
- Boots
- Gloves
- Hard hat
- Safety glasses
- SCBA (if IDLH atmosphere)

Standard equipment and tools
Model evidence policy
Marking devices
Evidence collection containers
Evidence tags or labels
Chain of custody forms
Evidence disposal forms
Incendiary investigation file including:
- Incident information
- Interview Information
- Photos
- Suppression report
- Conflicting information
- Expert witness backgrounds
- Competencies
- Fee schedules
- Authorization from the prosecutor to include the candidate’s opinion in the report

Witness statements
Standard crime lab analysis form
Floor plan map
Pre fire plans
Inspection reports
Fire report (TEXFIRS)
Fire scene tape
Measuring device
Pencil/pen
Note pad
Photo log
Camera with flash, and accessories
  • 35 mm
  • Digital
  • Film
Interview room setting
Interview forms
Interview transcripts
Various placards
Scenario involving identified hazardous materials
Additional personnel if needed
Subject: Scene Examination

NFPA 1033, 2014 edition, 4.2.1

OBJECTIVE
Secure the fire ground, given marking devices, sufficient personnel, and special tools and equipment, so that unauthorized persons can recognize the perimeters of the investigative scene and are kept from restricted areas and all evidence or potential evidence is protected from damage or destruction. (4.2.1)

INSTRUCTIONS - procedures for achieving the objective
The Investigator candidate shall secure the fire ground to protect evidence and restrict access.

EXAMINER’S NOTE
The Investigator candidate will not be allowed to review the performance steps at the time of testing.

The fire ground scene may be physically simulated; however, the investigator candidate must perform each step of the required skill in the presence of the field examiner.

PREPARATION & EQUIPMENT
Fire ground (actual or simulated)
Marking devices
Appropriate safety equipment
Candidate: __________________________ Notes: __________________________

Training Provider: __________________________

Test Site: __________________________

Examiner: __________________________

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<td>Secure the fire ground, given marking devices, sufficient personnel, and special tools and equipment, so that unauthorized persons can recognize the perimeters of the investigative scene and are kept from restricted areas and all evidence or potential evidence is protected from damage or destruction. (1033-4.2.1)</td>
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<td>a) Located general area of fire origin</td>
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<td>b) Marked items of potential evidence</td>
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<td>c) Verbally described the importance of fire scene security</td>
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<td>d) Placed scene restriction marking devices around the origin area and/or potential evidence items</td>
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<td>e) Verbally described evidence preservation</td>
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<td>f) Verbally described issues relating to spoliation</td>
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<td>g) Prevented unauthorized entry</td>
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<td>h) Performed skill in a safe and proficient manner</td>
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Overall Skill Sheet Score

Pass ☐  Fail ☐

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Overall Skill Sheet Re-Test Score

Pass ☐  Fail ☐
Skill Number 2
Conducting an Exterior Survey

Subject: Scene Examination

NFPA 1033, 2014 edition, 4.2.2  Fire Investigator

OBJECTIVE
Conduct an exterior survey, given standard equipment and tools, so that evidence is identified and preserved, fire damage is interpreted, hazards are identified to avoid injuries, accessibility to the property is determined, and all potential means of ingress and egress are discovered. (4.2.2)

INSTRUCTIONS - procedures for achieving the objective
The Investigator candidate, while keeping safety in mind, shall conduct a 360-degree exterior survey of the scene. The Investigator candidate shall identify entry/exit points, items of potential evidence, and post fire indicators.

EXAMINER’S NOTE
The Investigator candidate will not be allowed to review the performance steps at the time of testing.

The fire ground scene may be physically simulated; however, the investigator candidate must perform each step of the required skill in the presence of the field examiner.

PREPARATION & EQUIPMENT
Fire ground (actual or simulated)
Note pad
Camera
Appropriate safety equipment
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Training Provider: ________________________

Test Site: ________________________

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<td>a) Secured the fire ground</td>
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<td>b) Verbally described the building construction and condition</td>
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<td>c) Conducted an exterior 360-degree survey around the fire ground</td>
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<td>d) Documented observations of the effects of fire suppression</td>
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Overall Skill Sheet Score
Pass ☐ Fail ☐

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Pass ☐ Fail ☐
Subject: Scene Examination

NFPA 1033, 2014 edition, 4.2.3 Fire Investigator

OBJECTIVE
Conduct an interior survey, given standard equipment and tools, so that areas of potential evidentiary value requiring further examination are identified and preserved, the evidentiary value of contents is determined, and hazards are identified in order to avoid injuries. (4.2.3)

INSTRUCTIONS - procedures for achieving the objective
The Investigator candidate, while keeping safety in mind, shall conduct a 360-degree interior survey of the fire scene. The Investigator candidate shall identify entry/exit points, items of potential evidence, and post fire indicators.

EXAMINER’S NOTE
The Investigator candidate will not be allowed to review the performance steps at the time of testing.

The fire ground scene may be physically simulated; however, the investigator candidate must perform each step of the required skill in the presence of the field examiner.

PREPARATION & EQUIPMENT
Fire ground (actual or simulated)
Note pad
Standard equipment and tools
Appropriate safety equipment
Camera
TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION
Fire Investigator
Performance Standards Evaluation

Candidate: ______________________ Notes: ______________________

Training Provider: ________________ __________________________

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<td>a) Verbally described the structural condition and interior finish</td>
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Skill Number 4
Interpret Fire Patterns in a Vehicle

Subject: Scene Examination

NFPA 1033, 2014 edition, 4.2.4 Fire Investigator

OBJECTIVE
Interpret fire patterns, given standard equipment and tools and some structural or
content remains, so that each individual pattern is evaluated with respect to the burning
characteristics of the material involved and in context and relationship with all patterns
observed and the mechanisms of heat transfer that led to the formation of the
pattern. (4.2.4)

INSTRUCTIONS - procedures for achieving the objective
The Investigator candidate shall observe a vehicle fire scene and interpret fire patterns,
given standard equipment and tools and a vehicle, so that each individual pattern is
evaluated with respect to the burning characteristics of the material involved.

EXAMINER'S NOTE
The Investigator candidate will not be allowed to review the performance steps at the
time of testing.

The fire ground scene may be physically simulated; however, the investigator candidate
must perform each step of the required skill in the presence of the field examiner.
PREPARATION & EQUIPMENT
Vehicle fire ground (actual or simulated)
Note pad
Standard equipment and tools
Appropriate safety equipment
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<td>a) Interpreted and documented fire patterns and heat transfer mechanisms on different types of materials</td>
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<td>b) Determined an area of origin in or near the vehicle</td>
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<td>c) Examined the engine compartment, the passenger compartment or interior, and the cargo compartment</td>
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<td>d) Interpreted and documented signs of fire development</td>
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Skill Number 5
Interpret and Analyze Fire Patterns

Subject: Scene Examination

NFPA 1033, 2014 edition, 4.2.4, 4.2.5 Fire Investigator

OBJECTIVE
Interpret fire patterns, given standard equipment and tools and some structural or content remains, so that each individual pattern is evaluated with respect to the burning characteristics of the material involved and in context and relationship with all patterns observed and the mechanisms of heat transfer that led to the formation of the pattern. (4.2.4)

Interpret and analyze fire patterns, given standard equipment and tools and some structural or content remains, so that fire development is determined, methods and effects of suppression are evaluated, false origin area patterns are recognized, and all areas of origin are correctly identified. (4.2.5)

INSTRUCTIONS - procedures for achieving the objective
The Investigator candidate shall observe a fire scene and interpret and analyze fire patterns, given standard equipment and tools and some structural or content remains, so that fire development is determined, methods and effects of suppression are evaluated, false origin area patterns are recognized, and all areas of origin are correctly identified. Also, each individual pattern is evaluated with respect to the burning characteristics of the material involved.

EXAMINER’S NOTE
The Investigator candidate will not be allowed to review the performance steps at the time of testing.

The fire ground scene may be physically simulated; however, the investigator candidate must perform each step of the required skill in the presence of the field examiner.

PREPARATION & EQUIPMENT
Fire ground (actual or simulated)
Note pad
Camera
Standard equipment and tools
Appropriate safety equipment
Candidate: _________________________  Notes: _________________________
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<td>Interpret fire patterns, given standard equipment and tools and some structural or content remains, so that each individual pattern is evaluated with respect to the burning characteristics of the material involved and in context and relationship with all patterns observed and the mechanisms of heat transfer that led to the formation of the pattern. (1033-4.2.4)</td>
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<td>Interpret and analyze fire patterns, given standard equipment and tools and some structural or content remains, so that fire development is determined, methods and effects of suppression are evaluated, false origin area patterns are recognized, and all areas of origin are correctly identified. (1033-4.2.5)</td>
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<td>a) Interpreted and analyzed fire patterns and heat transfer mechanisms on different materials with consideration given to heat release rate, form and ignitibility</td>
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<td>b) Verbally distinguished impact of different types of fuel loads</td>
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<td>c) Evaluated and documented fuel trails</td>
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<td>d) Documented the analyzed and synthesized information</td>
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<td>e) Interpreted and documented signs of fire development and fire dynamics</td>
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Overall Skill Sheet Score
Pass ☐ Fail ☐

Overall Skill Sheet Re-Test Score
Pass ☐ Fail ☐
Skill Number 6
Examining and Removing Fire Debris

Subject: Scene Examination

NFPA 1033, 2014 edition, 4.2.6, 4.2.9 Fire Investigator

OBJECTIVE
Examine and remove fire debris, given standard equipment and tools, so that all debris is checked for fire cause evidence, potential ignition source(s) is identified, and evidence is preserved without investigator-inflicted damage or contamination. (4.2.6)

Discriminate the effects of explosions from other types of damage, given standard equipment and tools, so that an explosion is identified and its evidence is preserved. (4.2.9)

INSTRUCTIONS - procedures for achieving the objective
The Investigator candidate shall, while wearing proper PPE, examine and remove fire debris from a scene. The Investigator candidate shall check all of the debris and the surrounding area for fire cause evidence, including evidence of an explosion. The Investigator candidate shall identify the ignition source(s), determine the cause of the fire, and preserve all evidence properly.

EXAMINER’S NOTE
The Investigator candidate will not be allowed to review the performance steps at the time of testing. Evidence of an explosion must be included so that the candidate’s ability to discriminate the effects of an explosion, identify the explosion, and preserve the evidence of the explosion can all be evaluated. Evidence of an explosion might actually be in the debris or surrounding materials at a scene, or it could be photographic evidence presented from a case file.

The fire ground scene may be physically simulated; however, the investigator candidate must perform each step of the required skill in the presence of the field examiner.

PREPARATION & EQUIPMENT
Fire ground with evidence of an explosion (actual or simulated)
Standard equipment and tools
Evidence collection containers
Appropriate safety equipment
Examine and remove fire debris, given standard equipment and tools, so that all debris is checked for fire cause evidence, potential ignition source(s) is identified, and evidence is preserved without investigator-inflicted damage or contamination. (1033-4.2.6)

Discriminate the effects of explosions from other types of damage, given standard equipment and tools, so that an explosion is identified and its evidence is preserved. (1033-4.2.9)

a) Used search techniques that incorporated documentation
b) Properly examined and removed fire debris
c) Checked all debris for fire cause evidence
d) Located and identified the ignition source
e) Determined the fire cause
f) Collected and preserved evidence without damage or contamination
g) Identified and documented explosive effects on glass, walls, foundations, and other building materials
h) Distinguished and documented between low- and high-order explosion effects
i) Analyzed damage in order to document the blast zone and origin
j) Performed skill in a safe and proficient manner

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Overall Skill Sheet Score
Pass ☐ Fail ☐

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Pass ☐ Fail ☐
Subject: Scene Examination

NFPA 1033, 2014 edition, 4.2.7

OBJECTIVE
Reconstruct the area of origin, given standard and, if needed, special equipment and tools as well as sufficient personnel, so that all protected areas and fire patterns are identified and correlated to contents or structural remains, items potentially critical to cause determination and photo documentation are returned to their prefire location, and the area(s) or point(s) of origin is discovered. (4.2.7)

INSTRUCTIONS - procedures for achieving the objective
The Investigator candidate shall identify protected areas, locate and replace items moved during fire suppression activities to their pre-fire location, and indicate on a photo log what photos should be taken to document reconstruction.

EXAMINER’S NOTE
The Investigator candidate will not be allowed to review the performance steps at the time of testing.

The fire ground scene may be physically simulated; however, the investigator candidate must perform each step of the required skill in the presence of the field examiner.

PREPARATION & EQUIPMENT
Fire ground (actual or simulated),
Standard equipment and tools
Burned items
Photo log
Appropriate safety equipment
Personnel (if needed)
Reconstruct the area of origin, given standard and, if needed, special equipment and tools as well as sufficient personnel, so that all protected areas and fire patterns are identified and correlated to contents or structural remains, items potentially critical to cause determination and photo documentation are returned to their prefire location, and the area(s) or point(s) of origin is discovered. (1033-4.2.7)

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<td>a) Examined all materials to determine the effects of fire</td>
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<td>b) Identified and distinguished among different types of fire-damaged contents</td>
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<td>c) Returned materials to their original position using protected areas and fire patterns</td>
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Overall Skill Sheet Score
Pass ☐ Fail ☐

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Overall Skill Sheet Re-Test Score
Pass ☐ Fail ☐
Skill Number 8
Inspecting the Performance of Building Systems

Subject: Scene Examination

NFPA 1033, 2014 edition, 4.2.8 Fire Investigator

OBJECTIVE
Inspect the performance of building systems, including detection, suppression, HVAC, utilities, and building compartmentation, given standard and special equipment and tools, so that a determination can be made as to the need for expert resources, an operating system’s impact on fire growth and spread is considered in identifying origin areas, defeated and/or failed systems are identified, and the system’s potential as a fire cause is recognized. (4.2.8)

INSTRUCTIONS - procedures for achieving the objective
The Investigator candidate shall perform a post-fire inspection of a scene and indicate on a floor plan the location and condition of each of the following: detection systems, HVAC, utilities, and suppression systems. The Investigator candidate shall identify which expert resources, if any, would be needed to confirm that any of the systems were found defective or defeated.

EXAMINER’S NOTE
The Investigator candidate will not be allowed to review the performance steps at the time of testing.

The fire ground scene may be physically simulated; however, the investigator candidate must perform each step of the required skill in the presence of the field examiner.

PREPARATION AND EQUIPMENT
Fire ground (actual and simulated)
Floor plan
Building systems
Appropriate safety equipment
Standard equipment and tools
Candidate: _________________________  Notes: _________________________

Training Provider: _________________  _________________________

Test Site: _________________________

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<td>a) Identified and inspected exterior utilities</td>
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<td>d) Located and inspected suppression systems</td>
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<td>e) Reported which, if any, expert resources would be needed</td>
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<td>f) Reported which, if any and how systems inspected were defective or defeated</td>
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<td>g) Documented the building systems effect on the fire and fire suppression efforts on building systems</td>
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<td>h) Performed skill in a safe and proficient manner</td>
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Subject: Documenting the Scene

NFPA 1033, 2014 edition, 4.3.1

OBJECTIVE
Diagram the scene, given standard tools and equipment, so that the scene is accurately represented and evidence, pertinent contents, significant patterns, and area(s) or point(s) of origin are identified. (4.3.1)

INSTRUCTIONS - procedures for achieving the objective
The Investigator candidate shall diagram (rough sketch) the fire scene. Diagram shall include at least one item of evidence, one item of pertinent contents, one significant fire pattern, and one area or point of origin.

EXAMINER’S NOTE
The Investigator candidate will not be allowed to review the performance steps at the time of testing.

The fire ground scene may be physically simulated; however, the investigator candidate must perform each step of the required skill in the presence of the field examiner.

PREPARATION & EQUIPMENT
Safe and secure fire ground (actual or simulated)
Note pad
Measuring devices
An assistant if requested
Appropriate safety equipment
Standard equipment and tools
Candidate: __________________________ Notes: __________________________
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<td>Diagram the scene, given standard tools and equipment, so that the scene is accurately represented and evidence, pertinent contents, significant patterns, and area(s) or point(s) of origin are identified. (1033-4.3.1)</td>
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<td>Diagrammed the fire scene to include each of the following:</td>
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<td>1) Relative locations, dimensions, rooms, stairs, doors and windows</td>
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<td>2) At least one item of evidence with location dimensions indicated</td>
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<td>3) At least one item of pertinent contents with location and dimensions indicated</td>
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<td>4) At least one fire pattern with location identified</td>
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<td>5) Performed skill in a safe and proficient manner</td>
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Subject: Documenting the Scene

NFPA 1033, 2014 edition, 4.3.2

OBJECTIVE
Photographically document the scene, given standard tools and equipment, so that the scene is accurately depicted and the photographs support scene findings. (4.3.2)

INSTRUCTIONS - procedures for achieving the objective
The Investigator candidate shall photograph an interior scene and provide a photo log and rough sketch of the photo(s) taken.

EXAMINER’S NOTE
The Investigator candidate will not be allowed to review the performance steps at the time of testing.

The fire ground scene may be physically simulated; however, the investigator candidate must perform each step of the required skill in the presence of the field examiner.

PREPARATION & EQUIPMENT
Fire ground (actual or simulated)
High-resolution camera, flash, and accessories
Note pad
Measuring devices
Photo log
Appropriate safety equipment
Standard equipment and tools
Photographically document the scene, given standard tools and equipment, so that the scene is accurately depicted and the photographs support scene findings. (1033-4.3.2)

a) Photographed exterior survey
b) Photographed interior survey
c) Documented photos taken on a photo rough sketch and photo log
d) Performed skill in a safe and proficient manner

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Overall Skill Sheet Score
Pass [ ] Fail [ ]

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Overall Skill Sheet Re-Test Score
Pass [ ] Fail [ ]
Skill Number 11
Constructing Investigative Notes

Subject: Documenting the Scene

NFPA 1033, 2014 edition, 4.3.3

OBJECTIVE
Construct investigative notes, given a fire scene, available documents (e.g. prefire plans and inspection reports), and interview information, so that the notes are accurate, provide further documentation of the scene, and represent complete documentation of the scene findings. (4.3.3)

INSTRUCTIONS - procedures for achieving the objective
The investigator candidate shall take field notes from the scene to be used to compile a final report. The field notes shall include a documented exterior survey, interior survey, area of origin and fire patterns. You will correlate photos and interview information to the fire scene.

EXAMINER’S NOTE
The Investigator candidate will not be allowed to review the performance steps at the time of testing.

The fire ground scene may be physically simulated; however, the investigator candidate must perform each step of the required skill in the presence of the field examiner.

PREPARATION & EQUIPMENT
Fire scene, actual or simulated
An investigation file including:
- Interview information
- Photos
- Suppression report
- Any available pre-fire information
Candidate: ______________________ Notes: ______________________

Training Provider: __________________

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<td>Construct investigative notes, given a fire scene, available documents (e.g. prefire plans and inspection reports), and interview information, so that the notes are accurate, provide further documentation of the scene, and represent complete documentation of the scene findings. (1033-4.3.3)</td>
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<td>a) Reduced scene observations to reliable and accurate notes</td>
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<td>b) Documented exterior survey, interior survey, area of origin and fire patterns</td>
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<td>c) Correlated photos and interview information to fire scene observations</td>
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<td>d) Performed skill in a safe and proficient manner</td>
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Overall Skill Sheet Score
Pass ☐ Fail ☐

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Pass ☐ Fail ☐
Skill Number 12  
Utilizing Proper Procedures for Managing Victims and Fatalities

Subject: Evidence Collection/Preservation

NFPA 1033, 2014 edition, 4.4.1, 4.4.2, 4.4.3  
Fire Investigator

OBJECTIVE
Utilize proper procedures for managing victims and fatalities, given a protocol and appropriate personnel, so that all evidence is discovered and preserved and the protocol procedures are followed. (4.4.1)

Locate, document, collect, label, package and store evidence, given standard or special tools and equipment and evidence collection materials, so that it is properly identified, preserved, collected, packaged and stored for use in testing, legal, or other proceedings and examinations, ensuring cross-contamination and investigator-inflicted damage to evidentiary items is avoided and the chain of custody is established. (4.4.2)

Select evidence for analysis given all information from the investigation, so that items for analysis support specific investigation needs. (4.4.3)

INSTRUCTIONS - procedures for achieving the objective
The Investigator candidate shall follow procedures to manage victims AND fatalities and to discover and preserve ALL evidence. The Investigator candidate shall then collect and package two different types of identified evidence, fill out a standard crime lab analysis request form indicating specific test(s) requested, while maintaining chain of custody and avoiding contamination.

EXAMINER’S NOTE
The Investigator candidate will not be allowed to review the performance steps at the time of testing.

The fire ground scene may be physically simulated; however, the investigator candidate must perform each step of the required skill in the presence of the field examiner.
PREPARATION & EQUIPMENT
Fire ground, actual or simulated
Several types of evidence
A standard crime lab analysis request form
Needed evidence collection supplies
Note pad
Camera
Simulated victim or fatality
Appropriate safety equipment
Standard equipment and tools
Candidate: ___________________________ Notes: ___________________________

Training Provider: ___________________________

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Utilize proper procedures for managing victims and fatalities, given a protocol and appropriate personnel, so that all evidence is discovered and preserved and the protocol procedures are followed. (1033-4.4.1)

Locate, document, collect, label, package and store evidence, given standard or special tools and equipment and evidence collection materials, so that it is properly identified, preserved, collected, packaged and stored for use in testing, legal, or other proceedings and examinations, ensuring cross-contamination and investigator-inflicted damage to evidentiary items is avoided and the chain of custody is established. (1033-4.4.2)

Select evidence for analysis given all information from the investigation, so that items for analysis support specific investigation needs. (1033-4.4.3)

a) Utilized proper procedures to manage victims and fatalities
b) Properly discovered and preserved all evidence
c) Identified two different types of evidence
d) Selected, documented and collected one of each of the two types of evidence
e) Packaged, labeled and stored selected/collected items
f) Ensured cross-contamination and investigator-inflicted damage to evidentiary items is avoided
g) Properly completed the crime lab analysis request
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Overall Skill Sheet Re-Test Score

Pass ☐  Fail ☐
Skill Number 13
Maintaining a Chain of Custody

Subject: Evidence Collection/Preservation

NFPA 1033, 2014 edition, 4.4.4

OBJECTIVE
Maintain a chain of custody, given standard investigative tools; marking tools, and evidence tags or logs, so that written documentation exists for each piece of evidence and evidence is secured. (4.4.4)

INSTRUCTIONS - procedures for achieving the objective
The Investigator candidate shall mark, package, transfer custody and log two items of evidence.

EXAMINER’S NOTE
The Investigator candidate will not be allowed to review the performance steps at the time of testing.

PREPARATION & EQUIPMENT
Forms
Tags
Two items of evidence
Appropriate safety equipment
Standard equipment and tools
Candidate: ______________________ Notes: ______________________

Training Provider: __________________

Test Site: __________________

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Skill Number 14
Disposing of Evidence

Subject: Evidence Collection/Preservation

NFPA 1033, 2014 edition, 4.4.5

OBJECTIVE
Dispose of evidence, given jurisdictional or agency regulations and file information, so that the disposal is timely, safely conducted, and in compliance with jurisdictional or agency requirements. (4.4.5)

INSTRUCTIONS - procedures for achieving the objective
The Investigator candidate shall dispose of evidence in a timely and safe manner and document the disposal of evidence.

EXAMINER'S NOTE
The Investigator candidate will not be allowed to review the performance steps at the time of testing.

PREPARATION & EQUIPMENT
Incident information
Model evidence policy
Evidence
Evidence disposal forms
Salary Number 14

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<td>b) Disposed of evidence according to the model evidence policy</td>
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<td>c) Documented disposal of the evidence using the provided forms</td>
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Subject: Interview

NFPA 1033, 2014 edition, 4.5.1

OBJECTIVE
Develop an interview plan, given no special tools or equipment, so that the plan reflects a strategy to further determine the fire cause and affix responsibility and includes a relevant questioning strategy for each individual to be interviewed that promotes the efficient use of the investigator’s time. (4.5.1)

INSTRUCTIONS - procedures for achieving the objective
The Investigator candidate shall develop an interview plan that assists in fire cause and suspect determination.

EXAMINER’S NOTE
The Investigator candidate will not be allowed to review the performance steps at the time of testing.

PREPARATION & EQUIPMENT
Incident information
Witness statement
Notepad
Candidate: __________________________ Notes: __________________________

Training Provider: __________________ ........................................................

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<td>b) Developed an interview plan strategy for a person of</td>
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<td>c) Documented the interview strategy by listing relevant</td>
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<td>d) Verbally identified the pros and cons of doing</td>
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Pass ☐  Fail ☐

Overall Skill Sheet Re-Test Score
Pass ☐  Fail ☐

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Skill Number 16
Conducting Interviews

Subject: Interview

NFPA 1033, 2014 edition, 4.5.2

OBJECTIVE
Conduct interviews, given incident information, so that pertinent information is obtained, follow-up questions are asked, responses to all questions are elicited, and the response to each question is documented accurately. (4.5.2)

INSTRUCTIONS - procedures for achieving the objective
The Investigator candidate shall conduct a witness interview. During the interview, the witness shall become a suspect. The Investigator candidate shall change questioning techniques and conduct an interrogation.

EXAMINER’S NOTE
The Investigator candidate will not be allowed to review the performance steps at the time of testing.

PREPARATION & EQUIPMENT
Interview room setting
Incident information
Witness statement
Forms
Note pad
**FIRE INVESTIGATOR SKILL 16**

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<td>Conduct interviews, given incident information, so that pertinent information is obtained, follow-up questions are asked, responses to all questions are elicited, and the response to each question is documented accurately. (1033-4.5.2)</td>
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<td>c) Conducted and documented the interview</td>
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<td>e) Applied legal requirements applicable</td>
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Subject: Interview

NFPA 1033, 2014 edition, 4.5.3

OBJECTIVE
Evaluate interview information, given interview transcripts or notes and incident data, so that all interview data is individually analyzed and correlated with all other interviews, corroborative and conflictive information is documented, and new leads are developed. (4.5.3)

INSTRUCTIONS - procedures for achieving the objective
The Investigator candidate shall evaluate, analyze, and correlate interview information to determine if the information is corroborative or conflictive in nature, and develop new investigative leads.

EXAMINER’S NOTE
The Investigator candidate will not be allowed to review the performance steps at the time of testing.

PREPARATION & EQUIPMENT
Incident information
Interview transcripts
Note pad
FIRE INVESTIGATOR SKILL 17 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015

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Subject: Post-Incident Investigation

NFPA 1033, 2014 edition, 4.6.1

OBJECTIVE
Gather reports and records, given no special tools, equipment, or materials, so that all gathered documents are applicable to the investigation, complete, and authentic; the chain of custody is maintained; and the material is admissible in a legal proceeding. (4.6.1)

INSTRUCTIONS - procedures for achieving the objective
The Investigator candidate shall gather reports/records given no special tools, equipment, or materials, so that all gathered documents are appropriate to the investigation, complete and authentic, and the chain of custody is maintained.

EXAMINER’S NOTE
The Investigator candidate will not be allowed to review the performance steps at the time of testing.

PREPARATION & EQUIPMENT
Several different sources of reports and records
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Skill Number 19
Evaluating the Investigative File

Subject: Post-Incident Investigation

NFPA 1033, 2014 edition, 4.6.2 Fire Investigator

OBJECTIVE
Evaluate the investigative file, given all available file information, so that areas for further investigation are identified, the relationship between gathered documents and information is interpreted, and corroborative evidence and information discrepancies are discovered. (4.6.2)

INSTRUCTIONS - procedures for achieving the objective
The Investigator candidate shall evaluate an investigative file, given all available file information, so that areas for further investigation are identified. Information shall be assessed, correlated and organized.

EXAMINER’S NOTE
The Investigator candidate will not be allowed to review the performance steps at the time of testing.

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Skill Number 20
Coordinating Expert Resources

Subject: Post-Incident Investigation

NFPA 1033, 2014 edition, 4.6.3

OBJECTIVE
Coordinate expert resources, given the investigative file, reports, and documents, so that the expert's competencies are matched to the specific investigation needs, financial expenditures are justified, and utilization clearly furthers the investigative goals of determining cause or affixing responsibility. (4.6.3)

INSTRUCTIONS - procedures for achieving the objective
The Investigator candidate shall coordinate expert resources, given the investigative file, reports, and documents so that the expert’s competencies are matched to the specific investigation needs, financial expenditures are justified, and demonstrate that use of the expert clearly furthers the investigation’s goals.

EXAMINER’S NOTE
The Investigator candidate will not be allowed to review the performance steps at the time of testing.

PREPARATION & EQUIPMENT
Investigative file
Reports and documents
**FIRE INVESTIGATOR SKILL 20 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015**

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<td>a) Verbally identified the need for specific experts</td>
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<td>b) Verbally identified resources for networking to identify experts</td>
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<td>c) Developed questions to determine the qualifications of experts</td>
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<td>d) Verbally justified costs for an expert witness</td>
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<td>e) Documented how the selected expert witnesses will be utilized to assist in the determination of causation or affixing responsibility</td>
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Subject: Post-Incident Investigation

NFPA 1033, 2014 edition, 4.6.4

OBJECTIVE
Establish evidence as to motive and/or opportunity, given an incendiary fire, so that the evidence is supported by documentation and meets the evidentiary requirements of the jurisdiction. (4.6.4)

INSTRUCTIONS - procedures for achieving the objective
The Investigator candidate shall establish motive and/or opportunity of an incendiary fire through the use of prudent and complete investigation files, determining if the evidence meets legal requirements.

EXAMINER’S NOTE
The Investigator candidate will not be allowed to review the performance steps at the time of testing.

PREPARATION & EQUIPMENT
A complete incendiary fire investigation file
Evidence log
Financial records
FIRE INVESTIGATOR SKILL 21 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015

Establish evidence as to motive and/or opportunity, given an incendiary fire, so that the evidence is supported by documentation and meets the evidentiary requirements of the jurisdiction. (4.6.4)

a) Reviewed provided materials
b) Reviewed and verbalized that the financial records were analyzed for clues for a financial motive
c) Determined and verbalized the motive and/or opportunity of the incendiary fire
d) Verbally identified supporting documents that establish motive finding
e) Verbally identified evidence used to determine motive
f) Verbally identified the legal value of evidence provided

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Skill Number 22
Formulating an Opinion of the Person(s) and/or Product(s) Responsible for the Fire

Subject: Post-Incident Investigation

NFPA 1033, 2014 edition, 4.6.5

Objective
Formulate an opinion concerning origin, cause, or responsibility for the fire, given all investigative findings, so that the opinion regarding origin, cause, or responsibility for a fire is supported by the data, facts, records, reports, documents, and evidence. (4.6.5)

Instructions - procedures for achieving the objective
The Investigator candidate shall formulate an opinion of the person(s) and/or product(s) responsible for the fire.

Examiner’s Note
The Investigator candidate will not be allowed to review the performance steps at the time of testing.

Preparation & Equipment
A complete fire investigation file including records, documents and evidence

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Formulate an opinion concerning origin, cause, or responsibility for the fire, given all investigative findings, so that the opinion regarding origin, cause, or responsibility for a fire is supported by the data, facts, records, reports, documents, and evidence.

(1033-4.6.5)

a) Formulated, supported and documented an opinion as to the person and/or product responsible for the fire

b) The opinion regarding origin, cause, or responsibility for a fire is supported by the data, facts, records, reports, documents, and evidence

c) Performed skill in a safe and proficient manner

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Skill Number 23
Preparing a Written Investigation Report

Subject: Presentations

NFPA 1033, 2014 edition, 4.7.1 Fire Investigator

OBJECTIVE
Prepare a written report, given investigative findings, documentation, and a specific audience, so that the report accurately reflects the investigative findings, is concise, expresses the investigator’s opinion, contains facts and data that the investigator relies on in rendering an opinion, contains the reasoning of the investigator by which each opinion was reached, and meets the needs or requirements of the intended audience(s). (4.7.1)

INSTRUCTIONS - procedures for achieving the objective
The Investigator candidate shall write an initial investigation report, including an opinion as to the cause of the fire.

EXAMINER’S NOTE
The Investigator candidate will not be allowed to review the performance steps at the time of testing.

PREPARATION & EQUIPMENT
Investigation findings
Documentation
An identified audience
Forms
Note pad
FIRE INVESTIGATOR SKILL 23 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015

Prepare a written report, given investigative findings, documentation, and a specific audience, so that the report accurately reflects the investigative findings, is concise, expresses the investigator’s opinion, contains facts and data that the investigator relies on in rendering an opinion, contains the reasoning of the investigator by which each opinion was reached, and meets the needs or requirements of the intended audience(s). (1033-4.7.1)

a) Analyzed the provided investigation information and incident reports
b) Wrote initial investigation report using provided materials
c) Included opinion of fire cause
d) Reviewed the report for grammar and accuracy
e) Verbally expressed the reader’s needs or requirements
f) Performed skill in a safe and proficient manner

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Subject: Presentations

NFPA 1033, 2014 edition, 4.7.2 Fire Investigator

OBJECTIVE
Express investigative findings verbally, given investigative findings, notes, a time allotment, and a specific audience, so that the information is accurate, the presentation is completed within the allotted time, and the presentation includes only need-to-know information for the intended audience. (4.7.2)

INSTRUCTIONS - procedures for achieving the objective
The Investigator candidate shall review and verbally present an investigation report without error to a selected audience.

EXAMINER’S NOTE
The Investigator candidate will not be allowed to review the performance steps at the time of testing.

PREPARATION & EQUIPMENT
Investigation report findings
Notes
An identified audience (i.e., prosecutor)
**FIRE INVESTIGATOR SKILL 24 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015**

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<td>c) Answered follow-up questions from the audience</td>
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NFPA 1033, 2014 edition, 4.7.3  Fire Investigator

OBJECTIVE
Testify during legal proceedings, given investigative findings, contents of reports, and consultation with legal counsel, so that all pertinent investigative information and evidence are presented clearly and accurately and the investigator’s demeanor and attire are appropriate to the proceedings. (4.7.3)

INSTRUCTIONS - procedures for achieving the objective
Investigator candidate shall testify and be cross-examined in a mock courtroom.

EXAMINER’S NOTE
The Investigator candidate will not be allowed to review the performance steps at the time of testing.

PREPARATION & EQUIPMENT
Investigative findings
30 minutes to review information
Consultation with prosecution legal counsel
FIRE INVESTIGATOR SKILL 25

Effective January 1, 2015

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<td>c) Answered questions from the prosecutor before testifying</td>
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<td>d) Differentiated between facts and opinions</td>
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<td>e) Testified in court to prosecutor’s questions</td>
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