



Department of Fire Services
Massachusetts Firefighting Academy



**FIRE INVESTIGATION
Application Form**

Applying to: ☐ Basic Fire Investigation *OR* ☐ Advanced Fire Investigation

Start Date _____

Name (first, middle initial, last) _____

MFA Student ID or Last 4 of Social Security # _____

Department _____ Current Official Position/Rank _____

☐ Municipal Fire ☐ Municipal Police ☐ Mass State Police

Department Phone _____ Daytime Phone _____

Email _____

Home Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

A completed application includes:

- ☐ Both pages of application form fully completed.
- ☐ Transcript (not individual certificates) of [CFITrainer](#) Units listed on page 2 per course.
- ☐ Proof of assignment or pending assignment to a Fire Investigation Team (if applicable).
- ☐ Indication of Team Concept [red (fire) & blue (police) together].
 - ☐ I do not have a team member
 - ☐ Currently Applying with _____
 - ☐ Past Participant (list 1) _____
- ☐ Narrative explaining your reason for applying to the course.
- ☐ Letter from the Chief or the Head of Investigation Unit/Division explaining the communities need for Fire Investigation training.
- ☐ Any additional endorsements (optional).

Selection Criteria:

1. Currently on or pending assignment to a Fire Investigation Team
2. Team concept
3. Community need



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Basic Fire Investigation
CFI Trainer Units

1. Basic Electricity
2. Digital Photography and the Fire Investigator
3. Documenting the Event
4. Fire Investigator Scene safety
5. Fundamentals of Interviewing
6. How First responders Impact the Fire Investigation
7. Investigating Fatal Fire
8. Motive, Means, and Opportunity: Determining Responsibility in an Arson case
9. The Scientific Method for Fire and Explosion Investigation
10. Writing the Initial Origin and Cause Report

Advanced Fire Investigation
CFI Trainer Units

***Transcript must also include all
Basic CFI Trainer Units**

1. Critical Thinking to solve cases
2. Effective Investigation and Testimony
3. Intro to Fire Dynamics and Modeling
4. MagneTek a case Study in Daubert Challenge
5. Managing Complex Fire Scene
6. NFPA 921 & 1033 2014 editions
7. NFPA 1033 & your career
8. Physical Evidence & Fire Scene
9. Postflashover Fires
10. Search & Seizure

- ☐ I understand that if selected for this program I will be expected to fully participate in 100% of all 6 classroom sessions. I also acknowledge that I will be required to do work outside of the classroom which includes online reading, assignments and work with a team to prepare a fire investigation report.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

See course description online for application deadlines and selection dates.

Submit completed applications to: mfa.registration@state.ma.us