



The Nevada State Fire Marshal Division

Presents

Basic Fire Investigation

Date:	Time:	Location:	Contact Info:
December 7-11, 2026	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	State Fire Marshal Division 107 Jacobsen Way Carson City, Nevada 89711	Site Contact: Sean Stratton Phone: (775) 684-7521 E-mail: sean.stratton@dps.state.nv.us

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The State Fire Marshal Division Fire Investigation course will provide participants the prerequisite knowledge required to determine the origin and cause of a fire. This course will benefit both the new investigator and the experienced investigator. The class is structured to include classroom instruction, assignments, group activities and will allow students to participate in processing a fire scene.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The primary resources are the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 921, Guide for Fire and Explosion Investigations and the NFPA 1033, Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigator, Kirks Fire Investigation. The target audience is public service personnel tasked with fire investigative duties. Applicants must be affiliated with a fire service agency or governmental agency and have the responsibility to conduct or assist their agency with fire investigations. If they do not assist with fire investigation, they still may be eligible but must submit a letter from the chief confirming they are an active member and will be assisting with investigations.

DRESS CODE FOR STUDENTS: In routine classroom settings business casual attire is required. **Inappropriate attire** for classroom includes Shorts, Tank Tops, Overalls, T-Shirts without sleeves, Flip-Flops. See dress code policy for classes at: http://fire.nv.gov/bureaus/FST/Training_Manuals/

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED: Students are required to provide their own coveralls, work clothes, boots, gloves, and personal protective equipment to include an approved respirator.

PREREQUISITES: Nevada Hazardous Materials Awareness certificate, Letter from Chief of Agency requesting attendance

COST: No charge for Nevada first responders

CERTIFICATION TESTING: Nevada Fire Investigator

PRE-COURSE WORK: Applicants must submit copies of their CFITrainer.Net transcript prior to the class.

The classes are: 1. Fire Investigator Scene Safety, 2. The Scientific Method for Fire and Explosion, 3. Basic Electricity, 4. Introduction to Evidence, 5. Search and Seizure, 6. Documenting the Event, 7. Fundamentals of Residential Building Construction, 8. Intro to Youth-Set Fires

REGISTRATION IS COMPLETED THROUGH NVIMPACT TRAINING CALENDAR. USE THE FOLLOWING LINK <https://nvimpact.org/>



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Fire Investigation Fundamentals (Cont.)

INSTRUCTOR(s):

Dan Heenan is a retired Assistant Fire Chief with the Clark County Fire Department where he was over the Fire Investigation Division. Prior to being hired by CCFD, Dan was with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) for 30 years. He was an ATF CFI for over 22 years and was part of the National Response Team (NRT) for 20 years. He served as the Team Leader for the NRT prior to retiring from ATF. Dan is currently the Chairman of the NFPA 1033 Committee, *Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigator*, and is also on the NFPA 1321 Committee, *Standard for Fire Investigation Units*. Dan has instructed throughout the United States and Internationally and served as the President of the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI). He is an adjunct professor at the College of Southern Nevada and the National Fire Academy. Dan has a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Nevada and a Master of Science Degree from Oklahoma State University.

Dave Ruben is a retired Fire Marshal with the North Tahoe and Carson City Fire Departments. He has held the ranks of Firefighter through Battalion Chief in his 35 years in the fire service. Dave is currently a contract plans examiner with the Nevada State Fire Marshal Division. He is a Certified Fire Marshal through the Nevada State Fire Marshal Division and ICC as well as being a Certified Building Official. Dave has taught fire investigation and fire prevention at the regional and national levels and served on several national committees dealing with fire prevention and youth set fires. He is a graduate of Cogswell Polytechnical College with a Bachelor of Science in Fire Prevention.

Terry Taylor is a retired Fire Captain-Investigator with 26 years of experience with the East Fork Fire District in Minden, NV. He is currently a part-time Fire Investigator-Inspector with the North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District. Terry has been an adjunct Instructor in Fire Investigation (R206) at the National Fire Academy and has taught numerous classes in Fire Investigation with the Nevada State Fire Marshal's Training Division, the Nevada Chapter of IAAI and the California Conference of Arson Investigators. Terry is a court qualified subject matter expert in structure, vehicle, marine and wildland fire origin and cause.

Jenny Williamson is a Plans Examiner II for the Nevada State Fire Marshal Division. She was a Fire Inspector II and certified Fire Investigator with Carson City Fire Department. She holds the ICC Fire Inspector I and II certification as well as the ICC Fire Plans Examiner certification. She also has her Bachelor's degree in Fire Service Management from California State University, Sacramento, a Master's Certificate in Fire Protection Engineering from San Luis Obispo, Cal Poly, and her Master's degree in Business/Public Administration from Southern Columbia University.