



STATE FIRE TRAINING

Fire Investigator II Certification Checklist



Name: _____

SFT ID Number: _____

INSTRUCTION

- Submit a copy of your CFSTES course certificate* COMPLETE
1. Fire Investigation 2A: Criminal and Legal Procedures
 2. Fire Investigation 2B: Field Case Studies

PREREQUISITES

- Submit a copy of your OSFM certificate* COMPLETE
1. OSFM certified Fire Investigator I.

EXPERIENCE

Submit a current, original letter signed on department letterhead and signed by the Fire Chief, Police Chief, or Sheriff or his/her authorized representative describing your specific background as it relates to these experience requirements. This letter must also include the date the applicant qualified as an expert witness, the court designator, and the case name and number. COMPLETE

This experience must involve the full range of investigative duties including origin and cause determination, evidence collection and preservation, interviewing and interrogations, securing search warrants, arrest of suspects, case preparation, and courtroom presentation.

1. Department Service:
 - Have a minimum two (2) years full-time, paid experience in a California fire department or law enforcement agency as a fire investigator with overall responsibility for fire investigations in your jurisdiction
 - or
 - Have had overall responsibility in a California fire department or law enforcement agency for the investigation of 150 fires
2. Expert Witness:
 - Have qualified as an expert witness in fire origin and cause determination in a California criminal court proceeding - The expert witness class does not currently qualify as courtroom testimony
 - or
 - Has taken one of the following courses:
 - CCAI course – Expert Witness Testimony
 - IAAI course – Expert Witness Courtroom Testimony
 - NFA course – Interview Interrogation Techniques and Courtroom Testimony