



STATE FIRE TRAINING

Fire Investigator II Certification Checklist



Name: _____

SFT ID Number: _____

INSTRUCTION

Submit a copy of your CFSTES course certificate or score letter

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