



California State Fire Training



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Fire Investigator II Certification Change

In February 2017, the State Board of Fire Service approved the new Fire Investigator (2017) certification and curriculum as a replacement for the Fire Investigator I (1981) and Fire Investigator II (1986) certifications which will both retire on December 31, 2018.

One of the certification requirements for the Fire Investigator II (1986) certification involves being an expert witness in a California criminal court proceeding; however, it has been recognized that this has been a difficult requirement to meet. After a careful review, SFT has determined that completion of one of the following courses can now meet the expert witness requirement for the Fire Investigator II (1986) certification:

- California Conference of Arson Investigators (CCAI)- Expert Witness Testimony
- International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI)- Expert Witness Courtroom Testimony
- National Fire Academy (NFA)- Interview Interrogation Techniques and Courtroom Testimony

For additional information on the new Fire Investigator (2017) certification please visit the Fire Investigator webpage at: <http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/training/FireInvestigator>.

Additionally, the Fire Investigator (2017) implementation plan, which includes course and certification phase out information related to Fire Investigator I (1981) and Fire Investigator II (1986) can be found at: <http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/training/pdf/Curriculum/FireInvestigator-ImplementationPlan.pdf>.