

Course Offering

3213 - Basic Fire Investigation

Dates: *August 14-25, 2017*

Time: *8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.*

Location: *South Carolina Fire Academy (on-campus delivery only)*

Fee: *None**

Course Prerequisite: Submit a letter of support from the organization's chief officer, or designee, providing justification for the student to be included in the program. The letter must include a description of job duties and how the department will utilize the student's training to benefit the organization.

The student's resume must be submitted as well and include at least three to five years fire service/emergency response experience or equivalent related training. Students should familiarize themselves with NFPA 921 and 1033.

The SCFA registration form, letter of endorsement from the chief officer, and student resume must be on file at least 30 days prior to the start of the course. Background/reference checks will be utilized to assist in determining student eligibility.

This is an introductory course designed to cover the basic principles and practices of fire investigation through NFPA 1033 Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigator with NFPA 921 Guide for Fire and Explosion Investigations cross references. In addition, state and local protocols are addressed.

Topics: South Carolina law, fire behavior, building construction and fire investigation, point of origin, accidental and incendiary fire causes. Other areas covered include the motivation of the fire-setter, fire photography, fire scene sketching, scene investigation, legal aspects, interviewing and interrogation, evidence collection and preservation, forensic lab service, RICO statutes, and investigative field reports. Successful students will receive an SCFA certificate.

This course is 80 hours total in length, and the deadline for registration is Friday, **July 14, 2017**.

***The student's department is charged for meals and dorms.**

****This course does not certify the student to be a Fire Investigator.**

This course is **not available** for online registration. All requested information can either be mailed to the South Carolina Fire Academy at **141 Monticello Trail, Columbia, SC 29201** or faxed to the attention of Gloria Evans at **803-896-9856**.