



Office of Training
and Certification

New Jersey Division of Fire Safety

BASIC PRACTICAL SKILLS EXAMINATION REPORT

Skill sheet #

FO2-8

Certification title

Fire Officer II
INSPECTION AND INVESTIGATION
DETERMINE THE POINT OF ORIGIN AND
PRELIMINARY CAUSE OF A FIRE

Applicant Information

Candidate name

DFS ID #

Course #

Evaluation

Standard:
NFPA 1021, 2009 Edition
5.5.1

Task

Determine the point of origin and preliminary cause of a fire to determine if arson is suspected

Conditions and Outcome

Given an actual or simulated fire scene, photographs, diagrams, sketches and/or pertinent data the candidate shall be able to communicate verbally and in writing and to apply knowledge using deductive skills. **The candidate will complete this task with a minimum of 5 items answered correctly.**

| Number | Task Steps | First Test | | Retest #1 | | Retest #2 | |
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| | | Pass | Fail | Pass | Fail | Pass | Fail |
| 1 | Utilize all sources of incident information available | | | | | | |
| 2 | Apply fire investigation knowledge using deductive reasoning skills to determine point of origin | | | | | | |
| 3 | Apply fire investigation knowledge using deductive reasoning skills to determine preliminary cause | | | | | | |
| 4 | Determine if there is cause to suspect arson using appropriate investigative techniques | | | | | | |
| 5 | Communicate findings accurately | | | | | | |
| 6 | Document the procedure and the results of preliminary investigation in a manner that is readable, accurate and free of spelling/grammatical errors | | | | | | |
| Final Test Result for Entire Task | | | | | | | |

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