



Office of Training  
and Certification

# New Jersey Division of Fire Safety

## BASIC PRACTICAL SKILLS EXAMINATION REPORT

Skill sheet #

**FO2-8**

Certification title

**Fire Officer 2**  
**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, 2020 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	
		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						
<b>Final Test Result for Entire Task</b>							

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