

Fire Investigator Independent Study Continuing Education

NFPA 921 UNIT #10

NFPA 921 Guide for Fire and Explosion Investigations 2004 Edition

Objective: Given an examination the participant shall demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of sources of information in the field of fire investigation.

Reading/study assignment: NFPA 921 Guide for Fire and Explosion Investigations, 2001 Edition, pp. 921-101 through 921-106 (Chapter 13)

Study/reference questions:

What is the purpose of an interview?

How may Lightning Detection Networks assist the fire investigator?

NFPA 921 supplied you with a comprehensive listing of sources of information. Is the investigator's ability to solicit information limited?

Does the obtaining of this information substitute for all or part of the scene examination?

Study and review Private Sources of Information and where various types of information may be obtained. Pages 921-105 through 921-105

When and how should the investigator try to identify the ignition sequence factors?

Who has enacted the freedom of information laws and will they affect the fire investigator?

What should be done prior to considering the accuracy of the information?

What are confidential communications?

What is the purpose of obtaining information?

When may it be helpful to conduct preliminary interviews?

What are the various forms of information and some definitions and examples of them?

What are some considerations in documenting the interview?

Study and review Governmental Sources of Information and where various types of information may be obtained. Pages 921-102 through 921-106

What are interviews you can approach with an attitude of distrust & some examples of them?

Whose responsibility is it to evaluate the quality of data obtained from a witness interview?

What should you do in preparation for an interview?

How should you base the reliability of the information obtained?

What are privileged communications and what are some examples?