ARSON DETECTION FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

Course Description:

This course covers topics which fire suppression personnel must be familiar with in order to facilitate origin and cause determination and possible subsequent investigation of intentionally set fires. Upon successful completion the student will be able to provide a clear definition of the role of initial responder organizations and to provide essential knowledge to enable them to recognize the potential of an intentionally set fire, preserve evidence, and properly report the information to appropriate officials. This course was developed by the National Fire Academy.

Textbook: ADFR Student Manual

Course Length: 14 hours

Lesson 1 – Introduction (2 ½ Hours)
Lesson 2 – Fire Behavior (2 Hours)
Lesson 3 – First Responder Observation (3 Hours)
Lesson 4 – Fire Causes (3 ½ Hours)
Lesson 5 – Scene Security & Preservation of Evidence (1 ½ Hours)
Lesson 6 – Legal Considerations (1 Hour)
Lesson 7 – Reporting of Findings (1/2 Hour)