



# *Annual*

*May 5 – 16, 2025*

## **Basic Fire Investigation Course**

**This two-week course is brought to you by the Fire Service Training Bureau along with the Arson and Explosives Bureau of the State Fire Marshal. It will provide intensive instruction and skill delivery in the following areas:**

- **NFPA 1033 and 921**
- **Building Construction and Fire Dynamics**
- **Fire Protection Systems**
- **Interview and Interrogation**
- **Jurisprudence Applied to Fire Investigations**
- **Fire Scene Photography**
- **Observing and Interpreting Fire Patterns**
- **Evidence Collection**
- **Determining Area and Point of Origin**
- **Investigating Accidental, Natural, Incendiary, and Undetermined Fires**
- **Investigating Fatal Fires**
- **Report Writing**
- **Motives**
- **Explosive Recognition and Post Blast Analysis**
- **Motor Vehicle Fires**
- **Electrical Fires and Arc Mapping**
- **Fire Scene Safety**

**Location**  
**Fire Service Training Bureau Building 3536 (B-59)**  
**Theater Classroom (Bldg. 3583) 7105 NW 70th Avenue Johnston, IA 50131-1824**

**Registration**

**Registration Deadline: March 31, 2025**

**The Registration Fee is \$600.00, which covers the cost of textbooks, printed/reference materials, burn cell construction materials, and occasional lunches during the two-week school.**

**[Online Registration Form](#)**

**Note**

The target audience is for **full-time public service personnel tasked with fire investigative duties.**

- **Priority for acceptance into this course will be given to those students who are Iowa residents and currently fulfilling an investigator role or actively participating in the investigation process within their Iowa-based fire or law enforcement department.**
- **Applicants not employed full time in the fire investigation field may be eligible and must submit a detailed letter from the chief of their department attesting to their position, duties, and responsibilities as related to fire investigation and involvement with the prosecution of state arson laws, if any.**
- **Due to the extremely limited class size each application will be screened.**
- **You will be notified once you have been accepted into the class.**
- **For departments with multiple enrollments, the Fire Service Training Bureau may contact your department to establish priority.**

**Lodging**

**A “Fire Investigation” block of rooms is reserved at \$65.00/night plus taxes at: [Stoney Creek Hotel](#) and  
Conference Center  
5291 Stoney Creek Court, Johnston, IA | 515-334-9000**

**When making reservations at this rate, be sure to mention “Would like to make a reservation, there is a negotiated rate under FSTBEVENT.”**

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