

MINNESOTA FIRE SERVICE CERTIFICATION FIRE INVESTIGATOR SKILLS TESTING

Fire Investigator NFPA 1033 2009 Edition



Candidate Guide

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Written Examination:

A passing score of at least 70 on a 100 question written examination must be achieved prior to taking the practical examination.

Practical Examination:

The practical exam in an actual fire investigation of an deliberately set but “staged” fire. The lead evaluator prepares the structure and fire prior to the arrival of the candidate. Candidates will be randomly grouped into an investigation team of no less than three individuals and no more than four. The team will receive information prior to the practical test on location and time. Candidates will report to the evaluator at the prescribed time. The evaluator will be acting as the Incident Commander and will direct you from that point on. During the course of the investigation the evaluator/commander will act in the appropriate witness, homeowner, bystander, etc. role

Candidate are expected to demonstrate skills 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, and 14-16 while conducting the investigation.

Candidates, working as a team, shall conduct an investigation consistent with the 1033 standard and the skill stations. Upon completion of the investigation and gathering of any and all materials, evidence, etc. Team members will have 60 days from the date of the investigation to submit individual reports.

Members may share items collected and produced but shall produce and individual report for submission.

Expectations:

1. All work shall be original and produced solely by the student.
2. All work shall be of professional quality; proper spelling, grammar, and punctuation with respect to written work and professional/appropriate attire during presentations.
3. At a minimum, the report shall contain information and documentation specifically addressing skills 4, 5, 20, 24/25 while including necessary information obtained during the demonstrated skills.
4. It is not necessary for each team member to have the same conclusion as to the cause and origin.