

Milwaukee Fire Investigation Unit Mission Statement

The crime of Arson presents a special problem for both the Milwaukee Police Department and the Milwaukee Fire Department. The members of the Fire Department have the knowledge and training regarding Fire Behavior. The members of the Police Department have the ability to investigate and solve crimes. Both have the expertise required for conducting Fire Investigations. The collaboration of the Fire and Police Departments, by the creation of a Fire Investigation Unit (FIU), will enhance public safety by providing a highly trained and dedicated unit to the investigation of all types of fires. The Milwaukee Fire Investigation Unit will be responsible for investigating the Origin and Cause of Fires that occur in the City of Milwaukee. This joint effort will increase the detection of arson fires and lead to more arrests and convictions of individuals that set them.

The Milwaukee Fire Investigation Unit has the authority to investigate the origin, cause and circumstances of every fire, explosion or hazardous materials emergency in which the fire department has a reasonable interest per Wisconsin State Statute. When the Fire and Police Investigators have reason to believe that a fire, explosion or hazardous materials incident may be the result of a violation of any law, the Police Investigator will immediately take custody of and safeguard all physical evidence in connection with the incident. The collaboration of both departments will enhance the fervent prosecution required to increase public awareness of arson and thereby reduce the frequency with which this crime is committed.

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The Milwaukee Police Department and the Milwaukee Fire Department are demonstrating their continued commitment to enhancing the Quality of Life through a reduction in crime, fear and disorder for the citizens of Milwaukee by creating a Fire Investigation Unit. Milwaukee Police and Fire will provide its citizens with a highly trained and dedicated team, consisting of; a Lieutenant of Detectives; three Arson Squad Detectives; two Fire Lieutenants and one Fire Captain, to investigate all types of fires. This joint effort between these two Departments will increase the detection of Arson Fires and lead to a greater arrest and conviction rate of the individuals responsible. The Fire Investigation Unit will be taking Arsonists off the streets, dramatically increasing public safety and providing further protection for our citizen's property.