

# *SCFA – Training Bulletin 23-05*

## **Fire Origin / Preservation**

IC is responsible to determine the origin and cause of the fire. If unable then request a fire investigator, such as SCPD Arson Squad or your Town Fire Marshall Office

Note the volume of fire on arrival, color of the smoke, FD's means of entry, unusual odors, reaction to suppression efforts, note burn patterns and fire travel

Note status of windows, doors, amount and location of furnishing and or stock in building

If possible do not disturb area (s) of origin until investigators have arrived or is photographed

Firefighters must preserve the area of fire origin and preserve any evidence, leave in place if possible



### **Fire Department Actions**

**Document person reporting fire**

**Where is this person now?**

**Determine origin and cause**

**Request Fire Investigator early in operation**

**FD to remain on scene until Investigator arrives, maintain Chain of Custody**

**Delay Overhaul and Salvage Operations , if possible**



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