

Cooperation Between Public & Private Sector Fire Investigators - Always Room for Improvement

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Fire investigations do not occur in a vacuum. There are criminal investigations – usually performed by public sector investigators, and civil investigations – usually performed by private fire investigators retained by insurance companies, property owners, alleged tortfeasors, or victim representatives. NFPA 921 strongly encourages public sector investigators to consider the needs of the private sector. Good communication, when there is no suggestion of criminal activity, ensures a smooth and productive investigation.

Gus Sara discusses the relevant standards that promote cooperation amongst investigators, the situations in which public sector investigators are particularly important to civil investigations, and areas where cooperation among the public sector and the private sector can improve.

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