



Oneida County Origin and Cause Team

Membership

Section 1. Membership in this organization shall be comprised of fire personnel who are members of an Oneida County fire department. There shall be three (3) levels of membership in the Oneida County Origin and Cause Team: NYS certified Level II Fire Investigators, Level 1 Fire Investigators and Associate Members.

Attainment of Membership

Section 1. Fire investigators must possess a NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control (OFPC) certified Level II or Level 1 Fire Investigator certificate.

Section 2. In order to qualify as an Associate Member, a candidate must meet the following criteria:

- a) Complete the Fire Behavior/Arson Awareness course and the Principles of Fire Investigation course. The candidate may take these courses at the same time.
- b) Apply to the Origin and Cause Team to be an Associate Member.

- c) Begin earning the required thirty (30) hours for Level I Investigator certification. The candidate shall have 12 months to complete this requirement.
- d) Upon completion of required hours set forth in Section C above, the candidate shall submit an application to NYS OFPC to become a Level I Investigator. Upon certification, the candidate may request status change from associate to full member of Origin and Cause Team.
- e) Complete Fire/Arson Investigator course at the NYS Academy of Fire Science. The candidate may take this course at any time following completion of the Principles of Fire Investigation course. The candidate does not need to be a Level investigator to take the course, however the candidate must obtain the Fire Coordinator's signature on the affidavit in order to register for the course.
- f) Begin earning hours toward Level II Investigator. The candidate must complete the required hours for Level I investigative status prior to beginning to accumulate hours for Level II investigative status. Level I hours cannot be applied to the required Level II hours.
- g) Upon completion of required hours, the candidate may submit an application to NYS OFPC to become a Level II Investigator.
- h) All team applicants must have an approved Arson background check prior to being accepted as a member of the Origin and Cause Team.

If you have any interested candidates who fit the requirements for membership to this team, please have them complete the attached application and return same to:

**Oneida County Department of Emergency Services
120 Base Road
Oriskany, NY 13424**

Oneida County Origin and Cause Team
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____
Residence Phone Number: _____
Cell Phone Number: _____
Pager Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____
Drivers ID #: _____

<p>Applying for: (Circle one)</p> <p>Active Membership (Police, Fire, Private Investigator) (Level 1-2) Associate Membership (In need of Level 1 Hours)</p>

Describe Qualifications (Please submit copies of certificates and/or class transcripts for your file):

NOTE: Attach your NYS training Certificates

I understand that as a member of the Oneida County Investigation Team that I may be working with sensitive and/or confidential information. I understand that it is my duty to maintain this information on a "Need-to-know" basis and that it shall only be shared with those closely involved in the case. I also understand that it is my role to present a positive image towards others while working on the Oneida County Investigation Team and agree to do so.

Signature: _____
Signature (Fire Chief): _____
Fire Chief's Phone #: _____

Please attach a signed/dated recommendation from your Chief and your NYS Training Records for FBAA and Principles of Fire Investigation

<p>Approval Signature: _____ Date of Membership _____ Position: _____</p>
