

Manhattan Fire Protection District

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	Subject: Interim Fire Investigation Team Response	Date 4/1/99 SOP# 900-3

PURPOSE

This procedure establishes guidelines for the members of the Manhattan Fire Protection District Fire Investigation Team.

SCOPE

This procedure shall apply to all employees of the Manhattan Fire Protection District, including volunteer, paid-on-call, part-time, full-time, auxiliary, or reserve who want or are a member of the investigation team.

ENFORCEMENT

Primary responsibility to adherence to this procedure lies with each member of the investigation team and that of others under their command.

APPLICATION

Members will follow existing guidelines for response within the Manhattan Fire Protection District and be assigned Investigation functions at the scene as appropriate.

Although it is the procedure of this District to provide assistance to other agencies, it is also recognized that without the proper training, that assistance will be minimal benefit to other agencies. Pending further development of the Fire Investigation Team, only Certified Arson Investigators and Certified Fire Investigators may routinely respond to out of district assistance requests.

Investigation Trainees may also respond to out of district incidents under the direction of a Certified Arson Investigator or Certified Fire Investigator.

Nothing in this interim response policy is intended to limit the attending of meetings or training sessions outside the District.

Signature of Chief *John E Fitzgerald* Date 4/14/99