



GENERAL POLICE ORDER CLEVELAND DIVISION OF POLICE



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SUBJECT: <p style="text-align: center;">ARSON INVESTIGATIONS</p>			
ASSOCIATED MANUAL:		RELATED ORDERS: <p style="text-align: center;">3.4.18</p>	
CHIEF OF POLICE: <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Edward F. Lohn, Chief</i></p>			

Changes to this order are italicized.

PURPOSE: To designate duties of the Cleveland Division of Police in arson incidents.

POLICY: The Division shall investigate fires that involve stolen vehicles and fires that result in fatalities. The Fire Investigation Unit (FIU) of the Cleveland Division of Fire shall investigate other arson-related fires and receive Division of Police assistance if requested.

PROCEDURE:

- I. When basic patrol receives an assignment that involves suspected arson they shall immediately request FIU through the Communications Control Section (CCS).
- II. Basic patrol shall complete the initial Record Management System (RMS) report of arson and the related offenses. At their discretion, FIU officers may assume this responsibility.
- III. Basic patrol shall protect the crime scene until FIU officers arrive. When FIU officers are unavailable, a basic patrol supervisor shall request the Cleveland Division of Police Technical Section respond to the scene.
- IV. *If it is determined that the incident is the result of a bombing, or if an unexploded device is found, the Bomb Squad and Intelligence Unit shall be immediately notified through the CCS. The Intelligence Unit shall have follow-up investigative responsibility.*

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