

C-60 Juvenile Fire Setters

Emergency Manual

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Policy/Procedure

If sent to a structure fire or fire causing monetary damage to property started by a child playing with matches, a candle, lighter, or other incendiary device, the Fire Investigative Unit should be contacted at the time of the incident. There are several reasons for this:

- **1.** If the fire involving a dwelling was severe enough, the occupants may be forced to move to another location making it difficult or impossible to locate the child.
- **2.** A crime may have been committed. If the fire caused damage to a rented structure, the owner has the right to prefer charges. The fire shall be investigated and documented by an arson investigator.
- **3.** Fire Investigative Unit members are qualified in channeling juvenile fire starters into, an educational awareness program designed to foster respect for fire and the damage it can cause.

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