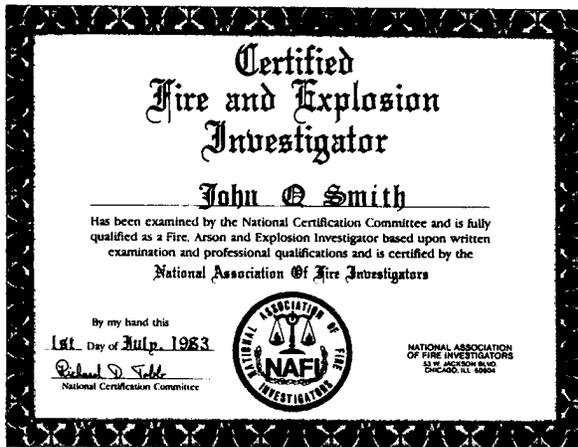


# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE INVESTIGATORS

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## THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE INVESTIGATORS CERTIFIED FIRE AND EXPLOSION INVESTIGATOR PROGRAM



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The Board of Directors of The National Association of Fire Investigators has long recognized the need for an accepted method and standard of evaluating the qualifications, education, experience, and ability of individuals who are conducting Fire, Arson and Explosion Investigations.

Those fire investigators who testify in court as "Experts" have an even greater interest in establishing their credentials. The National Certification Program was instituted at the August 11, 1983, Board of Directors meeting in Chicago to meet the needs and requirements of the Fire Investigation Profession.

The National Certification Program is designed to:

1. Recognize fully qualified Fire and Explosion Investigators
2. Serve as a National Certification Registry and clearing house for identifying qualified Fire and Explosion Investigators.
3. Provide an established system to compare the various qualifications of those engaged in Fire and Explosion Investigation.
4. Promote excellence in the training, education, and conduct of Fire and Explosion Investigators.
5. Provide a system by which equally qualified Investigators, specializing in the various disciplines of Fire and Explosion Investigation will have immediate acceptance as "experts".

The applicant must be of good character and comply with the constitution, rules, by-laws and Code of Ethics of The National Association of Fire Investigators.

The applicant must be able to demonstrate expertise in the basic body of knowledge necessary for effective Fire, Arson and Explosion Investigation, and the practical application of this knowledge.

### THE WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Once the Investigator's background, as listed in the application, is approved by the National Certification Committee, the written examination will be mailed. The applicant must complete the examination and return it to the NAFI offices postmarked within 14 working days of the date the applicant receives it.

The examination must be completed by the Investigator, alone, without any aid or counsel from anyone except that he may use reference material.

The Investigator may use any published reference material or text to assist him in completing the examination.

The examination is based upon the NFPA National Fire Codes, the textbook, Fire, Arson and Explosion Investigation, published by Investigations Institute, Chicago, Illinois and other publications commonly available in the field.

When the completed examination is returned to the NAFI offices it will be graded by The National Certification Committee. A minimum grade of 75% correct answers is required for certification.

The applicant will be informed of his examination grade, and performance within two weeks.

The examination consists of 100 questions in five sections.

Ninety five (95) questions are included in the first four General Fire and Explosion Investigation sections including:

1. General Fire & Explosion Investigation Techniques.
2. Fuels and Ignition Sources.
3. Chemistry, Physics and Behavior of Fires and Explosions.
4. Law, Testifying and Court Procedure as it pertains to fire investigations.

The fifth section of the examination is called the Professional Preference Section. The Investigator must answer all 5 essay questions in any one of the Professional Preference categories he selects. These categories are: