

ALASKA ASSOCIATION of FIRE & ARSON INVESTIGATORS

In conjunction with

Alcohol, Tobacco Firearms & Explosives

and

Anchorage Fire Department

2025 FIRE INVESTIGATION TRAINING COURSE



March 24th through 28th, 2025
Anchorage, Alaska



REGISTRATION:

Register online at:

<https://alaskafireinvestigators.org/training-course/>

\$575 Course Fee (includes 1-banquet ticket)

\$ 40 Guest Banquet Ticket

LOCATION: Anchorage Regional Fire
Training Center, 1140 Airport Heights Road,
Anchorage Alaska

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2025 Training Topics:

Basic Track

For new investigators, or those looking to hone the basic skills of fire investigation.

Fire Effects

Examining the Fire Scene

Identification, Collection, and Preservation of Physical Evidence

Documenting the Fire Scene

Complex Investigations

Determining the Origin

Cause Determination

*** This course provides the basis for the IAAI Fire Investigation Technician certification; 40-hours of tested training***

Alaska CFI Testing will be offered for those who meet the testing requirements per Alaska Fire Standards Council Directives

Advance Track

- * Fire Fatality Investigations
- * Fire Dynamics and Damage
- * Carboxyhemoglobin and Fire Victims
- * PPE and Fire Investigator Health & Safety.



The **Alaska Association of Fire & Arson Investigators** has developed a way for fire professionals in Alaska to obtain their Alaska **Certified Fire Investigator** (CFI) & IFSAC / Pro Board certification without leaving the state. Our program is a hybrid program encompassing online learning along with in class training, hands on work and ultimately Alaska Fire Standards Council (AFSC) Testing and Certification.

Here are the Alaska Fire Standards Council requirements....

Per **Alaska Fire Standards Council Directive**... to become a CFI (Certified Fire Investigator), the following applies....

CERTIFIED FIRE INVESTIGATOR INITIAL REQUIREMENTS For certification as a Certified Fire Investigator, applicants must:

- a. be at least 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or equivalent; and,
- b. be an Alaska resident or member of an organized fire department/emergency response organization registered with the Division of Fire and Life Safety; and
- c. have **AFSC AKFIT certification** or **submit completed AKFIT Training Record with Chief/Supervisor signature** which will result in an **additional admin fee of \$25 for Certificate**; and
- d. be currently active as an investigator in Alaska and have a minimum of 18 months experience as an investigator in Alaska and have investigation duties assigned (official documentation/letter from Chief or supervisor required); and
- e. *successfully complete a BFAST accredited/AFSC approved Certified Fire Investigator course; and
- f. complete an Application for Certification; and
- g. submit 2 (two) fingerprint cards processed by an approved service (click for Approved Finger Printers); and
- h. *successfully complete the practical (JPR) requirements and AFSC CFI Training Record; and
- i. successfully completes the AFSC CFI exam with a score of 70% and pass the required practical skills.

* The CFI course requirement and the final examination requirement must be completed within three years of application date and must meet NFPA 1033 core requirements. ** The AFSC will perform the criminal background check before issuance of final certification. An individual convicted of a felony is not eligible for certification at this level (report is sent to applicant)

Link to the AFSC CFI Directive: [Fire Investigator Directive \(alaska.gov\)](http://alaska.gov)

NOTE: *Items e, h, & i (above) can be accomplished through the Jones & Bartlett Course Competition and attending the Fire Investigator Training in Anchorage.*

FEE SCHEDULE FOR CERTIFICATION

DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF FEES:

The Alaska Fire Standards Council has the following fee schedule in place for testing and certification:

\$25 Written Test- Single fee for tests taken during the same sitting (CFI)

\$25 Practical Test- Single fee for combined practical examinations (CFI)

\$25 Certificate Administration Fee - per certificate issued

\$75 Total Fee due to the Alaska Fire Standard Council Immediately After Completion of Testing

The Jones and Bartlett "*Fire Investigation Practices & Principles* 6th Edition" textbook has **18 chapters**. Because of the required hands-on requirements, and class projects, we will have limited classroom time to teach the chapters. We are going to teach **six of the chapters in person during the conference**. That leaves **twelve chapters for you to read and complete the quizzes prior to coming to the conference**.

Here is the schedule for the textbook chapters.

Chapters to be completed PRIOR to the conference.

- 1 - Intro to Fire Investigation
- 2- Fire Science
- 3- Building Construction
- 5- Legal Aspects
- 6- Safety
- 7- Electrical & Fuel Gas Systems
- 10- Data Collection
- 12- Complex Scene Investigations
- 15 - Analyzing the Fire Scene
- 16 - Explosions
- 17- Auto, Marine & Equipment Fires
- 18 - Wildland fire Investigations

Chapters covered during the conference.

- 4- Fire Pattern Analysis
- 8- Examination the Fire Scene
- 9- Evidence Identification & Collection
- 11- Documenting the Fire Scene
- 13- Determining the Origin
- 14- Cause Determination

You will need to purchase the textbook first for **Fire Investigator Principles and Practice sixth edition** and the access code is in the front of the book. Once you enter that code then you will register with the course ID **4A3E3D**. Below are Jones & Bartletts instructions.

Before you redeem the access code(s), you will need:

- A valid email address
- A Course ID **4A3E3D** if you are enrolling in an instructor-led course... - A Course ID is a unique code that connects you to your instructor's course.

To redeem the access code(s), please follow these instructions:

1. Go to www.jblearning.com and click Redeem an Access Code. Read and accept the terms and conditions, enter your 10-digit access code, click Redeem, and confirm the details of your access code by clicking Confirm.
2. Next, follow the on-screen instructions to set up your account with Jones & Bartlett Learning. As part of this process, you will be asked for your email address and a password. You will use this email address and password combination each time you log in.
3. After you complete the account set-up process, you will be asked to validate your email address and password. Once validated, the product will be listed on your Product page. Click the product name to begin learning.

If you need help creating an account or if you need technical support along the way, please:

- Visit www.jblearning.com/techsupport.
- Email support@jblearning.com.
- Call 1-978-443-5000. We are available Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 8:00 PM (Eastern Time Zone).

We have two awesome instructors / mentors that will help guide and teach those wishing to take this challenge to become a CFI.

Our instructor / mentors: “John Gamboa” john.gamboa2425@gmail.com
 “Mike Vergon” mike.vergon@vergonfire.com

These instructor / mentors will be reaching out to all the students who register for the Jones & Bartlett online training. The online training should **start no later than January 20, 2025**, with the first mentoring session on Monday January 29th. The online course work needs to be **completed no later than March 15, 2025**.

For general questions on program, please reach out to Ernie Misewicz, AAFAI Training Chair at pyro.4n6@gmail.com or Bryan Crisp, AAFAI President at jbcrisp1978@gmail.com.