



## Fire Investigation Unit

The King County Sheriff's Office Fire Investigation Unit will be hosting a free one-day regional fire investigation training class on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, from 0900-1700 at 900 Oakesdale Ave SW Renton, WA 98057. The class will be divided into two parts:

### Part 1 (Morning)

Legal Concepts related to Fire Investigations -

- a. US & WA Constitution
- b. Legal Definitions and Concepts
  - i. Exigency exception to warrants
  - ii. Plain View
  - iii. Community Caretaking exception to warrant requirement
  - iv. Consent to Search with Ferrier
    1. Multiple occupants
    2. Juveniles
    3. School (K-12)
  - v. Reasonable Suspicion
  - vi. Probable Cause
  - vii. Search
2. Prosecutor's Office-
  - a. Filing guidelines,
  - b. Arson RCWs,
  - c. Arson related case law
    - i. Washington v Bell (WA Supreme Court)
    - ii. Michigan vs Taylor (US Supreme Court)
    - iii. Michigan v Clifford (US Supreme Court)
  - d. WA Prosecuting Attorneys Association guidebook for search, seizure, and interviews
  - e. Application on scene (Flowchart)-
  - f. Civil/Fire Investigation (Origin, Cause, Extent, and Responsibility)
  - g. Criminal (Arson Investigations)

### Part 2 (Afternoon)

Fire Investigation Documentation of the Investigation/Report Writing –

- a. The Fire Origin and Cause Investigation Report – Documenting the details.

Refreshments- Coffee and doughnuts will be provided. Lunch on your own

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NOTE- 60 seat capacity per session, first come first served. Please indicate morning, afternoon or both.