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Notification and Response Policy State Fire Investigation / K-9 Unit

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:71-3.3(a)25, the State Fire Marshal / Fire Official shall investigate, or cause to be investigated, **EVERY reported fire or explosion** occurring within the jurisdiction of the State's Local Enforcing Agency (LEA) to determine the origin and cause of said fire or explosion. The investigation shall be initiated **IMMEDIATELY** upon the occurrence of such fire or explosion. It is for this reason that the Division of Fire Safety / State Fire Marshal's Office is requesting to be notified *at the time of the* following incidents:

- **Any** fire or explosion in a **State LEA**.
- **Any** fire or explosion within a **state building** or occurring on **state-owned property**.
- **Any** fire or explosion which results in a **serious injury or fatality to a firefighter (admitted to a Hospital)**.
- **Any** fire or explosion in which the established investigative agency needs technical assistance.

The purpose of this Unit is to investigate fires in conjunction with established local fire investigative units in the framework of a team concept. However, in jurisdictions where the NJDFS is the LEA, the State's Fire Investigative Unit will be the primary agency conducting the origin and cause investigation. In State Buildings, the State's Fire Investigative Unit along with the State Police Arson/Bomb Squad will be the primary agencies conducting the origin and cause investigation.

**The 24 Hour Notification Number is:
1-877NJFIRES
(1-877-653-4737)**

Any questions or comments regarding this matter can be referred to the NJDFS office at (609) 633-6070 or to the unit supervisor at 609-324-7320. Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this request.

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