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The Fire Reporting Committee developed this Manual and Form 904I, Incident Follow-up Report, to encourage the collection of data beyond the Basic Incident Report (Form 902F) on incidents that are significant in terms of their magnitude, associated casualties, or their impact on the community. It was not the intent of the Committee that this be a comprehensive fire investigation reporting form. Users are encouraged to further develop this material and to correspond with the Committee regarding enhancements which should be made to this Manual.

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INTRODUCTION

In order to provide insight into the causes and consequences of fires or other incidents, the fire service prepares reports of incidents, performs pre-fire surveys, and conducts follow-ups to provide additional information. The criteria for when such follow-ups should be conducted are determined locally. In general, such follow-ups are conducted for fires of suspicious origin, those resulting in loss of life, and those involving large property loss.

The encoding of follow-up data on fire incidents and the updating of basic fire incident data as necessary is a natural "next step" after the process of uniform coding and reporting of fire incidents. This manual is intended to provide a standardized form for the collection and encoding of fire incident follow-up data, along with an explanation of the use of the form.

This manual contains references to NFPA 901, *Uniform Coding for Fire Protection*. These references are to allow persons responsible for classifying the data to find the appropriate sections in NFPA 901. All references are to the 1981 edition of NFPA 901. A review of the terminology, definitions and classifications in NFPA 901 will help to improve the quality of the report.

Data can be compiled from the forms either manually or using electronic data processing. In either case, such data will supplement the data from property surveys, incident reports and casualty reports, to support fire prevention activities, code enforcement, planning, data analysis and administrative functions.

GENERAL APPLICATIONS

This manual contains instructions for the completion of the Incident Follow-up Report, Form 904I. It is intended that Form 904I be used to record data from follow-ups. It is assumed that a Basic Incident Report, Form 902F, is already on file for each incident for which a follow-up investigation has been conducted. There are three main purposes for Form 904I:

1. To document some of the findings of the follow-up. For example, to permit characterization of the second item involved in the fire sequence.
2. To provide the basis for revision to and/or augmentation of the data reported on Form 902F, if the information from the follow-up is more accurate. It should not be necessarily assumed that follow-up information is more accurate than the information on the original 902F, but in the event there is conflicting information, the local jurisdiction will have the option of accepting one or the other opinion, or of keeping both.
3. To provide additional details on fires important enough for follow-up, such as for special situations like incendiary/suspicious fires.

It is important to note that the follow-up is likely to produce more information than can conveniently be coded on Form 904I. As with any fire incident report, the narrative portion, not coded, will constitute an important part of the record.

The Fire Reporting Committee intends that this first edition of the *Incident Follow-up Report Manual* and the Incident Follow-up Report be used for structural fires only. The Committee will be studying ways to expand the form and the manual so as to be applicable to all fires. Persons wishing to use the form for other than structural fires are encouraged to do so and to correspond with the Committee regarding the changes needed to accomplish such use.

EXAMPLES:

Two examples are presented on the following pages. The first shows a completed form for a fire follow-up after a \$300,000 suspicious fire in a building used to store mattresses. The second shows a completed form for a fire follow-up after a tenement fire in which four persons were killed.

INCIDENT FOLLOW-UP REPORT

9041

Anytown

Fire Department

Fill In This Report
In Your Own Words

IA	FDID 1234		Incident No 00249		Index No 00		Mo 12 Day 17 Year 80		<input type="checkbox"/> Revised Report	
IB	Location/Address 329 Mill Hollow Rd						City/Town Anytown		Year of Construction 1 9 7 4	
IC	Requestor B/C Smith						Date of Request 12/17/80		Reason for Followup Suspicious fire 3	
ID	Weather Snow		Temperature 25°F		Humidity 75%		Wind Direction NW		Wind Speed 18 MPH 5	
IE	Form of Material 2nd Ignited Packaging		Type of Material 2nd Ignited Paper		Method of Heat Transfer Direct Flame		1			
IF	Time in Smoldering Stage None		Time Flame to Ceiling Less than 1 minute		Ceiling Height 30 feet		2 0			
IG	Time Ignition to Detection 15 minutes		Method of Detection Police Patrol		Time Detection to Alarm 1 minute		2			
IH	Delay in Alarm None		Time Alarm to Agent Appl 7 minutes		Delay in Arrival Nothing unusual		8			
II	Delay in Agent Appl Nothing unusual		Time Agent Appl to Blackout 3 1/2 hours		Size of Fire When Discovered Full involvement		6			
IJ	Size of Fire on Arrival Full involvement		Obstacles Affecting Rescue N/A		Obstacles Affecting Fire Control Windowless walls		2			
IK	Performance of Fire Spread Limit Devices Fire wall N/S - good		Performance of Special Hazard System N/A		Performance of Exit System N/A		8			
IL	No. of Occupants at Ignition None		Occupant Condition Factor N/A		Number of Persons Assisted None		9			
IM	No. of Persons Homeless N/A		No. of Businesses Unusable One		Lost Time of Business Est 9 months		6			
IN	Property Management Private taxpaying						Estimated Total Dollar Loss		3,500,000	
IO	If Person Involved in Ignition		Age 38 Sex M Race W		Relationship to Property Owner		Activity Involved Malicious		8	
IP	Principal Ins Carrier-Structure Ace Insurance Co				Principal Ins Carrier-Contents FBN Insurance Co				Check Box if Overinsurance Indicated <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
IQ	Property Security Secured				Method of Initiation Flammable liquid & Timer				3	
IR	Sabotage Sprinklers turned off				Motive Fraud to collect insurance				1	
IS	Available Information		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Police Rpt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lab Rpt		<input type="checkbox"/> Autopsy Rpt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Credit Rpt		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan, Sketch <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Photos		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ins. File <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
IT	Investigator <i>St. G. Linnell</i>				Agency SFM		Date 12/27/81			
IU	Remarks Harry Firebug, owner of the Softsleep Mattress Co. which used the building for storage was indicted by Grand Jury on 1/26/81. District Attorney J. O'Sullivan handling case.									
<input type="checkbox"/> Remarks continued on reverse side										

COMPLETE IF
INCIDENT IS
SUSPICIOUS☒ 902F Revised☐ 902G Revised☐ 902H Revised

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INCIDENT FOLLOW-UP REPORT

9041

Anytown

Fire Department

Fill In This Report
In Your Own Words

IA	FD ID 26402	Incident No 5946	Index No 00	Mo 11	Day 23	Year 80			<input type="checkbox"/> Revised Report
IB	Location/Address 42 Maple Street						City/Town Anytown	Year of Construction 1, 9, 3, 2	
IC	Requestor Chief Jim Hilton		Date of Request 11/23/80		Reason for Followup Fatal Fire - 4 Killed				1
ID	Weather Clear	Temperature 20°F	Humidity 22%	Wind Direction South	Wind Speed 10 MPH				
IE	Form of Material 2nd Ignited Wall Paneling	Type of Material 2nd Ignited Plywood	Method of Heat Transfer Direct Flame						
IF	Time in Smoldering Stage Est 2 hours	Time Flame to Ceiling 10 minutes	Ceiling Height 8 feet						
IG	Time Ignition to Detection 2 1/2 hours	Method of Detection Neighbor	Time Detection to Alarm 4 minutes						
IH	Delay in Alarm Tried to effect rescue 1st	Time Alarm to Agent Appl 6 minutes	Delay in Arrival Nothing unusual						
II	Delay in Agent Appl Nothing unusual	Time Agent Appl. to Blackout 45 minutes	Size of Fire When Discovered Floor of origin						
IJ	Size of Fire on Arrival Complete involvement	Obstacles Affecting Rescue No rescue - all DOA	Obstacles Affecting Fire Control None						
IK	Performance of Fire Spread Limit Devices N/A	Performance of Special Hazard System N/A	Performance of Exit System Not a factor						
IL	No. of Occupants at Ignition 0, 0, 0, 4	Occupant Condition Factor All asleep	Number of Persons Assisted None						
IM	No. of Persons Homeless Four	No. of Businesses Unusable N/A	Lost Time of Business N/A						
IN	Property Management Private Taxpaying		Estimated Total Dollar Loss 5, 5, 0, 0, 0						
IO	If Person Involved in Ignition	Age 35	Sex F	Race W	Relationship to Property Tenant	Activity Involved Smoking			
IP	Principal Ins. Carrier Structure Acme Insurance Co.		Principal Ins. Carrier Contents Acme Insurance Co.		Check Box if Overinsurance Indicated <input type="checkbox"/>				
IQ	Property Security		Method of Initiation						
IR	Sabotage		Motive						
IS	Available Information	<input type="checkbox"/> Police Rpt. <input type="checkbox"/> Lab Rpt.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Autopsy Rpt. <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Rpt.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan, Sketch <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Photos	<input type="checkbox"/> Ins. File <input type="checkbox"/> Other				
IT	Investigator J. F. Stebbins	Agency County Fire Marshal		Date 11/28/80					
IU	Remarks: Fire started in chair on first story living room - smoldered before breaking into open flame. Discovered by M.B. Smith, a neighbor, who forced front door to effect rescue. He was unsuccessful. All persons dead before fire discovery. No evidence of foul play.								
<input type="checkbox"/> Remarks continued on reverse side									

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INCIDENTARY/
SUSPICIOUS
☐ 902F Revised☐ 902G Revised☐ 902H Revised

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PREPARATION OF THE INCIDENT FOLLOW-UP REPORT

FORM 904I

This section of the manual is for reference in preparing the Incident Follow-up Report, Form 904I.

The explanation for completing Lines IA through IU and other information in this manual should be referenced when preparing the Incident Follow-up Report, Form 904I.

The form is divided into seven blocks, each outlined by a heavy border across the bottom and up the right side.

The *first block*, lines IA-IC, identifies the incident, the property on which the report is made, and the reason for the report.

The *second block*, lines ID-IF, collects weather information as well as additional details relating to fire growth.

The *third block*, lines IG-IK, is designed to collect the complete time sequence of the fire, and the performance of building systems in the fire.

The *fourth block*, lines IL-IO, identifies human factors and indirect losses associated with the incident.

The *fifth block* (incendiary/suspicious fires only), lines IP-IS, addresses important factors in the investigation and reporting on incendiary/suspicious fires.

The *sixth block*, line IT, contains the signature and identifier line for the investigator making the report.

The *seventh block*, line IU, is a remarks section where additional data significant to the follow-up can be recorded.

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904I

Fire Department

FD ID		Incident No.	Index No.	Mo.	Day	Year	<input type="checkbox"/> Revised Report																			
Location/Address							City/Town			Year of Construction																
Requestor									Date of Request			Reason for Followup														
Weather									Temperature			Humidity			Wind Direction			Wind Speed								
Form of Material 2nd Ignited									Type of Material 2nd Ignited						Method of Heat Transfer											
Time in Smoldering Stage									Time Flame to Ceiling						Ceiling Height											
Time Ignition to Detection									Method of Detection						Time Detection to Alarm											
Delay in Alarm									Time Alarm to Agent Appl						Delay in Arrival											
Delay in Agent Appl									Time Agent Appl to Blackout						Size of Fire When Discovered											
Size of Fire on Arrival									Obstacles Affecting Rescue						Obstacles Affecting Fire Control											
Performance of Fire Spread Limit Devices									Performance of Special Hazard System						Performance of Exit System											
No. of Occupants at Ignition									Occupant Condition Factor						Number of Persons Assisted											
No. of Persons Homeless									No. of Businesses Unusable						Lost Time of Business											
Property Management										Estimated Total Dollar Loss																
If Person Involved in Ignition			Age		Sex		Race			Relationship to Property					Activity Involved											
Principal Ins. Carrier Structure							Principal Ins. Carrier Contents							Check Box if Overinsurance Indicated <input type="checkbox"/>												
Property Security									Method of Initiation																	
Sabotage									Motive																	
Available Information			<input type="checkbox"/> Police Rpt. <input type="checkbox"/> Lab Rpt.			<input type="checkbox"/> Autopsy Rpt. <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Rpt.			<input type="checkbox"/> Plan, Sketch <input type="checkbox"/> Photos			<input type="checkbox"/> Ins. File <input type="checkbox"/> Other														
Investigator									Agency									Date								
Remarks																										

**COMPLETE IF
INCENDIARY,
SUSPICIOUS**

□ 902H Revised

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LINE IA DATA

IA	FD ID	Incident No.	Index No.	Mo.	Day	Year	<input type="checkbox"/> Revised Report
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Fire Department Identification

FD ID

This space is provided for fire departments which participate in regional or state systems. The identification number will normally be obtained from the Basic Incident Report, Form 902F. If the fire department does not forward reports to a regional or state center, this data space can be left blank.

Incident Number

Incident No.

The incident number is a unique number assigned to an incident such that no two incidents in a given year have the same number.

Enter the identification number assigned to this incident from the existing fire department Basic Incident Report, Form 902F.

Index Number

Index No.

The index number, if any, may be obtained from the Basic Incident Report, Form 902F.

Month

Mo.	Day	Year
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Enter the month of year when the incident occurred using its numeric designation:

January	= 01	April	= 04	July	= 07	October	= 10
February	= 02	May	= 05	August	= 08	November	= 11
March	= 03	June	= 06	September	= 09	December	= 12

Day

Enter the day of month when the incident occurred.

Year

Enter the last two digits of the year of century when the incident occurred.

Example:

An incident occurring on July 8, 1981, would be entered as

Mo.	Day	Year
07	08	81

The incident date should be the same as that given on the Basic Incident Report, Form 902F.

Revised Report

<input type="checkbox"/> Revised Report
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If any information on the report is to be updated once the report has been submitted, obtain a copy of the original report, enter the new information in red, date and initial the change, check the Revised Report block, and resubmit the report.

LINE IB DATA

IB	Location/Address	City/Town	Year of Construction

Correct Address

Location/Address	City/Town
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This information is used primarily for cross reference and manual identification purposes. The address should be cross checked with that on the Basic Incident Report.

Year of Construction

Year of Construction

Enter the actual year of construction of the property, for example, 1968. If multiple years of construction exist, enter the year of construction of the area where the fire originated and note the other years in the Remarks.

LINE IC DATA

IC	Requestor	Date of Request	Reason for Followup
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Requestor

Requestor	Date of Request
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Space is provided here to indicate the name, agency or other identifier of the requestor of the follow-up investigation, and the date of the initial request.

Reason for Follow-up

Reason for Followup

The reason a follow-up has been initiated is recorded here. The reason could be due to the size of the fire, the number of deaths, the fire is of suspicious origin or any other reason.

Refer to NFPA 901, Section JDC, for classifications for Reason for Follow-up.

LINE ID DATA

ID	Weather	Temperature	Humidity	Wind Direction	Wind Speed

Weather

Weather

Enter the type of weather at the time the fire started.

Refer to NFPA 901, Section JIA, for classifications for Weather.

Temperature

Temperature

Enter the air temperature at the time the fire started. Temperature may be recorded in Farenheit or Celsius, but be sure to indicate which, by using an "F" or "C."

Refer to NFPA 901, Section JIB, for classifications for Temperature.

Humidity

Humidity

Enter the relative humidity at the time the fire started.

Refer to NFPA 901, Section JIC, for classifications for Relative Humidity.

Wind Direction

Wind Direction	
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Wind direction should be recorded to the closest 45 degree compass point, and at the time the fire started. Wind direction is the direction the wind is coming from.

Refer to NFPA 901, Section JID, for classifications for Wind Direction.

Wind Speed

Wind Speed	
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Enter the wind speed at the time the fire started.

Refer to NFPA 901, Section JIE, for classifications for Wind Speed.

LINE IE DATA

IE	Form of Material 2nd Ignited	Type of Material 2nd Ignited	Method of Heat Transfer
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Form of Material Second Ignited

Form of Material 2nd Ignited

The Basic Incident Report, Form 902F, records the first material ignited. The material ignited next in the burning sequence should be recorded here.

Record the form or use of the second material which became ignited.

Refer to NFPA 901, Section HA, for classifications for Form of Material.

Type of Material Second Ignited

Type of Material 2nd Ignited

Record the type or composition of the second material which became ignited. This must be the same material whose form or use was recorded in the previous data space.

Refer to NFPA 901, Section HB, for classifications for Type of Material.

Example:

A fire which starts in an upholstered chair and spreads to plywood wall paneling.

Form of Material 2nd Ignited	Type of Material 2nd Ignited
Wall paneling 1, 5	Plywood 6, 4

Method of Heat Transfer

Method of Heat Transfer	
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Enter here the method by which the fire spread from the material first ignited to the material second ignited. This can include direct flame, convection currents, radiated heat, heat from embers or sparks, or conducted heat.

Refer to NFPA 901, Section JFC, for classifications for Method of Heat Transfer.

Examples:

Flame from a burning wastebasket ignited curtains above wastebasket.

Method of Heat Transfer	
Direct flame	1

Heat radiated from a burning chair ignites nearby wall paneling.

Method of Heat Transfer	
Radiant heat	2

LINE IF DATA

IF	Time in Smoldering Stage	Time Flame to Ceiling	Ceiling Height
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Time in Smoldering Stage

Time in Smoldering Stage

Record the estimated time smoldering fire conditions existed, i.e., the time from ignition to open flaming. Classify open flaming ignitions as "Did Not Pass Through Smoldering Stage."

Refer to NFPA 901, Section JGI, for classifications to use for Time in Smoldering Stage.

Time Flame to Ceiling

Time Flame to Ceiling

Record the estimated time from the first open flaming until the flame height reached the ceiling. For smoldering ignitions this will be the time from the transition from smoldering to flaming combustion to the attainment of flame at the ceiling level. For open flaming ignitions it will be the time from ignition to flame at the ceiling level.

Refer to NFPA 901, Section JGI, for classifications to use for Time to Ceiling.

Ceiling Height

Ceiling Height

Record the height of the ceiling in feet. If the ceiling height exceeds 99 feet, record the actual height, but enter 99 as coded data.

LINE IG DATA

IG	Time Ignition to Detection	Method of Detection	Time Detection to Alarm
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Time from Ignition to Detection

Time Ignition to Detection

Ignition occurs the moment heat or overheat reaches the point of self-perpetuated combustion in the combustible ignited, whether or not there is open flame.

Detection occurs the moment a person senses the danger or an automatic detector closes its contacts.

Estimate and record the time lapse from the moment of ignition until detection takes place.

Refer to NFPA 901, Section JGA, for classifications for Time From Ignition To Detection.

Method of Detection

Method of Detection

If a person detected the fire, record the relationship of that person to the fire area, e.g., occupant, watchman, passerby. If an automatic system detected the fire, indicate the type of system. If the fire was not detected until after it self-terminated, indicate that fact.

Refer to NFPA 901, Section JGB, for classifications for Method of Detection.

Time from Detection to Alarm

Time Detection to Alarm

Alarm occurs the moment the first signal light or sound arrives at the fire alarm center of the officially responding organization. This is generally a public fire department facility, but could be an organized and manned private fire department. It is not a building guard, a building manager, telephone operator, or a maintenance shop.

Record here the time lapse from detection to the first receipt of the alarm. Sometimes no alarm will be transmitted, as in the case where a fire has burned itself out when detected.

Refer to NFPA 901, Section JGC, for classifications for Time From Detection To Alarm.

LINE IH DATA

IH	Delay in Alarm	Time Alarm to Agent Appl	Delay in Arrival
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Delay in Alarm

Delay in Alarm

Record here the cause for any unusual delay in transmission of alarm to the fire department once the person detected the fire. If the alarm was transmitted promptly or no unusual delays occurred, indicate that to be the case.

Refer to NFPA 901, Section JGD, for classifications for Delay in Alarm.

Time from Alarm to Agent Application

Time Alarm to Agent Appl.

The time of extinguishing agent application is when the agent first hits the flame.

Estimate and record the time lapse from the first receipt of the alarm to the application of an extinguishing agent. Sometimes an agent will be applied before the alarm, as in the case of automatic systems, but in most cases the first agent will be applied by the fire department. Do not consider the sporadic application of an agent, such as an attempt to use a fire extinguisher before calling the fire department, unless such application is continuous or successfully controls or extinguishes the fire.

Refer to NFPA 901, Section JGE, for classifications for Time from Alarm to Extinguishing Agent Application.

Delay in Arrival

Delay in Arrival	
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Record here the cause for any unusual delay in arrival of the first fire apparatus at the scene. If no unusual delays in response occurred indicate so.

Refer to NFPA 901, Section JGF, for classifications for Delay in Arrival.

LINE II DATA

II	Delay in Agent Appl.	Time Agent Appl. to Blackout	Size of Fire When Discovered
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Delay in Application of Extinguishing Agent

Delay in Agent Appl.

Record here the cause for any unusual delay after the arrival of fire fighting apparatus before extinguishing agents are applied to the fire. If no unusual delays in extinguishing agent application occur, indicate so.

Refer to NFPA 901, Section JGG, for classifications for Delay in Application of Extinguishing Agent.

Time from Extinguishing Agent Application to Fire Blackout

Time Agent Appl. to Blackout

Blackout is when all evidence of open flame or glow of burned material has been removed.

Record here the time lapse between the first agent application to the fire blackout. Sometimes no agent application will be necessary, as when the fire self-terminates.

Refer to NFPA 901, Section JGH, for classifications for Time From Extinguishing Agent Application To Fire Blackout.

Size of Fire when Discovered

Size of Fire When Discovered

Describe the extent (confined to Object of Origin, confined to Structure, etc.) to which the fire had grown when first discovered.

Refer to NFPA 901, Section KB, and use the classifications for Extent of Flame Damage to classify Size of Fire When Discovered.

LINE IJ DATA

IJ	Size of Fire on Arrival	Obstacles Affecting Rescue	Obstacles Affecting Fire Control
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Size of Fire on Arrival

Size of Fire on Arrival

Describe the extent to which the fire had grown at the time of arrival of the first fire service apparatus at the scene.

Refer to NFPA 901, Section KB, and use the classifications for Extent of Flame Damage to classify Size of Fire On Arrival.

Obstacles Affecting Rescue

Obstacles Affecting Rescue

Indicate any obstacles which impeded rescue operations or restricted fire service or other rescue capabilities.

Refer to NFPA 901, Section DJE, for classifications for Obstacles Affecting Rescue.

Obstacles Affecting Fire Control

Obstacles Affecting Fire Control

Indicate any obstacles which impeded or restricted fire control operations.

Refer to NFPA 901, Section DJE, for classifications for Obstacles Affecting Fire Control Operations.

LINE IK DATA

IK	Performance of Fire Spread Limit Devices	Performance of Special Hazard System	Performance of Exit System

Performance of Fire Spread Limitation Devices

Performance of Fire Spread Limit Devices	
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Fire spread limitation devices include enclosing walls, doors, dampers and the like. If fire spread limitation devices were present, evaluate their performance in terms of their designed function. If no fire spread limitation devices were present, indicate so.

Refer to NFPA 901, Section JHE, for classifications for Performance of Fire Spread Limitation Devices.

Performance of Special Hazard System

Performance of Special Hazard System	
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A special hazard system is one which is designed and installed to protect a specific fire hazard or operation. Examples are a Halon system protecting a computer room, or a water spray deluge system protecting a processing operation. If such a system was present in the area of origin, evaluate and record its performance. If none was present, indicate "no special hazard system in area of origin."

Refer to NFPA 901, Section JHD, for classifications for Performance Of Special Hazard System.

Performance of Exit System

Performance of Exit System	1
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Evaluation of the exit system performance should take into account all building factors relating to the egress of occupants from a building under fire conditions. Record exit system performance when occupants were required to leave the structure or fire area. If no occupants were present, or if egress was not required, record "not a factor."

Refer to NFPA 901, Section JHF, for classifications for Performance of Exit System.

Examples:

Stairway filled with smoke due to blocked door, and several occupants were rescued by fire department ladder.

Performance of Exit System	
Restricted egress	2

An occupant trapped in a dead end corridor dies from the effects of fire.

Performance of Exit System	
Prevented egress	3

The single exit path filled with smoke from the fire in an adjacent room. Occupants made their way through the smoke and escaped, suffering minor smoke inhalation.

Performance of Exit System	
Restricted egress	2

LINE IL DATA

IL	No. of Occupants at Ignition	Occupant Condition Factor	Number of Persons Assisted

Number of Occupants at Ignition

No. of Occupants at Ignition

Record here the actual or estimated number of occupants in the structure at the time the fire started, regardless of what they did or what happened to them after ignition. Do not include persons who entered the structure after ignition.

Occupant Condition Factor

Occupant Condition Factor

Record here the occupant condition factor which describes the dominant occupant condition, as in the following examples.

Note that when a responsible adult is present, whether an adult is awake or asleep is important. When only nonmobile (young children, etc.) or impaired (intoxicated, senile, etc.) occupants are present, whether they are awake or asleep is not relevant.

Refer to NFPA 901, Section JED, for classifications for Occupant Condition Factor.

Examples:

Two adults — one sleeping, one awake

Occupant Condition Factor
Mobile, awake 1

Two adults — both sleeping

Occupant Condition Factor	
Mobile, asleep	2

Two adults, one three-year-old child, adults awake, child asleep

Occupant Condition Factor	
Mobile/nonmobile, awake	3

Two adults, one child, all asleep

Occupant Condition Factor	
Mobile/nonmobile, asleep	4

Three children under five years old, one adult in intoxicated state.
Adult and one child awake, two children asleep.

Occupant Condition Factor	
Nonmobile, impaired	5

Number of Persons Assisted

Number of Persons Assisted	1
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Record here the number of persons assisted in leaving the building by the action of the fire department.

Refer to NFPA 901, Section KF, for classifications for Number of Persons Assisted.

LINE IM DATA

IM	No. of Persons Homeless	No. of Businesses Unusable	Lost Time of Business
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Number of Persons Made Homeless

No. of Persons Homeless

Record the number of persons who could not reside in their building the night after the fire.

Refer to NFPA 901, Section KG, for classifications for Number of Persons Made Homeless.

Number of Businesses Made Unusable

No. of Businesses Unusable

Record the number of businesses which could not operate over 60 percent of their facility the first working day following the fire.

Refer to NFPA 901, Section KH, for classifications for Number of Businesses Made Unusable.

Lost Time of Business

Lost Time of Business

"Lost Time" occurs when a business cannot resume 60 percent or more of its operation the first working day following the fire. Estimate and record the lost time in whole days. If the business is not expected to resume at the fire location, indicate this fact.

Refer to NFPA 901, Section KI, for classifications for Lost Time of Business.

LINE IN DATA

IN	Property Management	Estimated Total Dollar Loss
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Property Management

Property Management

Describe the ownership and/or management of the specific property use involved in the incident. Typical descriptions include: Private, Local Government, State Government, Federal Government, Foreign, and Military. For the private ownership also indicate whether it is tax paying or non-tax paying.

This information can generally be obtained from the local assessor's office if necessary.

For fires involving trees, brush, grass and standing crops (type of incident = 15) which spread over multiple properties, describe the ownership and/or property management of the property where the fire originated.

Refer to NFPA 901, Section DBC, for classifications for Property Management.

Example:

Fire occurring in a place of worship.

Property Management Pvt. non-tax paying	12
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Airplane crash at an air force base.

Property Management Military air base	17
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Estimated Total Dollar Loss

Estimated Total Dollar Loss	_____
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When estimating fire loss, take into consideration material actually damaged by the fire as well as that damaged during extinguishment. This will include water and smoke damage as well as material damaged during overhaul operations.

Estimate and record the total physical direct fire loss to the structure, contents, machinery, equipment and natural resources. Estimate on a replacement in like kind and quality basis. All estimates should be to the closest whole dollar.

One method of estimating structure loss is to calculate the square footage of destroyed area. Multiply this by the appropriate cost per square foot for new construction in your area for that particular type of construction. Add 10 percent for demolition costs. Then add the cost of replacing the contents and other equipment.

A loss figure should be recorded for all fires. Enter "0" where there is no loss, and "Not applicable" (N/A) if the incident was not a fire.

Example:

A loss of \$3500.00 would be entered:

Estimated Total Dollar Loss	1135000
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