

Marine Fire Investigations

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Robert Collins has 20 years of experience in both the Fire Service and Law Enforcement. He is also a 15 year veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard. Robert began his Coast Guard career as an Engineer and Firefighter and moved into a Law Enforcement role in both the Maritime Security and Safety divisions. He has conducted over hundreds Coast Guard boardings and safety inspections on both recreational and commercial vessels. Robert has conducted inspections on and has assisted with the installation of vessel power plant, propulsion, and auxiliary systems.

This 2.5 day course is designed to teach the investigator basic fundamentals in determining the origin and cause of fires and explosions that occur onboard vessels and adjacent structures. The students will review safety considerations, scene documentation, burn pattern analysis, and fuel and ignition sources, based on NFPA 921, NFPA 1033, & NFPA 302.

- Safety of the vessel and the investigator while conducting the investigation
- Conducting an inspection of the vessel
- Understanding vessel construction and design
- Basic vessel terminology
- Understanding vessel systems i.e. Machinery, Fuel, Electrical, and Auxiliary
- Identify common ignition sources
- Identify common fuel sources
- Cause factors
- A basic knowledge of explosions

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