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**Fire and Arson Investigations**  
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The San Francisco Arson Task Force, which combines the SFFD Bureau of Fire Investigation and SFPD Arson Detail, is responsible for determining the origin and causes of fires and related investigations. Arson investigators are always available for response and consultation. All fire, arson, false alarm and attempt incident reports **shall** be assigned to 6F200 and faxed to [REDACTED]

In addition to the potential loss of life and serious injury, each year the monetary loss associated with arson fires in San Francisco is considerable. When officers take suspects into custody who have set or attempted to set fires, a police investigator from the Arson Task Force shall be immediately contacted through the Department Operations Center (DOC) at (415) [REDACTED]. Investigators may respond and/or advise regarding proper scene documentation, evidence collection and appropriate charges.

At times, suspects may meet the criteria for a mental health evaluation under 5150 W&I. In these cases, officers **shall** confer with an Arson Task Force police investigator prior to transportation to a mental health facility. Typically, criminal charges will take precedence over suspects being transported for psychiatric evaluation.

As a reminder, Fire and Arson Investigation services are not provided by San Mateo County; Airport personnel shall therefore direct any questions or requests for arson investigation services directly to the Arson Task Force during regular business hours or through the DOC during non-business hours.

  
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