

SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 8

Standard Operating Procedures

70.01.02
JUVENILE FIRE SETTERS



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Approved:

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Purpose: To inform the fire officer or fire investigator of the information to be collected at a fire when a juvenile is involved with the cause of the fire.

References: N/A

Procedure:

1. When juveniles are involved with the causes/origin of a fire.
 - a) Do not put the name or age of the juvenile on the Fire Investigation Report.
 - b) List the cause of the fire as juvenile arson, children playing with matches, or other appropriate description.
2. On a separate sheet of paper, to be attached to the Fire Investigation Report, provide the following information on the juvenile(s) involved.
 - a) Full name.
 - b) Address, including zip code.
 - c) Telephone number.
 - d) Birth date and age.
 - e) Full names of parents and/or guardians.
 - f) Address and telephone number of parents or guardians if different from above.
 - g) Statement of facts, including reason to believe that juvenile was involved.
 - h) If the parents are interviewed, determine if there has been any history of fire setting behavior; and if so, when and where.
3. Advise the parents that they will be contacted for a follow-up meeting with the juvenile as well as themselves concerning the problem.
4. Forward necessary report and information to Division Chief of Fire Prevention and Public Education.