**NFPA 1033 FIRE INVESTIGATION ONLINE**

**FAQ’s**

**Will this course provide certifications for Fire Investigation Levels I, II, & III?**

NFPA 1033 is the Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigators. Unlike some NFPA standards, NFPA 1033 does not include levels. To help structure the training, providers like FireWise have created levels to segment the program. To meet the full standard and receive accreditation, candidates must complete *Fire Investigation Origin and Cause Level l* and *Level ll* through the FireWise Learning Academy.

*Evaluation and examination to NFPA 1033 is provided by the College of the Rockies (COTR) a Pro Board® accredited agency.*

**Are textbooks required?**

You will need access to *NFPA 921* “Guide for Fire and Explosion Investigations”. Familiarity with *NFPA 921* is essential for advancing your fire investigation career.

**Is the course all online?**

*Yes, Level l is completed completely online.*

*Level ll requires a written hand in assignment followed by a presentation to an evaluator using shared screens through Teams or a similar technology, and a multiple-choice written examination which is proctored at the student's location.*

**Is there a set start date?**

*No, the course is self-paced, allowing students to start as soon as they register.*

**How long does it take to complete the course?**

Level 1 is divided into 18 Chapters. Each chapter has an introduction, knowledge transfer and a summary followed by a quiz. The course concludes with a multiple-choice exam that is completed online.

The completion time for Level l varies by student, but it is expected to take 24 to 28 hours.

Level ll participants complete hand-in assignments and present their investigation findings to an evaluator using shared screens online. This portion should take between 12 and 16 hours to complete.

**I’ve watched the video presentation but was not able to progress to the quiz.**

The course is designed to follow a specific sequence, requiring each topic to be completed before moving on to the next. If you believe you have completed the topic in full but cannot progress, try selecting "Mark as Complete." If the issue persists, contact

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**Some of the videos are not loading.**

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**The quiz questions are sometimes worded in a confusing manner.**

The quizzes are intentionally designed to prepare you for standards-based exam questions, such as those required for Pro Board accreditation. If you have concerns about specific questions, please provide feedback.

**Are there any Fire Investigation Level II courses scheduled this year?**

We now offer Level II as a fully online program using 360-degree video technology. Students conduct a virtual fire investigation, complete assignments, and present their findings to an evaluator via shared screens.

This shift to an online format was driven by environmental concerns, labor demands for hosting in-person courses, travel costs, and time away from the community and home. This change aligns with FireWise commitments to our environmental values as a Certified Benefit Corporation for Good.

**Recent Testimonials:**

*"The Level II Fire Investigation course is a valuable resource to improve your level of competence and confidence in conducting fire investigations. It definitely improves your ability to read fire patterns, write reports, and perform investigations from start to finish. The virtual investigation was the next best thing to conducting a physical investigation in a course setting."*  
Ryan Nield, Kamloops Fire Rescue

*"My favourite part of the training was the online delivery. The course provided a solid background, and the assignments gave me a good foundation to build experience for real-world fire investigations."*  
Trevor Doubet, Diamond Valley Fire Rescue

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or would like further information.