

Cortland County
FIRE INVESTIGATION TEAM

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The Cortland County Fire Investigation Team is currently accepting applications to fill anticipated vacancies. Vacancies exist for full investigators as well as in the apprentice program.

The qualifications for **full team membership** are as follows:

- 1) Applicants must be an active member of a Cortland County based fire department with a minimum of five years of experience
- 2) Applicants must have completed the courses necessary for New York State Level I Fire Investigator certification. These courses are *Fire Behavior & Arson Awareness* and *Principles of Fire Investigation*. (Note: Current certification is not mandated – only completion of the course work)
- 3) Applicants must submit to and pass a state and federal criminal and arson background check.
- 4) Applicants must submit three personal references and a letter of support from his/her department Chief.

Successful candidates selected for team membership are expected to complete the following within one calendar year:

- A) Obtain New York State Fire Investigator Level I certification.
- B) Serve a one year probationary term with evaluations conducted by a Senior Investigator at 6 months and 1 year. Candidates that completed the one year probationary period with satisfactory evaluations will then be granted “Full” team membership and status.
- C) Within 2 years of acceptance to the team, applicants are required to complete the Fire/Arson Investigation course to receive New York State Fire Investigator Level II certification. (Exceptions are evaluated on a case-by-case basis)