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Retired Membership is available to IAAI Active Members in good standing if the Member retires and is no longer actively working in any phase of fire and arson investigation or administration of justice. Retired Membership is also available to Members who are permanently disabled due to job related injuries. If a Retired Member becomes employed in fire investigation again, membership must be promptly upgraded to Active. Retired members cannot vote on IAAI business and are not eligible to hold IAAI office. Includes digital version of *Fire & Arson Investigator journal*.

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## Fire Investigation Technician (IAAI-FIT®)

The IAAI Fire Investigation Technician Program verifies an applicant's fundamental knowledge as measured against core job performance requirements of the established professional qualification standards for fire investigators defined in *NFPA 1021*, *NFPA 1033* and *NFPA 1037*. The IAAI-FIT® program encourages educational and professional development through recognition of an individual's accomplishments in developing core abilities and competencies related to fire investigation.



The IAAI-FIT® designation must be renewed every three years.

### Why earn the IAAI-FIT® designation?

Designation as an IAAI-FIT® has many advantages, including:

- Acknowledgement by an independent body that the individual has demonstrated competence on the applicable professional qualification standards.
- Recognition by an independent body that the individual possesses fundamental knowledge required by the applicable professional qualification standards.
- Demonstration, through the recertification process, that the individual is keeping current with their training and professional knowledge development.
- Measurement of these achievements using a standardized mechanism, as set by the IAAI-FIT® Committee.



### How do I become an IAAI-FIT®?

To become an IAAI-FIT®, the applicant must:

- Have a minimum of 18 months of general experience in a fire investigation-related agency or industry.
- Have completed a minimum of 44 hours of tested training.
- Provide documentation of meeting minimum requirements including experience, training, and education.

Certified Fire Investigator-Full Time  
Jack Ward Fire Consultants - Full Time

Certified Fire Investigator  
Donan Engineering - Part Time

Building Dept. Fire Inspector/Plans  
Examiner  
City of Prescott - Full Time

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## Fire Investigation Technician (IAAI-FIT®)

- Pass a comprehensive examination with a score of 75% or above, once the application has been approved.

The minimum 44 hours of tested training must be obtained via either Track A or Track B:

### Track A

- Complete the following mandatory classes from CFITrainer.Net®:
  - CFITrainer.Net® - Ethics and the Fire Investigator (3 hours)
  - CFITrainer.Net® - NFPA 1033 and Your Career (2 Hours)
  - CFITrainer.Net® - The Practical Application of the Relationship Between NFPA 1033 and NFPA 921 (2 hours)
- Complete an Approved Comprehensive Fundamental Fire Investigations Course (40 hours)

\*Use National Fire Academy Reciprocity Application below if you have recently passed R0206 Fire/Arson Origin and Cause Investigations with an 80% or better

### Track B

- Complete the following mandatory classes from CFITrainer.Net®:
  - CFITrainer.Net® - Documenting the Event (4 hours)
  - CFITrainer.Net® - Ethics and the Fire Investigator (3 hours)
  - CFITrainer.Net® - NFPA 1033 and Your Career (2 Hours)
  - CFITrainer.Net® - The Practical Application of the Relationship Between NFPA 1033 and NFPA 921 (2 hrs)
  - CFITrainer.Net® - The Scientific Method for Fire and Explosion Investigation (3 hours)
- Complete 30 hours of General Tested Training related to fire scene investigation

To apply for the IAAI-FIT® designation, complete the [IAAI-FIT® application](#) and return it to IAAI as directed, with the application fee. The application fee for IAAI Members is US\$90. For non-Members, the fee is US\$325. Please note that individuals who are members of a local chapter only do not qualify for the IAAI Member rate.

To obtain the Member discount rate, a non-Member may choose to [join IAAI](#) prior to filing the IAAI-FIT® application. Once you have submitted the application, it will be reviewed by the IAAI-FIT® Committee. If the application is approved, you will then be provided with instructions on how to take the examination. If the application is not approved, you will be advised of the appeals process. For detailed information on the full process of the IAAI-FIT® program, please read the [International Association of Arson Investigators Fire Investigation Technician Program Manual](#).

*I took R0206 Fire/Arson Origin and Cause Investigations at the National Fire Academy after January 1, 2011 and passed with an 80% or better. How do I obtain the IAAI-FIT®? [Download and complete the NFA Reciprocity application](#). The application fee has increased to \$175 starting with the March 2015 R0206 class. For those who passed the R206 class prior to March 2015, the application fee is \$150.*

*I already hold the IAAI-FIT® designation and need to renew. What do I do? [Download and complete the IAAI-FIT® Renewal Application](#). Return the application with the associated fee according to the instructions. IAAI-FIT® renewal fees are US\$70 for IAAI Members and US\$325 for non-members. Please note that individuals who are members of a local chapter only do not qualify for the IAAI Member rate.*

Renewal requires documentation of 18 months of general work experience and 48 additional hours of tested training. IAAI-FIT® renewal applicants are not required to retake the exam.



Quick Links to Important Documents for the IAAI-FIT® Program:

- [IAAI-FIT® Application](#)
- [NFA Reciprocity application](#)
- [IAAI-FIT® Renewal Application](#)
- [IAAI Membership Application](#)
- [International Association of Arson Investigators Fire Investigation Technician \(IAAI-FIT®\) Program Manual](#)
- [IAAI-FIT® Study Reference List](#)
- [CFITrainer.Net®](#)



# IAAI-FIT Application

International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc.  
Fire Investigation Technician

Please complete the application form, print it, attach required documentation, and mail with payment to the address below.

IAAI Member No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Membership in the IAAI is not required. This information is requested to assist the staff in processing the application.*

Last Name: Villarreal First Name: Medardo M.I.: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: Hidalgo County Fire Marshal's Office

Address: 1903 N. Knights Dr. Home  Work  Apt. No.: \_\_\_\_\_

City: Pharr State: Texas Country: Hidalgo Zip: 78577

Phone/Cell: (956)929-6675 Email: medardo.villarreal@co.hidalgo.tx.us

CFITrainer.net User Name (Email): If same as above write "Same" Same

**PAYMENT:**

**Members:** \$90.00 USD ✓ Available - (810) *ES*  
**Non-Members:** \$325.00 USD \$1,555.00

*Sign up for membership now and save! [www.firearson.com](http://www.firearson.com)*

Complete credit card payment page included in the application.

or

Make checks payable to IAAI.  
Send to:  
IAAI FIT  
2111 Baldwin Avenue, Suite 203  
Crofton, MD 21114  
IAAI-FIT@firearson.com

By submitting this application to the IAAI, **with all required documentation**, either via mail or electronic communications, the applicant certifies this information to be true and correct to the best of their knowledge and certifies that they have read and understand the program requirements. The intentional submission of false information as part of this application will be cause for immediate rejection of the application and potentially subject the applicant to other penalties, including removal of IAAI member benefits.

**Applicant's signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



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International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc.  
Fire Investigation Technician

Applicants Last Name: Medardo Villarreal

Payment method:  VISA  MC  AMEX Check No.: \_\_\_\_\_ P.O. No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## IAAI-FIT Application

**WORK EXPERIENCE:** You must have a minimum of 18 months of general experience in a fire investigation related industry. Please provide documentation to support your experience such as a letter from your employer or employment records.

Current Employer: Hidalgo County Fire Marshal's Office		Office Use Only
Position Deputy Fire Marshal		
Address: 1903 N. Knights Dr., Pharr Texas 78577		
Phone: (956)318-2656	Supervisor: Eric L. Sanchez	
Years of Experience 2 1/2	Dates: From: 10-31-14                      To: Current	
Letter from Employer attached? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Office Use Only
Previous Employer:		
Position		
Address:		
Phone:	Supervisor:	
Years of Experience	Dates: From:                                      To:	
Letter from Employer attached? Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		

**TRAINING & EDUCATION:** Please provide information regarding the training courses that you are submitting in support of your application for the Fire Investigation Technician Program. Supporting documentation can either be contained in a transcript or on a course certificate. All documentation will be subject to approval. Additional pages may be attached if necessary.

	Course Title	Date	Tested Hours	Office Use Only
Track A	CFITrainer.net-Ethics and the Fire Investigator	9-17-14	3	
	CFITrainer.net-NFPA 1033 and Your Career	9-11-14	2	
	CFITrainer.net-The Practical Application of the Relationship Between NFPA 1033 and NFPA 921	9-15-14	2	
	Comprehensive Fundamental Fire Investigation Course Specify: South Texas Fire Investigator's Association	8-29-14	40 minimum	

**OR**

Track B	CFITrainer.net-Documenting the Event		4	
	CFITrainer.net-Ethics and the Fire Investigator		3	
	CFITrainer.net-NFPA 1033 and Your Career		2	
	CFITrainer.net-The Practical Application of the Relationship Between NFPA 1033 and NFPA 921		2	
	CFITrainer.net-The Scientific Method for Fire and Explosion Investigation		3	
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<b>Total Tested Hours (Minimum of 44):</b>				
CFITrainer.net transcript and copies of other certificates attached <input type="checkbox"/>				

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Level 1:

Level 2:

Level 3:

FIT Date: