

# BATON ROUGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## POLICY

It is the policy of this department to provide the Baton Rouge Fire Department with whatever assistance their investigators require in an arson investigation.

## PROCEDURES

### **I. Investigation**

- A. The fire department will have primary investigative responsibility for any arson or suspected arson. The fire company at the scene will notify the arson investigator on call.
  - 1. If officers are called to the scene of a fire that appears to have been intentionally set, the fire department will be notified if they are not already at the scene.
  - 2. The arson investigator will collect any evidence.

### **II. Officer's Responsibilities**

- A. If the fire department requests assistance in securing an arson scene, uniform patrol units will provide such assistance.
- B. If a death occurs as a result of arson, the Department will participate in a joint investigation with the fire department.
  - 1. A supervisor will be called to the scene.
  - 2. The Homicide Division has primary investigative responsibility for these cases.
- C. In all other arson investigations, if the fire department requires assistance or support during the preparation or service of warrants, the Misdemeanor Investigations Office will provide the assistance.