

**FAIRFIELD COUNTY RURAL FIRE BOARD  
GUIDELINES AND STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES**

**SUBJECT: SUSPICIOUS FIRE INVESTIGATIONS**

Fire departments should follow these guidelines when requesting that a fire be investigated.

**GUIDELINES:**

1. Call Fire Marshal.
2. If Fire Marshal is not available, the Chief and the Officers, of a fire department have the authority to call SLED (1-800-922-7766) and the Sheriff's Department Investigator.
3. When speaking with a SLED agent, they will give you an approximate time of arrival, in most cases SLED will not come out late at night but they will arrange a time during the early morning after first light, unless the fire involves a Death or a Church. If the Fire Department leaves the scene, have area tapped off (by FD or Sheriff's Department).
4. When SLED arrives, someone from the Fire Service must meet them there and stay on scene until they complete the on scene investigation or are instructed by SLED that they may leave (This is a SLED requirement)
5. When requesting an investigation all communications will go through Central Dispatch.