2.351 ARSON
A. Preliminary investigation duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to:
   1. Making preliminary observations for the cause of fires – arson, malicious burning, accidental, etc.;
   2. Making on-scene arrests, if possible;
   3. Ensuring notifications are made consistent with 2.424 Notifications;
   4. Locating witnesses and/or property owners;
   5. Assisting responding fire and investigations officials; and
B. The MSP Office of the State Fire Marshal is the lead agency for fire and arson investigations on campus.
C. Probable indicators of arson include, but are not limited to:
   1. Multiple fires, such as fires in different rooms or on different stories;
   2. Fire patterns or “trailers” from fuels such as gasoline;
   3. Evidence of accelerants;
   4. Suspicious fuel loads or potential ignition sources that are inconsistent with the area of origin; for example, deliberately stacked furniture or contents in an unusual configuration;
   5. Incendiary devices;
   6. Unusual or excessive fire growth and fire damage;
   7. Removal or replacement of personal items / contents prior to fire; and
   8. Interference with fire suppression such as sabotaged sprinkler systems or blocked entry.
D. See also 2.358 Fires.
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