

<b>Appointments Under the Fire Prevention Act – Fire Investigator</b>		Amended	Office of the Fire Marshal	1204
Policy Title		New or Amended	Division / Branch / Section	Policy #
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Approved by		This policy was approved on:	This version takes effect on:	This policy will be reviewed by:
1.	<b>Purpose</b>	To inform/provide direction to local, municipal and or provincial government administrators, who are responsible for the fire safety inspection services within their territorial jurisdictions, of the requirement and procedural process of ensuring that those persons filling the role of a <b>Fire Investigator</b> are appointed as such under the <i>Fire Prevention Act (FPA)</i> .		
2.	<b>Legislative Authority</b>	New Brunswick <i>Fire Prevention Act, Sections 2(2)</i>		
3.	<b>Scope</b>	<p>This section outlines the responsibility of rural, municipal and provincial government agencies involved with the appointment of a Fire Investigator within their territorial jurisdictions.</p> <p>The responsibility of initiating procedures to appoint a Fire Investigator under the <i>FPA</i> is that of the local government authority having jurisdiction.</p> <p>The internal criteria that will generally influence whether an individual is successfully appointed or has their appointment renewed as a Fire Investigator under the <i>FPA</i> are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendation from the appropriate authority having jurisdiction such as the Mayor, Town Clerk, Local Service district manager, Fire Chief;</li> <li>• Successful outcome of a criminal record check;</li> <li>• Meets the educational requirements set forth by the OFM;</li> <li>• Is <b>employed</b> as a fire investigator;</li> <li>• Completion of Local Assistant/<i>FPA</i> training seminar provided by the OFM</li> </ul>		

4.	<b>Definitions</b>	Fire Investigator – a person who is appointed by the Fire Marshal to carry out limited authority of the Fire Prevention Act and its regulations throughout the province.
5.	<b>Policy Guidelines</b>	In order to ensure the legal authority and liability protection to conduct fire safety inspections and relevant fire prevention efforts, every person holding the title of Fire Investigator in Province of NB should be appointed by the Fire Marshal as a Local Assistant under the <i>FPA</i> .
6.	<b>Procedures Process Maps / Guidelines/ Forms</b>	<p>Upon designating an individual to hold the position of Fire Prevention Officer, the local authority is responsible to inform the Fire Marshal of such a designation and forward appropriate documentation for appointment under the <i>FPA</i> directly to the Office of the Fire Marshal.</p> <p>Such documentation will include but is not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Application for appointment;</li> <li>2) Completed Vulnerable Sector Check;</li> <li>3) Signed form authorizing the OFM to use the appointees picture on file with Service New Brunswick from his/her Motor Vehicle license.</li> <li>4) Proof of relevant training (certificates, etc.)</li> </ol> <p>All forms required for the above noted appointment(s) are available on the OFM website or by contacting the Office of the Fire Marshal.</p> <p>Persons holding the appointment of Fire Investigator will receive an appropriate designation as a statement of willingness to carry out the authority of ss. 7(4), 7(5), 7(6), 7(7), 7(8) and 23 of the <i>Fire Prevention Act</i>.</p>
7.	<b>Policy Owner</b>	Fire Marshal (506) 453-2004
8.	<b>Related Policy</b>	Administrators may refer to Policy 1200 for specific procedures used by the OFM regarding the internal appointment process.
9.	<b>Involved Agencies</b>	<b><i>Local Government agencies.</i></b>