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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Fire Chiefs

FROM: Lawrence Canary, Assistant Fire Marshal 

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SUBJECT: Response Protocols

Between January and April 2000, a revised Response Protocol was distributed to all Fire District Chiefs in order to facilitate an understanding of when to request a King County Fire Investigator and who had the authority and responsibility to make the request.

Since that time, the Response Protocols have been examined and evaluated, and in the concept for which they were devised, were found to remain effective. There were however, several areas that required revision to make them more applicable.

Section 6.2 and 6.4 were the areas where better definition of the responsibilities and functions of the fire investigators need to be addressed.

An area that requires closer attention and monitoring is Section 6.4 which did not substantially change. Since the inception of the Response Protocols in 2000, there has been considerable emphasis and attention given by the Fire Chiefs in their respective areas of jurisdiction regarding compliance with Section 6.4. However, it has become more challenging for the FIU to obtain the appropriate documentation from the Fire Districts and in some instances, not to receive the information at all. It is imperative that all appropriate information be transmitted to the FIU in accordance with the Response Protocols so the information may be captured and reported to the respective law enforcement agencies.

To this end, I request your continued commitment and support in the timely submission to the KC FIU of documentation and thorough origin and cause investigations from your respective Fire Investigative staff.