



# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

VIRGINIA CHAPTER of  
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ARSON INVESTIGATORS INC.



Mail application & \$30.00 membership fee to:  
VA Chapter, International Association of Arson Investigators  
PO Box 1367, Madison, VA 22727

Please print or type

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

How Long Employed? \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth – City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Military Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? \_\_\_\_\_ If "Yes" – Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Where do you want your mail sent? Home  Business  Your E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Check All That Apply To You)**

Involvement in Fire Investigations: Full Time  Part Time  Student  Interested   
Classification: Vol. FD  Paid FD  Fire Marshal  Police  Sheriff  Military   
PI  Ins. Adj.  Ins. Inv.  Lab Tech  Other

Are you a current member of the International Association of Arson Investigators? Yes  No

Reference #1 (Name, Address, Telephone & Occupation) \_\_\_\_\_

Reference #2 (Name, Address, Telephone & Occupation) \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by member in good standing: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Member of International:  Yes  No International Membership No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby apply for membership in the Virginia Chapter – International Association of Arson Investigators and I agree to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association. I have read and agree that I qualify for membership. I further hereby attest that all information in this application is true to the best of my knowledge. By signing I further agree to submit to a full background investigation to include a full criminal history records check, Violent and Non Violent Sex Offenders Registry check and an interview of all references.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**-Official Use Only-**

Received \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Committee Review Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved Yes  No

Board Action \_\_\_\_\_ Accounting Date/Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Card  Pin  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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# CODE OF ETHICS

## Article II - Membership

I will, as an arson investigator, regard myself as a member of an important and honorable profession.

I will conduct both my personal and official life so as to inspire the confidence of the public.

I will not use my profession And my position and my position of trust for personal advantage or profit.

I will regard my fellow investigators with the same standards as I hold for myself. I will never betray a confidence nor otherwise jeopardize their investigations.

I will regard it my duty to know my work thoroughly. It is my further duty to avail myself of every opportunity to learn more about my profession.

I will avoid alliances with those whose goals are inconsistent with honest and unbiased investigation.

I will make no claim to professional qualifications which I do not possess.

I will share all publicity equally with my fellow investigators, whether such publicity is favorable or unfavorable.

I will be loyal to my supervisors, to my subordinates and to the organization I represent.

I will bear in mind always that I am a truth-seeker, not a case-maker; that it is more important to protect the innocent than to convict the guilty.

**Section 1.** Active Membership - Any representative of a government agency and any representative of a business or industrial concern who is actively engaged in some phase of the suppression of arson at the time he/she makes application shall be eligible for active membership on application, provided such person possesses the other qualifications for membership at the discretion of the Membership Committee and provided such person is not less than eighteen years of age at the time he/she makes application. All applications for active or associate membership, if accepted, will be on a temporary status until the next meeting of the Board of Directors. During this temporary status period, a person's membership may be revoked at the discretion of the Board of Directors. If the Application is not rejected by the Board within the specified time limit, full membership is automatically granted.

**a.** Active Membership in the International Association of Arson Investigators is required for a member to hold office in the chapter.

**Section 2.** Associate Membership - Persons not qualified for active membership may become associate members, after determination of their qualifications by the Membership Committee. The Chapter, may by majority vote of active members present, exclude associate members from any particular business meeting. Associate members shall have all the rights and privileges of an active member with the exception of voting and holding office.

Associate Membership in the International Association of Arson Investigators qualifies an individual for Associate Membership in the Virginia Chapter subject to the approval of the Virginia Chapter and/or Membership Committee.

**Section 6.** Personal Qualifications - Prior to voting upon each application, the Membership Committee shall give due consideration to the following, among other qualifications it deems applicable, to wit: (1) the personal character and reputation of the applicant; (2) the nature, character and reputation of the applicant's business; (3) the character and reputation of the applicant's employer and associates; and (4) the general nature, character, and reputation of the principal business of the applicant's employer and associates.

No person shall be eligible for any class of membership if he/she has been a member, or is presently a member of a subversive organization or of any organization whose objectives and operations are inconsistent with the purpose of the Chapter.