

Course Outline
CRJU 111
Investigation of Fires
3 credit hours

The Community Colleges of Baltimore County
Catonsville

Description

Investigation of Fires

Discusses techniques of determining causes and behavior of fires; examines recognizing and preserving evidence of possible arson, conducting interviews of suspects and witnesses, and preparing court cases.

Prerequisites: ENGL 052 and RDNG 052 or ESOL 052

Overall Course Objectives (learning objectives)

Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to:

1. Identify various causes of fires.
2. Describe basic fire science and fire behavior.
3. Explain rules and methods for evidence collection and preservation.
4. Demonstrate techniques for investigative questioning.
5. Discuss the typical sequence for arson court cases.

Major Topics

1. Overview of the criminal justice system.
2. Basic fire science and behavior.
3. The elements of arson.
4. Techniques in fire cause determination.
5. Techniques in investigation.
6. Evidence rules.

Course Requirements

Students shall demonstrate learning through:

1. Participation in class discussions.
2. Successful completion of quizzes.