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## XII. SAN DIEGO FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY JUVENILE FIRESETTER INTERVENTION PROGRAM

### A. Purpose

The Burn Institute's Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Program is designed to provide an opportunity for juveniles involved in fire setting activities to meet with an interventionist who can explain the potential consequences of their fire setting activities. The interventionist also will evaluate whether the behaviors result from an underlying problem requiring additional professional assistance. If so, the interventionist will make the necessary referrals.

The Juvenile Contact Report was developed to facilitate this intervention, track data, and aid in follow-up investigation.

### B. Policy

All fire suppression units are to use the Juvenile Contact Report (FD-371, Rev. 10/95) and carry it on the apparatus. An accurate record of the juvenile, their parents, and the incident will be recorded on this report. This report must be completed when:

1. The juvenile admits to the offense.
2. There are responsible witnesses.
3. Adequate and factual evidence has been gathered.
4. Intervention is requested by guardian or other responsible agency.

### C. Reports

The Report consist of 1) an area for identification information, 2) a description of the incident and the juveniles actions, 3) officer information and 4) the parent/guardian signature. The signature represents the agreement made by the parent to bring the child in for a conference.

### D. Agreements

The conference agreement is an agreement made with the juvenile's parents or guardian to take part in the Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Program. This agreement is to be used if the parents are cooperative. If this agreement is offered and the parent or guardian refuses, call the MAST Investigators to the scene. Do not release the juvenile without an agreement.

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E. Multiple Contacts

If there are more than one juvenile contact, a separate report must be filed for each. PROTECT WITNESS INFORMATION. IT IS TO REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL. Witness information will not copy to the bottom page. If it is necessary, fill in the witness information AFTER you have left the bottom copy with the parent/guardian.

F. Intervention

If intervention is agreed upon, have the parent/guardian sign the form and leave the bottom copy with them. Fax the report to the Burn Institute at 541-7179 and send the original to MAST at M.S. 120.