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**Origin and Development of NFPA 906**

The proper recording of information about an incident is one of the most effective tools available to a fire investigator. To assist in this endeavor, the NFPA Fire Reporting Committee established a subcommittee to develop a guide to provide persons investigating fires, whether as the company officer, incident commander, fire department or fire marshal investigative specialist, or private investigator, with a tool for taking notes in an organized manner while collecting data about the incident. Using information and input from a variety of sources, the committee developed a series of forms to be used locally in the documentation of an incident by those conducting the investigation. The first edition of this guide was published in 1988.

The committee realizes that through a more organized collection of data in the field, a more complete incident report and/or investigative report can be produced that will ultimately lead to better data to solve the fire problem. It was not the intent of the committee that these forms by themselves be an investigative or fire incident report. All local units of government and private industry involved in fire investigation are encouraged to utilize these forms in the way best suited for their situation.

This edition of the document is a reconfirmation of the 1993 edition.