

# Training and Professional Development Information

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Gaining a full understanding of all that is involved in juvenile firesetter intervention is a major task in and of itself. So with this in mind, understand that no matter what level of training or experience you have, there will always be an opportunity to increase your knowledge or include new strategies and tactics.

While it is clearly a fire service issue, a successful juvenile firesetter intervention requires a multi-discipline response. The fire service alone does not have, nor should it try to develop, the full range of expertise necessary to complete all of the factors contributing to firesetting behaviors. Nevertheless the fire service remains the hub of the network. From this hub shall be the referral spokes required to reduce the recidivism in your region. Each discipline within the network must make a commitment to the goals and objectives of the program. These disciplines include but are not limited to; juvenile justice, mental health, social services, school officials, law enforcement, and the fire service.

The success of the entire program rests upon the whole network gaining the education necessary to function properly. There are many opportunities throughout the year to acquire training in juvenile firesetter intervention. These sessions are open to all interested parties from any discipline. Below is a list of local opportunities.

- Minnesota State Fire Schools
- Minnesota State Fire Chiefs' Association Conference
- Minnesota State Fire Department Association Conference
- Minnesota State Fire Chiefs' Association Pub Ed Committee Conference
- Regional Meetings
- Others upon request

If you have an idea for a training session, or a conference at which the MN JFIP information may be useful, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your past and future efforts in juvenile firesetter intervention