
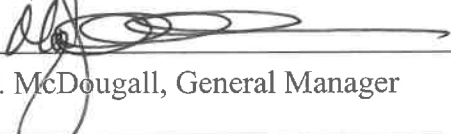




**COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS  
 LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICY**

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**1.0 Policy**

Arson (451 PC) is the willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, any dwelling, building, vehicle, or personal property. Dispatchers may receive information from callers or fire personnel that indicates possible criminal intent or suspicious activity related to any type of fire. The first priority for these incidents remains the suppression of any active fire.

**2.0 Procedure**

**2.1 In-Progress Fires**

If dispatchers receive any information from callers reporting suspected arson, including suspicious circumstances or persons associated with the fire, a law enforcement unit should be dispatched to respond with fire units. Additionally, the fire incident commander should be notified of the information and law response.

**2.2 Cold Reports**

If dispatchers receive a cold report of suspected arson, and the fire is verified to be out, a law enforcement unit should be dispatched. Additionally, the fire agency of jurisdiction should be notified for reporting purposes.