

Fire Safety...

A working smoke detector is your early warning system and doubles your chances of surviving a fire.

- ✓ **Check the batteries often**—A battery powered smoke detector is only as effective as its batteries. Check yours at least once a month, and put in new batteries at least once a year.
- ✓ **Check the detector**—Not even smoke detectors work forever. Test yours to make sure they are still in good working condition. Replace any that are over 10 years old.
- ✓ **Position detectors smartly**—Place at least one smoke detector on every level of your house, and position them near the areas where you and your family sleep.
- ✓ **Keep detectors away from ducts**—Do not place smoke detectors near heating or cooling ducts. Also, keep them at least six inches from where walls and ceilings meet. During a fire, these areas may not receive the flow of smoke needed to activate the detector.

When fire strikes, everything happens fast. There's no time to make a plan. That's why you should have a family fire emergency plan in place before you need it.

- ✓ Make sure all family members, even young children, know how to dial 911 in an emergency.
- ✓ Have at least two exits from every room in your home. Invest in escape ladders for upstairs bedrooms
- ✓ Have a practice drill every six months. Make sure the whole family participates.
- ✓ Arrange a central meeting place at a tree or other landmark in front of your house.
- ✓ Teach children never to go back in the house, and never hide under beds or in closets.

CONTACT

If you would like to obtain more information about how to become a Fire Inspector, contact:

Modesto Fire Department
Fire Prevention Bureau
1010 Tenth Street Place, 3rd Floor
Modesto, CA 95354
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MODESTO FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION LOCATIONS

Station #1	610 Eleventh Street
Station #2	629 Second Street
Station #3	635 El Vista Avenue
Station #4	1505 Blue Gum Avenue
Station #5	200 W. Briggsmore Avenue
Station #6	2700 Standiford Avenue
Station #7	1800 Mable Avenue
Station #8	673 Airport Way
Station #9	4025 Fara Biundo Drive
Station #10	148 Imperial Avenue
Station #11	4225 Carver Road
Fire Prevention Administration	1010 Tenth Street Place 600 Eleventh Street



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FIRE—POLICE—MEDICAL

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BECOMING A FIRE INSPECTOR

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Fire Inspector Responsibilities...

Fire Inspectors have many responsibilities which are generally categorized as follows:

- ✓ public education
- ✓ construction inspection
- ✓ code enforcement.

Some examples of duties in the *public education* area include teaching fire prevention in a school classroom, speaking to clubs and business groups, and staffing a table at a fair or other community event. *Construction inspections* involve reviewing construction and remodel plans for compliance with the California Fire Code and the California Building Code and doing inspections at various phase points of the construction project. *Code enforcement* involves inspecting various schools and businesses on an annual basis to assure that their operations are being done in a fire safe manner. Code enforcement also involves responding to reports of code violations and initiating corrective action.



Key Skills and Abilities...

- ✓ Knowledge of local codes, laws, policies and procedures relating to fire prevention.
- ✓ Knowledge of mathematics and technical report writing.
- ✓ Ability to work safely.
- ✓ Ability to learn pertinent fire codes, ordinances, laws and regulations.
- ✓ Ability to work with the public in general and provide excellent customer service.
- ✓ Ability to inspect and identify violations of applicable codes and ordinances.
- ✓ Ability to respond to inquiries, complaints and requests for service in a fair and tactful manner.
- ✓ Ability to read and interpret maps, diagrams, plans and specifications.
- ✓ Ability to maintain and update records, logs and reports.
- ✓ Ability to observe and record findings during inspections.
- ✓ Ability to establish and maintain cooperative working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

A Candidate Must...

- ✓ Have one year of increasingly responsible code enforcement experience (not necessarily in the fire science area).
- ✓ Have a high school diploma or the equivalent.
- ✓ Have a valid California driver's license.



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DROP
ROLL!**

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