

30 Year Veteran Fire Expert Says:

NEEDED STILL:

1. Reclassifying the fire from “Undetermined” to “Incendiary/ Arson.”
2. Identifying the alleged off duty Firefighter who was the original reporting party of the fire incident. If located, this individual should be interviewed extensively.
3. An attempt should be made to identify this individual by accessing media outlets (electronic/ print media) and/ or internal Government Agency transmittals.
4. Law Enforcement should compose a composite drawing of the alleged off-duty Firefighter.

SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE:

1. No physical evidence was collected at the fire scene with the exception of photographs, video footage, and testimonial evidence.
2. No fire debris samples were collected throughout the structure for forensic analysis detecting ignitable liquids.
3. No Electrical Engineer was summoned to the fire scene to rule in or eliminate an electrical malfunction as a cause for the fire.
4. No Mechanical Engineer was summoned to the fire scene to rule in or eliminate any mechanical malfunction as a cause for the fire.
5. No extensive canvass of the surrounding business and/or neighborhood was conducted to locate potential witnesses.
6. No extensive canvass of any surveillance footage was conducted of the surrounding business and/or neighborhood.
7. No Accelerant Detection K9 was summoned to the fire scene to detect any possible ignitable liquids.