

Chief Investigator 2017 Study Guide

Applicant Instructions: This matrix is presented as a study aide to assist you in your preparation for the written job knowledge promotional examination for Chief Investigator with the Houston Fire Department. The important job knowledge domains needed by a Chief Investigator upon entry to the job are listed on the left hand side of the page, and each Source Material is listed by title (only) on the top of this document (1-7). To identify what to study from any particular source, follow a source column down the sheet to read what portions/chapters of the source are related to each knowledge domain. Please note that examination questions will not usually be verbatim from the sources and will often not be answerable by pure memorization. Correctly answering examination questions will usually require you to use facts and information and to understand how they might be applied on the job.

A note on books: If a book chapter is not listed, it was not selected by the book committee. It is therefore highly unlikely to contain information that will help you prepare for the exam. However, books often build from chapter to chapter, and it may be helpful to read unlisted chapters, in part or in whole, so that listed chapters may be fully understood. Similarly, if glossaries, Appendices, Tables of Contents, Indexes, and other parts of a book that fall outside of chapters are not listed, then they also were not selected by the book committee, and will have minimal use to you during your exam preparations. Finally, for items within a chapter such as case studies, sidebars, exhibits, tables, and figures it will benefit you greatly to determine if an item is part of an explanation and helps to describe concepts and important knowledge areas, or if an item is merely there to provide an example. It is very unlikely that you will be directly tested on your knowledge of specific examples, although specific examples may help you to understand the rest of the material. For example, a diagram that shows a process that text cannot fully describe is an item you would want to be very familiar with, but a case study on a single training program that is an example of many similar training programs is much less likely to be important.

A note on other study materials: For the purposes of studying HFD guidelines, LSBs, or Executive orders, Classified Testing strongly recommends that you get the package prepared by the quartermaster for the exam you will be taking. This Package is the exact material used by Classified Testing to Create the Exam. If you download the guidelines or get them from any other source, you risk getting information that is significantly different than the information used to create the Exam. You should consider everything in this package to be important for your exam preparations. Appendices, Attachments, and other similar types of ancillary information should be considered as important as the main body of the guidelines when they are included in the package. If something is not included in the package it will not be directly relevant to the exam and is unlikely to be helpful to you in your exam preparations.

	Study Source 1	Study Source 2	Study Source 3	Study Source 4	Study Source 5	Study Source 6	Study Source 7
<u>Chief Investigator</u>	<u>Homeland Security</u>	<u>Criminal Procedure 10th Edition</u>	<u>Management and Supervision in Law Enforcement</u>	<u>Guidelines Volume I</u>	<u>Guidelines Volume IV</u>	<u>Executive Order</u>	<u>AP</u>
Knowledge of modern fire investigation methods and techniques and the relevant equipment, policies, procedures, and strategies to promote an effective arson program.	Chapters 1, 2, 5, 6, 11, 13, & 14	Chapters 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, & 11			Volume IV-1		
Knowledge of leadership techniques and management of individual differences in ability, personality, and interests.	Chapter 2		Chapters 1-5, 8, 10, 11, & 14	Chapters 1, 4, 19, 30, & 35		1-50	
Knowledge of the local criminal justice process and laws that apply to arson investigation.	Chapter 14	Chapters 1-6, 8-10, & 12			Volume IV-1		
Knowledge of HFD rules and regulations, standard operating guidelines, orders, bulletins, protocols (including EMS, HMRT, and Texas Task Force Responder), and FLSA Laws.	Chapters 3, 4, & 8-11			Chapters 1, 4, 6, 19, 22, 27, 30, & 35	Volume IV-1	1-18 & 1-50	2-2
Adjusting actions in relation to the actions of others, giving full attention to proper communication skills for appropriate interactions with supervisors, subordinates, and the public; identifying proper measures of personal, system, and team performance evaluation as it relates to HFD standards.	Chapters 2, 5, & 7		Chapters 3, 4, 8, 10, & 14	Chapters 1, 4, 19, 30, & 35		1-18 & 1-50	
Performance monitoring/assessment of the work of self, others, and the organization to make improvements or take corrective actions.	Chapters 2, 5, & 13	Chapter 11	Chapters 2-5, 7, 8, 10, & 14	Chapters 1, 30, & 35	Volume IV-1		
The ability to communicate information and ideas in speaking and in writing so others will understand.	Chapters 2, & 5-7	Chapters 5, 8, & 12	Chapters 2-4 & 8	Chapter 30		1-18	