



Tentative Interim Amendment

## NFPA<sup>®</sup> 921

### *Guide for Fire and Explosion Investigations*

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**Reference:** 3.3.116, 20.1.3, 24.1, and 28.8.2

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Pursuant to Section 5 of the NFPA *Regulations Governing the Development of NFPA Standards*, the National Fire Protection Association has issued the following Tentative Interim Amendment to NFPA 921, *Guide for Fire and Explosion Investigations*, 2017 edition. The TIA was processed by the Technical Committee on Fire Investigations, and was issued by the Standards Council on August 15, 2017, with an effective date of September 4, 2017.

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1. *Add new text to 3.3.116 to read as follows:*

**3.3.116 Incendiary Fire.** A fire that is intentionally ignited in an area or under circumstances where and when there should not be a fire (see 20.1.3, Chapter 24, and 28.8.2).

2. *Revise 20.1.3 to read as follows:*

**20.1.3 Incendiary Fire Cause Classification.** An incendiary fire is a fire that is ~~deliberately set with the intent to cause a fire to occur in an area where the fire should not be~~ intentionally ignited in an area or under circumstances where and when there should not be a fire (see 3.3.116).

3. *Revise 24.1 to read as follows:*

**24.1\* Introduction.** An incendiary fire is a fire that is ~~deliberately set with the intent to cause the fire to occur in an area where the fire should not be~~ intentionally ignited in an area or under circumstances where and when there should not be a fire (see 3.3.116).

4. *Revise 28.8.2 to read as follows:*

**28.8.2 Human Fire Cause.** Human-caused fires are a result of human action or omission and are classified as accidental or incendiary. Accidental fires involve all those for which the proven cause does not involve an intentional human act to ignite or spread fire into an area where the fire should not be. The incendiary fire is one ~~intentionally ignited under circumstances in which the person knows that the fire should not be ignited~~ that is intentionally ignited in an area or under circumstances where and when there should not be a fire (see 3.3.116).

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