



SOUTH CAROLINA **STATE FIRE**

Factors Impacting Survivability of Elderly Occupants during Home Fires

Research Project Information Flyer

Thank you for your interest in participating in this research project. If you are interested in collecting data through your local jurisdiction, let us know by emailing crr@lfr.sc.gov.

The South Carolina Office of State Fire Marshal is determining which human factors are more likely to impact survivability of elderly occupants during an unintentional home fire. If your department responds to an incident which meets the criteria, please fill out a questionnaire and return it to the OSFM office.

What incidents would require the questionnaire?

- An unintentional fire in a single-family dwelling in which at least one survivor was over the age of fifty.
- If the incident was fatal, please contact OSFM.

Who would be conducting the post-incident interview?

- Anyone in your department can conduct the interview. If you choose, you can ask a local adult advocate to assist you in the interview.

What is the time commitment?

- Participating departments will submit questionnaires from incidents occurring August 1, 2016, to August 1, 2017.
- Each questionnaire will take about five minutes to complete, with less than 5 minutes submission time. There is a printable and an online version of the questionnaire available for you.

What are the benefits of participating in this research project?

- You will be periodically updated on the status of the research project.
- Your department will be acknowledged in any publications of the research upon its completion.
- Your department will be prioritized whenever resources become available as a result of this project.
- Your department will be prioritized when new research opportunities become available through OSFM.

How do I get started?

- Contact us through crr@lfr.sc.gov or (803) 896-1250 to obtain all the materials you need for participating in this project.