



Hoarding and the Fire Service 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 samantha.quizon@llr.sc.gov.

South Carolina State Fire is determining the answers to these three questions:

1. How does the fire service perceive known risks related to hoarding?
2. How does the fire service prioritize risks they observe in a hoarder's home?
3. In what ways does the fire service change how they respond to incidents in a hoarder's home?

If your department responds to any call for service inside a hoarding home, please fill out a questionnaire.

What incidents would require the questionnaire?

- All calls for service in Property Use 419 or 429 where moderate or severe hoarding occurs.

Who should fill out the questionnaire?

- While anyone can fill it out, ideally the incident commander should complete the task.

What is the time commitment?

- Participating departments will submit questionnaires from incidents occurring September 1, 2017, to March 1, 2018.
- Each questionnaire will take less than ten minutes to complete, with a less than five-minute 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 State Fire.

How do I get started?

- Contact samantha.quizon@llr.sc.gov or (803) 896-1250 to obtain all the materials you need for participating in this project.