

STANISLAUS CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
POLICIES & PROCEDURES

ARTICLE: D-3  
SECTION: Prevention Division  
DATE: 7/17/96 (Update Form Only)  
SUPERSEDES: 10/25/94  
TITLE: **BOL**

All fire investigators have the authorization, as peace officers, to issue "BOL's" through the California Law Enforcement Teletype System (CLETS). Fire investigators are encouraged to use the BOL system when one of the following elements is present:

1. The suspect(s) should be stopped and detained by patrol. This would provide the investigator the ability to interview a suspect and/or take the suspect into custody. To issue a "Stop and Detain," you need to have identified the suspect(s) as possible responsible in a crime.
2. The suspects(s) should be stopped and a field interview card filled out on the suspects, to provide the fire investigator with the most current information on individuals involved with a crime.
3. The suspect(s) can be taken into custody on the "Information & Belief" they are the responsible in a crime. This requires the investigator to have clear probable cause for the arrest. This situation would only be used if the responsible were fleeing the area or are an immediate threat to others. If neither of the above is present, an arrest warrant should be obtained through the District Attorney.
4. An arrest warrant has been issued by the District Attorney.
5. Authorization for a BOL has been given by the chief of the department or chief of the Fire Investigation Division.

The BOL format is attached for reference. All the information known shall be filled out on the department BOL form. Once the form is completed, the investigator shall contact the Sheriff's Office Records Clerk at 525-7975 (24-hour number) so that the BOL can be entered into the CLETS system. Once the BOL has been issued, a copy of the BOL shall be given to each investigator and the chief of the division. The system only retains BOL's for 72 hours. You must re-issue the BOL if you want it to remain active, every 72 hours.

Once the suspect(s) are stopped, or there is no longer a need for an active BOL, contact S/O Records any time, 24 hours a day, to cancel the BOL.

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