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**ACCIDENTAL FIRES - BASIC FACTS:**

FROM LAST DRIVER and/or OWNER - before inspection of vehicle

Who? Do you smoke?

When interviewed?

When vehicle purchased? From? Mileage when purchased? Mileage now?

Accessories added since purchase? What and by who? Were they working correctly?

Were there any after-market accessories in the car when purchased? What? Working condition?

Were any accessories not working? How long? Repair attempts?

Prior problems with running, starting, lights, accessories?

Fuses blown? Replaced? Oversize?

Have you had to add any fluids - engine oil, P/S fluid, ATF, Coolant? Brake? Were there any fluid containers in the car? What? Where/ Why?

Fuel tank content? When last fuel added?

History of repairs: Who, what, where, results? What caused the need for the repair? Symptoms?

Was anything removed from car, by driver, after the fire started? After the fire was out? What? When? Where?

Glove box content?

Trunk/bed content?

Did anyone examine the car for cause after the fire? Who? When? Where?

Time of day when fire started? Weather conditions - Wind, rain, temp?

How long engine running since last started, or during last use before parked?

How long parked, if applicable?

First notice of fire? Smell?

Did any dash lights come on?

Did the engine stall or act strange in any way? Did you shut Off?

How long/far driven after first notice of smoke or fire? Were you able to pull off road?

Power Steering - did it quit or make noise?

Transmission operation? Did it slip or quit working altogether?

Smell? When noticed? What did it smell like? How strong?

First observation of smoke: Where from, color, amount?

First observation of flame: Where from, color, amount, development rate?

Paint damage - burned spot: where noticed first?

Hood - ever opened after smoke noted? Closed after being opened?

Orientation of doors and windows during fire? Open/closed

Ignition left on? Keys removed?

Position transmission shifter left in? Park/Drive/Reverse/Neutral

Extinguishment? Any? By? What used? Where applied? How long after fire started before extinguishment began? damage done by extinguishment?