

supposed to be cognizant of any facts, or to have the means of knowledge in relation to the matter herein required to be examined and inquired into, and to cause the testimony to be reduced to writing; and when, in his judgment, the examination discloses that the fire or explosion or attempt to cause a fire or explosion was of incendiary origin, the State Fire Marshal may arrest the supposed incendiary or cause him to be arrested and charged with the crime; and shall transmit a copy of the testimony so taken to the State's attorney for the county or city wherein the fire or explosion or attempt to cause a fire or explosion occurred.

(2) If, upon investigation, the State Fire Marshal has probable cause to believe that a person has committed or has attempted to commit a crime involving a fire, fire bombing, or false alarm, or involving the possession or manufacture of explosive devices or substances, fireworks, or fire bombs, the State Fire Marshal may arrest that person or cause him to be arrested and charged with the crime, in accordance with the appropriate procedures provided by law.

(h) The State Fire Marshal shall have power to subpoena witnesses, and to compel their attendance before him to testify in relation to any matter which is, by the provision of this article, a subject of inquiry and investigation by the State Fire Marshal, and shall also have power to cause to be produced before him such papers as he may require in making such examination. The State Fire Marshal is hereby authorized to administer oaths and affirmations to persons appearing as witnesses before him; and false swearing in any matter or proceeding aforesaid shall be deemed perjury and shall be punishable as such.

(i) The State Fire Marshal may deputize a member of any fire department, duly organized and operating in this State, who is approved by the chief of his department and who is properly qualified through a training course [of not less than three days] AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION and who has successfully passed an examination upon the same, or other suitable persons, to act as his deputies for the purpose of making such inspections and investigations and carrying out such orders as may be prescribed by him, to enforce and make effective the provisions of this article, and of any and all regulations promulgated by the State Fire Prevention Commission, under authority thereof.

(j) The State Fire Marshal shall, at the request of the county commissioners of any county, or the municipal authorities of any incorporated city or town in this State, make to them a written report of the examination made by him regarding any fire happening within their respective jurisdictions.