**OBSERVE**

Fire characteristics and behavior:
- Color of smoke and flames
- Velocity of smoke
- Light push or heavy push
- Height and level of flames
- Any odors
- Fire behavior

Individuals, including the demeanor, dress, location, injuries, smells, behavior, and statements of:
- Victims
- Witnesses
- Crowd members
- People leaving the scene

Response:
- Whether burglar and smoke alarms were sounding
- Fire attack pattern
- Suppression tactics
- Overhaul actions
- Moving furniture and contents
- Changing the position of any items

Entry and exit points:
- Condition of doors and windows upon arrival
- Were doors closed/open? locked/unlocked?
- Whether or not door had to be forced to make entry
- Condition of utilities upon arrival
- Who or what broke windows

Strange:
- Any item, condition, or absence of an item or condition that seems unusual, out of the ordinary, unexpected, or out of place
- Poor housekeeping
- Evidence of a possible crime

**PRESERVE**

Suppression:
- Tactics that preserve walls, contents, and patterns, including combination fog nozzles and hitting ceiling above fire instead of base of fire
- Only use as much water as necessary

Overhaul:
- Use thermal cameras to pinpoint hotspots
- Leave objects in place or as close to in place as possible
- Do not throw contents out of the room
- Do not break windows unless absolutely necessary
- Extinguish furnishings in place
- Do not remove sheetrock unless absolutely necessary
- Refrain from flooding floor with water
- Stop overhaul when reach a non-burned section
- Avoid using gasoline-powered tools

Control:
- Establish a perimeter
- Establish one point of ingress and egress and log in and out
- Limit scene access to only necessary personnel
- Keep civilians out of the fire scene
- Cordon off deceased victims

**DOCUMENT**

- Witness contact information
- Observations
- Written report preservation

**COMMUNICATE**

- To supervisor or fire investigator