NFIRS Step by Step Guide to Finding Your Incident Type

1) When you arrived onscene, was there a fire or flame present?

If yes, go to the 100 series on the code guide (red section).
If no, go to question 2.

2) Did the incident involve overpressure explosion (without fire), overheating (no fire)?

If yes, go to the 200 series on the code guide (orange section).
If no, go to question 3.

3) Did the incident involve chemical spill or leak, electrical wiring/equipment problem, or illegal burn?

If yes, go to the 400 series on the code guide (yellow section).
If no, go to question 4.

4) Did the incident involve a medical assist, motor vehicle accident (this includes ATVs), search and rescue, water or electrical rescues?

If yes, go to the 300 series on the code guide (blue section).
If no, go to question 5.

5) Did the incident involve a lock-out, water, smoke or animal problem, public service call, or standby for another station?

If yes, go to the 500 series on the code guide (dark green section).
If no, go to question 6.

6) Did the incident involve a cancelled enroute, wrong location or no incident found, controlled burn, investigation with nothing found?

If yes, go to the 600 series on the code guide (light green section).
If no, go to question 7.

7) Did the incident involve a malicious false alarm, bomb scare, system/detector malfunction or operation (no fire), or biological hazard (malicious false alarm)?

If yes, go to the 700 series on the code guide (brown section).
If no, go to question 8.

8) Did the incident involve a severe weather or natural disaster or a citizen compliant?

If a severe weather or natural disaster, go to the 800 series on the code guide (purple section).
If a citizen compliant, go to the 900 series on the code guide (dark gray section).

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