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STRING OF ARSON FIRES ARE CONNECTED

Information Sought; Reward Available

For Media: Pictures & Map showing location of fires available.

State Fire Marshal Larry Flowers is asking the public to help solve a string of arsons in Union Township near Chillicothe, Ross County.

Three (3) fires have occurred at 2276 Stone Road in the Stone Road Trailer Court in vacant homes.

- Thursday 12/20/2012, Lot 22
- Sunday 01/06/2013, Lot 51
- Tuesday 01/08/2013, Lot 44

“We are asking that anyone with information come forward before someone gets hurt,” said State Fire Marshal Larry Flowers.

State Fire Marshal Investigators have ruled all 3 fires are Arson. Further, investigators have reason to believe they are related. They have collected evidence but are not releasing the origins of the fires at this time.

A Blue Ribbon Arson Reward of up to \$5,000 is being offered to anyone with information leading to the identification of the person or persons responsible for the fire. Anyone with information should immediately call the Division of State Fire Marshal at 1-800-589-2728 or Ross County Crime Stoppers at 740-773-TIPS. Any information should be considered significant.

The State Fire Marshal, the Union Township Fire Department and the Ross County Sheriff are working together to solve the crimes.

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