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INVESTIGATORS SEEK ASSISTANCE IN SOLVING ARSON IN COLUMBIANA COUNTY

You May Have Information Valuable to Law Enforcement

The Division of State Fire Marshal is seeking information from the public regarding a fire that was intentionally set in Columbiana County. Investigators have evidence that points to arson at a home on Saturday, March 15, 2014, at 654 E. Third Street in Salem.

The fire occurred at approximately 11:30 p.m. The Salem Fire Department responded with mutual aid assistance from the Perry Township Fire Department. The investigation is being conducted in conjunction with the Salem Fire Department and the Salem Police Department.

A Blue Ribbon Arson Reward sign has been posted at the address. A reward of up to \$5,000 is being offered by the Blue Ribbon Arson Committee for information leading to the identification of the person or persons responsible for the fire.

"Information from the public is crucial to solving these kinds of cases," said State Fire Marshal Larry Flowers. "Investigators want to hear from anyone who saw something out of the ordinary at or around the time of the fire or who may have heard someone speaking about the fire with an unusual level of interest or knowledge."

Anyone with information is asked to call the Salem Police Department at **1-330-337-7811** or the State Fire Marshal's Fire & Explosion Investigation Bureau at **1-800-589-2728**.

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