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Investigators Seek Tips in Richmond Heights Fire

The Division of State Fire Marshal's Fire and Explosion Investigation Bureau seeks tips from the public regarding a fatal fire in September at an apartment complex in Richmond Heights (Cuyahoga County).

The fire occurred at 4:10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21 at Loganberry Ridge Apartments, 26720 Whiteway Drive. The incident started inside an elevator car that closed before bystanders were able to extinguish the fire. The burning elevator car opened on the third floor, killing a resident of the apartment complex. Several others were injured.

Several occupants were trapped inside their apartments and had to be rescued by the Richmond Heights Fire Department. The building's third floor sustained extensive fire damage, making the third and fourth floors uninhabitable. This is one of several incidents, including fires, that has occurred at apartment buildings in the area in recent months.

The investigation is being conducted jointly by the State Fire Marshal's office, the Richmond Heights Police Department and the Richmond Heights Fire Department.

A reward of up to \$5,000 is being offered by the by the [Blue Ribbon Arson Committee](#) for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who may be responsible for the fire.

Anyone with information is encouraged to call the State Fire Marshal's tip line at **800-589-2728** or the Cuyahoga County Crime Stoppers at **216-252-7463**. Tips can also be submitted [here](#).



The scene of a fatal fire at 26720 Whiteway Drive in Richmond Heights (Cuyahoga County).