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Investigators Seek Tips in Defiance County Arson

(COLUMBUS, Ohio) — The Division of State Fire Marshal's Fire and Explosion Investigation Bureau is seeking tips from the public regarding an intentionally set fire at an abandoned home in Hicksville (Defiance County).

The fire occurred shortly before 5 a.m. Nov. 29 at 419 Perry Street. The Hicksville Fire Department responded to the scene, with mutual aid from the Sherwood Fire Department and Hicksville Police Department.

The home was unoccupied at the time of the fire. It had been abandoned for many years and was in the process of being demolished.

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

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

Anyone with information is encouraged to call the State Fire Marshal's tip line at **800-589-2728** or the Hicksville Police Department at **419-542-6661**.



The scene of an intentionally set fire at 419 Perry Street in Hicksville (Defiance County).

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