

## MEDIA RELEASE

On March 27, 2010 at 1:09 AM there was a residential structure fire at 162 Ocean View Lane in North Topsail Beach located in Onslow County. This fire resulted in the total loss of two three story homes with heat damage to a third home. North Topsail Beach Fire Department responded along with six other departments from the surrounding communities in the suppression of this fire and the protection of the many homes in a close proximity.

The North Topsail Beach Fire Department, NC State Bureau of Investigation (NC SBI), and the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives (ATF) have been jointly involved in the fire investigation as to the origin and cause of this fire. These agencies and their State Certified Fire Arson Investigators have spent countless hours with fire scene examination, interviews, and field testing during the course of this investigation have reached a conclusion that this is an intentionally set fire.

There is a reward of up to \$ 10,000.00 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for this fire. Anyone having any information concerning this fire is asked to call the NC State Bureau of Investigation Jacksonville District Office at (910) 346-2121.