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***Reward Posted For Information Concerning
Arson Fires in Oak Ridge, Tennessee***

Oak Ridge, Tenn.—City of Oak Ridge Fire Chief Darryl Kerley announced today that a cash reward of \$2000.00 is available to anyone with information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) who set fire to homes located at **117 Park Lane on November 17, 2011** and **608 W. Outer drive on January 27, 2012**. Both fires are under investigation through the joint efforts of the Oak Ridge Fire Department, Oak Ridge Police Department, Tennessee Bomb and Arson Task Force and Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

Chief Kerley released the following statement:

Samples of the accelerants used to start the fires, along with finger prints and other evidence has been gathered and submitted to the state crime laboratory for analysis on both of these fires. We are gathering additional information before we present these crimes to the District Attorney for prosecution. Arsonists are dangerous individuals, who not only cost our community money, but also endanger the lives of our firefighters who respond and extinguish these fires. We will continue to investigate every fire in Oak Ridge and intend to prosecute to the fullest extent of the law, those individuals who intentionally start fires. The Park Lane fire involved setting a home on fire with the resident asleep inside, so the person who started this fire will be facing additional criminal charges.

If you have any information about either one of these two fires you are encouraged to contact the **Tennessee Arson Hotline at 1-800-762-3017**, the **Oak Ridge Police Department at 865-425-4399**, or the **Oak Ridge Fire Department at 865-425-3520**.

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