



City of Yakima

News Release

Subject: ATF Reward for Fruit Packers Supply Fires Information

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ATF Announces \$10,000 Reward for Fruit Packers Supply Fires Information

The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives ("ATF") announced in a news release today that it is offering a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of whoever is responsible for two suspicious fires that occurred earlier this month at the Fruit Packers Supply facility at 1102 N. 16th Avenue in Yakima.

The ATF is encouraging anyone with information about the Fruit Packers Supply fires to report it by calling the ATF's toll-free hotline at 888-ATF-TIPS (888-283-8477) or through the ATF's new "report it" app available at reportit.com, Google Play (google.com), and the Apple App Store (apple.com).

The two Fruit Packers Supply fires, the first of which occurred in the early morning hours of August 9th and the second of which occurred about 48 hours later, resulted in an estimated \$21 million or more in damage.

Since July 1st, 26 suspicious fires have occurred in Yakima, a number fire officials say is unusually high.

The announcement by the ATF of its offer of a \$10,000 reward for information about the Fruit Packers Supply fires follows the release of information by the City of Yakima yesterday that Yakima County Crime Stoppers and the Arson Alarm Foundation, a non-profit organization based in Renton, are offering rewards for information that lead to the arrest(s) of whoever is responsible for the multiple suspicious fires that have occurred recently in Yakima. Yakima County Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 and the Arson Alarm Foundation is offering an award from its annual fund for tips that help investigators find out who started the suspicious fires. The Arson Alarm Foundation offers a fund of \$10,000 from which varying cash awards are made to individuals who provide information that helps authorities arrest or convict arsonists.

Tips can be reported to Yakima County Crime Stoppers by phone at 1-800-248-9980, on the organization's website at crimestoppersyakco.org, or through the "P3 Tips" app that can be downloaded for free at p3intel.com/.

Information can be reported to the Arson Alarm Foundation by calling 1-800-55-ARSON (1-800-552-7766), sending an e-mail to arsoninfo@arsonalarm.org, or on the organization's website at arsonalarm.org.

Anyone with information about the suspicious fires can also contact Yakima Police Department detectives at 575-6200.