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Cause of three recent Dublin fires undetermined

On November 06, 2018, the Washington Township Fire Department responded on a report of a fire on Loch More Ct. W. Dublin, Ohio. The first fire crews arrived on the scene to find a two-story, single-family residence with fire located at the rear of the structure. One person was removed from the structure and transported to a local hospital where she succumbed to her injuries.

A complete investigation was conducted on the structure. There was no evidence to support that the fire was incendiary. The structure was serviced by both natural gas and electric. At the conclusion of this investigation, both utilities were ruled out as the cause.

Based on the facts, evidence, digital photos interviews, and information received during the investigation, it is the opinion of the Washington Township Fire Department Fire Investigation Unit that the fire originated on the exterior of the structure. More specifically, the fire started in the rear screened patio. The cause of the fire is undetermined based upon the NFPA 921 Guideline.

On November 05 and November 10, 2018 the Washington Township Fire Department responded to reports of fires on Dunniker Drive and Berkshire Ct. respectively. A complete investigation was conducted on these structures. There was no evidence to support that any of these fires were incendiary.

Dunniker Drive

Based on the facts, evidence, digital photos, and information received during the investigation, it is the opinion of the Washington Township Fire Department Fire Investigation Unit that the fire originated on the interior of the structure. More specifically, the fire started in the center of the lower level hall between the ceiling and the first floor. The cause of the fire is undetermined. It would be necessary to consult with an electrical expert to determine the exact failure.

Berkshire Ct.

Based on the facts, evidence, digital photos, and information received during the investigation, it is the opinion of the Washington Township Fire Department Fire Investigation Unit that the fire originated on the interior of the structure. More specifically, the fire started in the garage on the east side near the door to the kitchen. The cause of the fire is undetermined. Improperly discarded smoking materials could not be eliminated.

As a reminder, it is important to have working smoke detectors in your residence. “We continue to lose more than 100 Ohioans every year to fires, often where there are no working alarms present. There should be smoke alarms on every level of the home and inside each bedroom. The best protection comes from

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interconnected (either wired or wireless) alarms, which activate all the alarms simultaneously in the residence. Smoke alarms may not function reliably if they are older than 10 years, so it is crucial to replace every device in the home each decade. “Batteries must be replaced every six months; better yet, if replacing alarms, purchase devices with a 10-year, sealed battery,” said Jeffery Hussey the Ohio State Fire Marshal.

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