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Task Force Statement

BALTIMORE, MD – "The Task Force would like the person responsible for these fires to contact us, either through our phone tip line, our post office box, or email address. From our understanding of individuals involved in this type of behavior, we know they often desire to communicate a message to society at large. We want this person to know that we are a willing audience for that message. We hope he may be watching, or listening to this request. We feel we may understand him and can relate to him.

This firesetting may be a means for him to relieve stress or frustration caused by other people. This stress may be borne out of some type of anger or unwanted feeling of powerlessness. In a complex world, especially at this time, we can all understand what stress is. This individual may feel pain and anger more than the average person and therefore chose to relieve those feelings through firesetting. We understand.

It may be that this firesetting, which at first may have made him feel powerful, has become like a drug, the use of which may be getting out of control. That is understandable. This person may not have had the best of home lives growing up and is suffering now as an adult for it. He may himself have been victimized in his past. One way he can truly relieve his pain and regain control is to seek assistance with the pain and anger he is feeling. It may also be that this firesetting, even though it may cause him anxiety, may also have an exciting, if not thrilling, aspect to it. Again, we understand this and will not hold those feelings against him.

From our experience with these types of cases, we know that it is most probable that we will identify and apprehend this person. If he does choose to contact us first and help us understand him, it will go a long way in how he is dealt with by authorities. He may not realize how much he has the power to control his destiny and one first step in doing that is to contact people who understand him. We are also concerned that innocent people will continue to be in harm's way as a result of this firesetting. This concern extends to him as well. Accidents can happen to the best of us and we do not want to see him get hurt either.

So on behalf of the Task Force and the entire Fire Service community at large, we request that the person involved in these incidents contact us at the numbers or addresses listed below." Contact us at the below listed number.

301-77-ARSON (301-772-7766)

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FIRES UNDER INVESTIGATION BY THE TASK FORCE

43.	10800 block of Amherst Avenue	September 23, 2004	Montgomery
42.	2800 block of 30th Street, N.E.	September 20, 2004	Washington, D.C.
41.	6300 block of 49th Avenue	September 17, 2004	Prince George's
40.	2800 block Channing Street, N.E.	September 8, 2004	Washington, D.C.
39.	4800 block of Elmwood Drive	August 30, 2004	Fairfax
38.	4200 block of Russell Avenue	June 15, 2004	Prince George's
37.	3400 block of Beachcraft Drive	May 13, 2004	Fairfax
36.	2400 block of Rosecroft Village, Circle East	April 16, 2004	Prince George's
35.	7700 block of Blair Road	February 14, 2004	Montgomery
34.	7100 block of Richmond Highway	February 6, 2004	Fairfax
33.	3400 block of 55th Avenue	January 22, 2004	Prince George's
32.	5700 block of 83rd Place	December 20, 2003	Prince George's
31.	4400 block of West Braddock Road	November 16, 2003	Alexandria, Virginia
30.	1700 block of 24th Street, N.E.	November 11, 2003	Washington, D.C.
29.	1300 block of Otis Street, N.E.	October 8, 2003	Washington, D.C.
28.	4700 block Dix Street, N.E.	September 10, 2003	Washington, D.C.
27.	200 block Quackenbos Street, N.W.	September 8, 2003	Washington, D.C.
26.	5100 block Barnaby Run Drive	September 4, 2003	Prince George's
25.	300 block 17th Street, S.E.	July 2, 2003	Washington, D.C.
24.	2500 block Randolph Street, N.E.	June 30, 2003	Washington, D.C.
23.	1900 block of 13 Street, N.W.	June 25, 2003	Washington, D.C.
22.	4900 North Capital Street, N.W.	June 25, 2003	Washington, D.C.
21.	1500 Ruston Avenue	June 22, 2003	Prince George's
20.	2400 Wintergreen Avenue	June 21, 2003	Prince George's
19.	1300 Chapel Oaks Drive	June 20, 2003	Prince George's
18.	2900 Southern	June 19, 2003	Prince George's
17.	5800 Jefferson Heights Drive	June 17, 2003	Prince George's
16.	9000 Abel Avenue	June 17, 2003	Prince George's
15.	3800 Ellis Street	June 13, 2003	Prince George's
14.	5000 Drake Place, S.E.	June 10, 2003	Washington, D.C.
13.	2500 block of N. Street, S.E.	June 9, 2003	Washington, D.C.
12.	1400 Ames Place, N.E.	June 5, 2003	Washington, D.C.
11.	2800 Evarts Street, N.E.	June 5, 2003	Washington, D.C.

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10.	1200 Benning Road	May 29, 2003	Prince George's
9.	2900 Saint Claire Drive	May 27, 2003	Prince George's
8.	100 53rd Street, N.E.	May 22, 2003	Washington, D.C.
7.	1700 Trinidad Avenue, N.E.	May 20, 2003	Washington, D.C.
6.	3300 Alden Place, N.E.	May 17, 2003	Washington, D.C.
5.	4000 Southern Avenue	May 15, 2003	Washington, D.C.
4.	5700 block of Jay Street	April 20, 2003	Prince George's
3.	1500 block of Mystic Avenue	April 1, 2003	Prince George's
2.	2000 Jasper Road, S.E.	March 25, 2003	Washington, D.C.
1.	1700 block of D Street, S.E.	March 8, 2003	Washington, D.C.