



Department of Commerce

Division of State Fire Marshal
John R. Kasich, Governor
David Goodman, Director

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Dear Ohio Fire Chiefs;

The Division of State Fire Marshal wants to learn more about an issue that was brought to our attention by several fire departments in Delaware, Franklin and Licking Counties. Therefore, we are asking for your assistance.

Please send us any information you have on fires that were caused by, or believed to be caused by, lightning strikes to natural gas or liquid propane equipment. This should include lightning strike fires associated with gas meters, liquid propane storage tanks, flexible tubing or piping.

We are asking that you include the following information in your e-mail:

- Name of fire department
- Contact information
- Date and address of incident
- OFIRS/NFIRS report number, if available
- OFIRS narrative, if available
- Description of the incident if OFIRS narrative is not available

The Division of State Fire Marshal has designated the e-mail address OFIRS@com.state.oh.us for the use in the collection of this information and data.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns about this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry L. Flowers".

Larry L. Flowers
State Fire Marshal