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National Arson Awareness Week Highlights Efforts to Reduce Arson at Vacant and Abandoned Buildings

BATON ROUGE- The U.S. Fire Administration has deemed May 6-12, 2018 as National Arson Awareness Week across the U.S. This year's theme is "Reducing Arson at Vacant and Abandoned Buildings."

Over the next few days, the Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal will be publishing various statistics and tips on this year's theme through a variety of graphics and videos. These will be shared via our social media platforms.

The topics we'll cover will include the difference between vacant and abandoned buildings, the fire hazards found in and around these properties, how local fire departments can evaluate these properties relative to emergency response and how communities can address these properties. In addition, the OSFM will detail how to properly secure and maintain an unoccupied building, which will include a new trend across the country called "clear boarding."

We hope your newsrooms will make it a point to check out each day's highlighted information and help us share it with your communities.

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