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The Detroit Crime Commission (DCC), in partnership with the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB), have teamed up to ensure the continuation of the Arson Prevention Reward Program.

For the past thirty (30) years, the NICB, along with Michigan Basic insurance have been funding rewards to hundreds of citizens for tips leading to the arrest and/or prosecution of arsonists in the State of Michigan.

New signage has been developed and has been generously underwritten by “Rehmann Corporate Investigative Services.” These signs will be distributed throughout the State and advertised on the hotline phone number for people to call once a fire has been detected. Once the tip has been verified and investigated, awards will be rewarded up to \$5,000 to the person/or persons who gave the information.

***“The NICB is very pleased to be working with the Detroit Crime Commission and their outstanding staff. Together we are committed to keeping the arson hotline going as the DCC has a proven track record and unwavering commitment to keeping our communities safe.” Joe Hanley, NICB, Supervisory Special Agent – Midwest Region.***

The DCC will be a crucial member on the Arson Reward Board and act as the fiduciary on this project. The DCC’s Executive Director, Andrew Arena said the partnership is yet another example of the Crime Commission filling a gap for the public safety community.

The NICB’s mission is to lead a united effort of insurers, law enforcement agencies and representatives of the public to prevent and combat insurance fraud and crime through data analytics, investigations, training, legislative advocacy and public awareness.

The Detroit Crime Commission’s mission is to act as a citizen ally to public and private organizations in Southeast Michigan, by facilitating the prevention, investigation and prosecution of crime leading to a safer place to live, learn and work.