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## **OHIO FARM BUREAU PROPERTY PROTECTION PROGRAM**

### **TERMS & CONDITIONS (Effective January 1, 2020)**

- 1. Overview.** A \$5,000 reward will be paid to anyone providing information to law enforcement that leads to the arrest and conviction of persons for eligible property crimes committed against a Farm Bureau member's property. For the reward to be paid, the person providing information, the Farm Bureau member, and the crime must meet the following eligibility criteria and all terms and conditions of this program.
- 2. Farm Bureau Member Eligibility.** The Farm Bureau member must:
  - a. Be a current member of the Ohio Farm Bureau at the time the crime was committed.
  - b. Not be involved or complicit in the commission of the crime.
  - c. Have at least one reward sign posted prominently on the member's premises.
- 3. Informant Eligibility.** The informant must be an uninvolved bystander, meaning the informant must:
  - a. Not be the Farm Bureau member against whom the crime was committed. The "Farm Bureau member" includes the spouse and all dependent unmarried children ages 18 and under who live in the member's household.
  - b. Not be involved or complicit in the commission of the crime.
  - c. Not be a law enforcement officer in the county or jurisdiction where the crime was committed.
  - d. If more than one person provides information about the same crime, the reward will be given to the informant who provided the most timely and helpful information, or split between multiple informants who provided equally timely and helpful information, as determined by the reward committee with the assistance of law enforcement.
- 4. Eligible Crimes.** The conviction must be for at least one of the following crimes as defined in the Ohio Revised Code committed on or after January 1, 2020:
  - a. Arson (R.C. 2909.03)
  - b. Aggravated Burglary (R.C. 2911.11)
  - c. Burglary (R.C. 2911.12)
  - d. Breaking and Entering (R.C. 2911.13)
  - e. Criminal Damaging or Endangering (R.C. 2909.06)
  - f. Criminal Mischief (R.C. 2909.07)
  - g. Criminal Trespass (R.C. 2911.21)

- h. Aggravated Trespass (R.C. 2911.211)
- i. Theft (R.C. 2913.02)
- j. Vandalism (R.C. 2909.05)
- k. Vehicular Vandalism (R.C. 2909.09)
- l. Only one reward will be paid even if the person is convicted of more than one eligible crime.
- m. If the conviction is appealed to a higher court, it must not be reversed on appeal.

**5. Process for Claiming Reward.**

- a. The informant must apply for the reward within 6 months after the conviction or final disposition of any appeal.
- b. The application must be made using the official claim forms available at [ofbf.org](http://ofbf.org), which must be fully completed.
- c. A reward committee appointed by the County Farm Bureau Board of Trustees will make a determination and notify the informant within 90 days after the application is submitted.
- d. All decisions of the reward committee are final.