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To All Members of Maine's Fire Service and Law Enforcement Community:

We are pleased to present the Fire Marshal's report for 2004. This data represents information collected in the eighth year of the Maine Fire Incident Reporting System (MEFIRS). This year we have expanded the report to include more data from the Federal ATF Bomb, Arson Tracking System (BATS). This system has become the case management system for the Investigation Division of our office. Additionally, we are including more detailed information on the activities of the Prevention Division of our office.

We are in the second year of collecting and managing all of our data "in-house". While this has added more workload to our routine, we feel we have much more accurate data and, as our volume of data expands, we will be better equipped to study trends and, in general, provide a higher level of service to you.

Again this year, we are using the electronic format for our report. We received a very favorable response to this change last year. We expect to continue to make improvements and to expand the amount of information available to you in our report in each subsequent edition.

Lt. Joseph Thomas, Assistant State Fire Marshal handles MEFIRS and BATS data for our office. Please contact him at 626-3872 on any matters involving data in our office.

Sincerely,

John C. Dean
State Fire Marshal