

**A Texas Advisory Council on Arson  
Arson Hotline Reward Program**

**I. Type of Crime Involved**

- A. Arson to a building or place of habitation**
- B. Criminal Mischief with fire, State Jail Felony offense**
- C. Criminal mischief with fire, class A or B misdemeanor offense.**
- D. Reckless damage or reckless conduct with fire, class C misdemeanor offense.**

**II. Minimum and maximum reward amounts.**

- A. The maximum reward amount to any one individual providing a tip or for specific case information that leads to an arrest and indictment of a suspect or suspects is \$1,000.**
- B. The minimum reward amount to any one individual providing a tip or specific case information is \$50.**

**III. Reward amount to be based on the following point system.**

**A. Points for the type of crime.**

- 1. Arson offense involving a fire fatality or a fire injury. (6.0)**
- 2. Arson offense.(5.0)**
- 3. State jail felony criminal mischief with fire. (4.0)**
- 4. Criminal mischief with fire, class A misdemeanor. (3.0)**
- 5. Criminal mischief with fire, class B misdemeanor. (2.0)**
- 6. Reckless damage or reckless conduct, class C misdemeanor. (1.0)**

**B. Points given for numbers of crimes solved from the informant information received.**

- 1. For solving one (1) crime only. (0.5)**
- 2. For solving two (2) crimes. (1.0)**
- 3. For solving three (3) or more crimes. (1.5)**

**C. Points given for number of suspects arrested or indicted from the informant information received.**

- 1. For one (1) suspect arrest. (0.5)**
- 2. For two (2) suspects arrested. (1.0)**
- 3. For three (3) or more suspects arrested. (1.5)**

**D. Points given for information or evidence seized or recovered that aids the investigator in furthering the investigation.**

- 1. Zero point for no evidence or information.**
- 2. For any new information that helps to further the investigation add (0.5) points.**
- 3. For any evidence recovered or seized add (1.0) points.**

**IV. Point conversion factor to dollar values.**

- (0.5) to (1.5) accumulated points=\$50 to \$100 reward value.**  
**(2.0) to (3.0) accumulated points=\$125 to \$300 reward value.**  
**(3.5) to (4.5) accumulated points=\$325 to \$450 reward value.**  
**(5.0) to (6.5) accumulated points=\$475 to \$550 reward value.**  
**(7.0) to (8.0) accumulated points=\$575 to \$675 reward value.**  
**(8.5) to (9.0) accumulated points=\$700 to \$875 reward value.**  
**(9.5) to (10) accumulated points=\$900-\$1000 reward value.**

**V. Reward Review Board.**

- A. The President shall establish a reward review board. The reward review board will consist of four (4) ATAC members, in good standing with the association, and having agreed to serve on the board. The appointments shall be made by the sitting President and serve a two (2) year term, concurrent with the office of the President.**
- B. Representation on the reward review board shall be as follows: at least one (1) member representing fire service or law enforcement; and at least one (1) member representing the insurance industry.**
- C. The reward review Board shall consider all reward amounts based on the investigators case report and tip file report issued by the board to the investigator and submitted back to the Board for consideration.**

**VI. Confession or Conviction.**

- A. Any informant information that provides the case investigator with not only the ability to make an arrest or gain an indictment, but cause the suspect or suspects to make a confession, the information becomes eligible for double the reward amount consideration.**
- B. Any informant information that leads to an arrest, indictment and court conviction the informant providing the information is then eligible for double the reward amount consideration. Any plea bargain with the district attorney may be considered as a conviction for reward consideration.**