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State Fire Marshal's Office Rules

Church Fire Arson

JACKSON – The cause of the Monday morning fire that destroyed the Salem Missionary Baptist Church in Terry has been ruled arson by the State Fire Marshal's Office.

Investigators from the State Fire Marshal's Office, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the Hinds County Sheriff's Office and the city of Jackson are continuing their joint investigation into the fire.

Anyone with information on the fire should contact the Hind's County Sheriff's office or contact the State Fire Marshal Arson Reward – Cash for Tips Hot Line at 1-888-648-0877. Should any information provided result in the arrest and conviction of an individual or individuals for this arson, the tipster will be eligible for an up to \$1,000 cash reward through the State Fire Marshal's Arson Rewards Program.

To find out about the State Fire Marshal's Arson Reward Program visit the Fire Marshal Pages of the Mississippi Insurance Department website at www.mid.state.ms.us.

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