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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Eaton and Freedom, NH – State Fire Marshal J. William Degnan, New Hampshire State Police and Freedom Police and Fire Department and Center Conway Fire department have announced that the preliminary investigation into the fires that occurred in the early morning hours on June 27, 2011 at Glines Hill Road in Eaton and Watson Hill Road in Freedom has concluded.

Investigators from the NH State Fire Marshal's Office with the assistance of State Police, local police and fire departments have ruled out natural and accidental fire causes, and classified the cause of the fires incendiary.

State Fire Marshal Degnan wants to remind everyone that "Arson is a serious crime". "Intentionally set fires result in over 300 civilian deaths and over 700 million dollars in direct property loss nationwide annually".

The case remains under investigation by the NH State Fire Marshal's Office. Anyone with information about these fires is urged to contact the New Hampshire State Police Dispatch at 603-271-3636 or the Arson Hotline at 1-800-400-3526

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