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TASK FORCE, ATF INVESTIGATING SEDRO-WOOLLEY FIRES

SEDRO-WOOLLEY, Wash. -- A string of fires occurred overnight in Sedro-Woolley, totaling three structural fires, one patio fire and eleven vehicles fires. One occupant was treated on the scene for smoke inhalation by Skagit County Fire Medic One.

The first reported fire call came in to Skagit County 911 at 2:47 AM and subsequent reports were received through 6:08 AM.

Fire and police officials from 13 agencies have responded to assist with fire suppression and investigation. Involved agencies include: Sedro-Woolley Police and Fire Departments, Whatcom County Sheriff's Office and Fire Marshal, Skagit County Fire Marshal/Emergency Management and Sheriff's Office, Mount Vernon Police and Fire Departments, Island Country Sheriff's Office, Burlington Fire Department, Clear Lake Fire Department, Naval Air Station Whidbey Island. and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

"Arson is a crime of violence and can cause death. It concerns me greatly that someone is setting fires in our town," says Sedro-Woolley Police Chief Doug Wood. "We are doing everything we can to catch the perpetrator(s). I am asking for the community's help. If you have any information relating to these crimes, please call. The chances of solving this type of crime are higher if we all work together."

Sedro Woolley Fire Department Chief Dean Klinger strongly suggests that residents take the following precautions:

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- Clear outside areas of your homes of combustible waste (Don't provide the fuel for the crime)
- Keep outside lights on
- Pay attention to what's going on in your neighborhood
- Call 911 if you see suspicious activity

The investigation will be conducted by the Northwest Regional Arson Task Force and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

If you have any information, please call Sedro Woolley Police Department during business hours on 360.855.0111 or after hours on 1-888-283.3473.

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