

PROGRAM WILL OFFER ARSON REWARDS

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A program that offers rewards of up to \$2,000 for information about arsons will be offered throughout Erie County, Sheriff Patrick Gallivan announced Thursday.

Sponsored by Enviro-Care of Buffalo, an emergency restoration company responding to fire and water damage, county residents with knowledge of arsons are asked to call the Sheriff's Department. They will be issued an identification number to ensure anonymity, and their information will be evaluated by the department's Fire Investigation Bureau. A similar program, also funded by Enviro-Care, was initiated in the City of Buffalo a little more than two years ago. The countywide program will debut during a news conference at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Chelsea's Blue Lantern Restaurant at 2160 Seneca St., Elma, which was damaged extensively as the result of an arson last December.