

How Successful Has Georgia Arson Control Been In Fighting Arson?

Since its inception in 1979, GAC has paid out more than 600 rewards, totaling almost \$1,800,000. The average reward paid has been more than \$3,500.

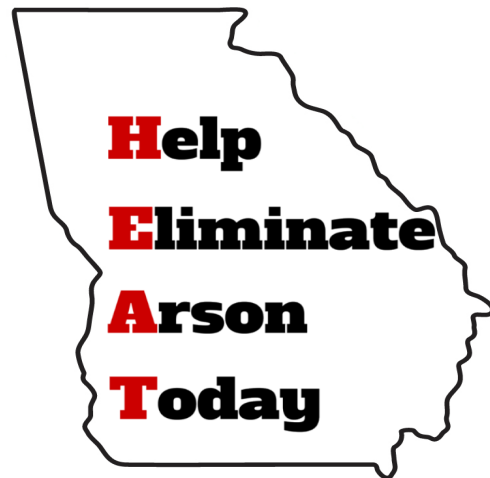
GAC employs one consultant who travels the state working with fire and law enforcement officials to spread the word of GAC's Reward Program and to promote the Arson Hotline. The consultant covers the state, distributing GAC promotional materials and helping encourage the nomination of persons who have aided in the arrests and a of arsonists for reward consideration. In addition, the GAC Board works with insurance agents and claims adjusters throughout the state to provide money for the purchase of outdoor signs and educational literature to promote the arson hotline in arson-prone areas.

Thanks to insurance companies, who provide the financial support to GAC through their participation in the Georgia Underwriting Association, the state's FAIR (Fair Access to Insurance Requirements) Plan, Georgians are fighting the malicious burning of property that costs the law-abiding citizens of the state millions of dollars every year!

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What Is The Georgia Arson Control Program, Inc.?

The Georgia Arson Control Program, Inc. (GAC) was formed in January of 1979 by property / casualty insurers writing business in Georgia. With the cooperation of the Georgia Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner as well as state and local law enforcement agencies, GAC set up a toll-free Arson Hotline with a rewards fund from which monetary rewards are given to individuals who come forward with information that results in the arrest and conviction of arsonists. GAC initially offered rewards of up to \$5,000 for help in convicting arsonists—in 1993 the maximum reward was increased to \$10,000 to keep pace with inflation.

The Board of Directors of GAC is composed of representatives from both national and Georgia-based insurance companies as well as insurance industry trade associations. The Board meets quarterly and holds an annual meeting each January. During its meetings, GAC's Board considers reward nominations from:

- Individuals who have provided information by calling the Arson Hotline (1-800-282-5804).
- Individuals nominated by a fire chief, police chief, prosecuting attorney, arson investigator, or fire marshal.
- Individuals who provide information in writing to Georgia Arson Control, Inc., 3355 Annandale Ln. Suite 3, Suwanee, GA 30024

Procedures are used to safeguard the identity of informants who wish to remain anonymous and juveniles, whose identities are required to be kept confidential because of their age.

No official of any organization is empowered to promise or give a reward prior to conviction or before official approval of a reward payment by the GAC Board of Directors.

Law enforcement, Fire Department, Court Officials, Insurance Claim Personnel and the families of each are not eligible for rewards through GAC.