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OXENDINE INVESTIGATING JACKSON COUNTY CHURCH FIRE

Atlanta – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John W. Oxendine is investigating an early morning fire that destroyed a pastoral house and two 12-passenger vans belonging to a Jackson County church.

The pastoral house of the Faith Baptist Church was located at Highway 21 North, Jefferson. Commissioner Oxendine said the 3000 square foot wood-framed single-level structure and the passenger vans, valued at \$100,000, were a total loss.

Oxendine is asking anyone with information about this fire to call his Arson Hotline at **1-800-282-5804**. Rewards of up to \$10,000 are given for information leading to the arrest and conviction of an arsonist. Calls are taken 24 hours a day; callers can choose to remain anonymous. The Commissioner's Office and the Georgia Arson Control Board, Inc., sponsor the Georgia Arson Control Reward Program and the hotline.

Commissioner Oxendine's arson unit is assisting the City of Jackson Fire Department in the investigation.

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