

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **10-month-old boy among 5 killed in fatal house fire in Berne Township**

**[Lancaster, Ohio, January 6, 2014]** Fairfield County 911 dispatch first received a call at 04:17 a.m. from a resident in the area reporting their neighbor's home just blew up and there were flames coming from the home at 1837 Brushy Fork Rd. Sugar Gove, Ohio. When deputies arrived on the scene they discovered a home fully engulfed and were able to help two residents to safety. The cause of the fire is still under investigation and we are working with the State Fire Marshal's Office to determine the cause at this time. A ten month old has died along with his parents and grandparents in the fatal house fire this morning.

Don W. Asbell, 63 was treated and released from Fairfield Medical Center. Georganna Jennings, 62 was transported to Ohio State University with smoke inhalation and burns.

Five others inside the Brushy Fork Rd home died as a result of the fire. Thomas B. Taylor 54, Pamela Jean Taylor 43, Patricia MJ. Taylor 22, Dylan A. Vanord 22 and their 10 month old son, Cody Vanord.

"We ask that the people of our community keep this family in their thoughts and prayers as they go through this tragic and devastating loss," stated Sheriff Dave Phalen.