

Investigators offering \$5,000 reward for Sid Wainer fire assistance

New Bedford Fire Chief Paul N. Coderre Jr. and State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey are asking for the public's help with the **March 24, 2020 fire at Sid Wainer & Son Food Distribution Company at 2301 Purchase Street in New Bedford.** The fire started a little after midnight on the loading dock and involved a number of tractor-trailers.

"Anyone who saw something or someone in the area around the time of the fire or who has any information about how it started, is asked to call the confidential Arson Hotline at 1-800-682-9229," said Chief Coderre. "We do not know what caused the fire and are not saying it is arson. We are using the 800 number we have for the public to communicate with us about fires confidentially and to advertise the reward program," he added. The Arson Hotline is part of the Arson Watch Reward Program sponsored by the property and casualty insurance companies of Massachusetts. The program provides rewards of UP TO \$5,000 for information that helps investigators determine the cause, whether or not it is arson.