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Press Release

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On January 21, 2022 at approximately 5:01 AM the Brown County Communications Center received a call advising of a structure fire at 7402 Gardner Rd, Ripley, OH. Once deputies arrived on scene they were able to make contact with two occupants of the residence who advise that three people were still inside. Ripley EMS transported the two occupants to the hospital for medical evaluation and treatment.

Ripley Fire Department remained on scene and was able to extinguish the fire with the assistance of the Georgetown Fire Department, Russellville Fire & EMS, and the Aberdeen Fire Department. The three additional occupants of the residence were located deceased inside of the residence. The State Fire Marshal Office arrived on scene and began the investigation.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation at this time. The Brown County Sheriff's Office would like to thank Ripley Fire and EMS, Georgetown Fire & EMS, Russellville Fire & EMS, Aberdeen Fire & EMS, and The State Fire Marshal Office for their assistance.

The Victims in this fire have been identified as Phillip Royster, male, age 49, Ashley Ramos, female, age 33, and Annabella Royster, female, age 4. The Brown County Sheriff's Office and Brown County Coroner's Office extends its sincere condolences to the family members of these Victims.