ONDec. 20, 2012 Governor John Kasich signed into law Senate Bill 70 it into law. The registry
should be available by July 1, 2013. Under a legislative compromise, the registry would not be a
public record.
http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=129_SB_70

Ohio State Senator Tim Schaffer issued a press release:

“Senate Bill 70 requires offenders to register with the Ohio Attorney General’s Office
following their release and then annually thereafter.

‘Arson fires endanger the lives of both citizens and the first responders who work
to extinguish them,’ Schaffer said. ‘This registry will give fire investigators and
law enforcement new tools to enhance the efficiency of their investigations and
help them solve these crimes.’

Ohio currently has no system for tracking convicted arsonists, despite data that shows
most arsonists are repeat offenders. According to the State Fire Marshal, there were more
than 8,500 arson fires in 2010 resulting in nearly 600 injuries to firefighters and civilians
and more than $143 million in damages. A similar system is currently in use in
California.”

BCI registry

“(E)(1) After an arson offender or out-of-state arson offender registers or reregisters with
a sheriff or a sheriff’s designee pursuant to this section, the sheriff or designee shall
forward the offender's signed, written registration form, photograph, fingerprints, palm
prints, and other materials to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation in
accordance with forwarding procedures adopted by the attorney general under division
(G) of this section. The bureau shall include the information and materials forwarded to it
under this division in the registry of arson offenders and out-of-state arson offenders
established and maintained under division (E)(2) of this section.

(2) The bureau of criminal identification and investigation shall establish and maintain a
registry of arson offenders and out-of-state arson offenders that includes the information
and materials the bureau receives pursuant to division (D)(1) of this section. The bureau
shall make the registry available to the fire marshal's office, to state and local law
enforcement officers, and to any firefighter who is authorized by the chief of the agency
the firefighter serves to review the record through the Ohio law enforcement gateway or
its successor. The registry of arson offenders and out-of-state arson offenders maintained
by the bureau is a public record under section 149.43 of the Revised Code.”
Legal Lessons Learned: Ohio FDs should obtain and update records of the arsonists living in their community.