
Head of settlement suspected in negligence, which caused fire in houses and administration building in Buryatia



The Buryatia Republic Office of the Investigative Committee has launched a probe against the head of Gremyachinskoye municipal unit due to fire in the settlement of Cheryomushki, Pribaikalsky District that caused major damage to houses of the residents. She is accused in negligence under Part 1.1 of Article 293 of the RF Penal Code.

According to investigators, in accordance with Fire Safety Regulations, the settlements that are located on the border with forestry, as well as located on peat soil must construct anti-fire mineralized stripes, remove (gather) dry plants and carry out other measures that can prevent spread of fire. These responsibilities, set by the Federal legislation, lie on local governments. But the head of the Gremyachinskoye municipal unit that located in the settlement of Cheryomishki carried out insufficient preventive efforts. On 28 April 2017 dry grass caused fire in the settlement. Due to strong wind and absence of mineralized stripes fire promptly spread into the settlement and

destroyed 17 houses and several administrative buildings. According to current data, damage caused to residents of the settlement totals in 7.5 million rubles.

Investigative operations in cooperation with specialists of the Buryatia Directorate of the Emergencies Ministry and expert researches are underway to determine all the consequence surrounding the incident and to gather necessary evidence. The criminal investigation is ongoing.

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