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**Vandalism on Market Street Bridge construction site climbs to \$10,000  
Reward offered for information leading to arrest of vandals**

CHATTANOOGA, TENN. – Tennessee's only drawbridge, the Market Street Bridge, which is undergoing \$13,060,500 of renovations and repairs has an unexpected cross to bear: vandalism.

In spite of a 6-foot-high construction fence, individuals have vandalized the project three times in the last four months. Jerry Britton of Mountain States Contractors, who is in charge of the renovation project, said the vandalism is disheartening and amounts to more than \$10,000 in damage. **He is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the people responsible for the property damage.**

According to Britton, the last episode of vandalism was the most costly. Vandals set a port-a-let on fire. The blaze was so significant that the burning outhouse melted and broke the concrete on the bridge deck and must be replaced.

Trespassers also have thrown port-a-lets from the bridge. When bridge workers began bolting down the outhouses, vandals broke out windows of two cranes.

Chattanooga Police Department officers were contacted following all the episodes and reports have been filed, but suspects remain at large.

If you have information about the vandals, please contact CPD at 423-698-2525. The reward is being offered by Mountain States Contractors.

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