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Denham Springs Man Dies in Fire Police Officer Saves Another

Denham Springs, LA- State Fire Marshal H. "Butch" Browning released information in reference to an early morning fire that has claimed the life of a man. Two civilians were also injured as well as a police officer.

The Denham Springs Fire Department was called at 2:40am this morning to 433 Summers Street to a report that a residence was on fire and people were trapped and could not escape. Denham Springs Police Officer Jared Kreamer was on patrol in the area and arrived before the fire crews and learned that one person had escaped and two others were inside the burning building. He quickly placed his own life in danger and entered the building and rescued one elderly female. He was overcome by smoke and unable to reenter to locate the other person unaccounted for. When firefighters arrived they found the body of Willie David Robertson (dob. 4-12-1947). He was pronounced dead at the scene by the Livingston Parish Coroner. Officer Kreamer and the other two civilians were transported to Ochsner Medical Center and are being treated for smoke inhalation.

The State Fire Marshal's Office was called to assist the Denham Springs Fire and Police Departments in determining the cause of this tragic fire. Fire Marshal Deputies have been on scene all morning and have not yet determined a cause. Although there are no suspicious circumstances at this time it will take several days to complete the investigation to determine the cause of this fire.

Fire Marshal Browning stated, "We are saddened at this loss to Mr. Robertson's life in this fire. I am so proud of the heroic actions of Officer Kreamer; his intervention prevented a second death this morning."

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