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Baker Fire Claims the Lives of Mother and Daughter

EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH- State Fire Marshal deputies have determined an overnight, double-fatality fire in Baker was accidental.

Just before 6:30 a.m., the Brownsville Fire Department responded to a fire call at an apartment complex in the 5000 block of Baker Boulevard in Baker.

Upon arrival, firefighters found one affected unit with the fire already extinguished. The 34-year-old female resident was discovered deceased in the apartment's dining room, while her 8-year-old daughter was found deceased in the apartment's living room.

After assessing the scene, which included viewing surveillance video inside the unit, investigators determined the fire started in the kitchen when unattended cooking materials were left on the activated stove.

There were no smoke alarms located in the apartment.

Official identification of the victims and preliminary causes of death are pending with the East Baton Rouge Parish Coroner's Office.

The State Fire Marshal's Office would like to remind all residents that smoke alarms make a significant difference in your chances of surviving a fire.

The SFM's Operation Save-A-Life partners with local fire departments and districts to install smoke alarms for families that need them. You can find more information on the program on our website lasfm.org.

The SFM would also like to encourage all families to develop and practice a home escape plan that leaves every person in your home aware of at least two exits out of every room in the house.

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