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### Greensburg Man Dies in House Fire

**ST. HELENA PARISH-** State Fire Marshal (SFM) deputies continue investigating a deadly house fire in Greensburg that claimed the life of an elderly male resident.

Just before 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4, St. Helena Parish Fire Department #4 responded to a report of a house fire located in the 200 block of Louise Lane. Upon arrival, firefighters located a male victim in a bedroom with indications he was attempting to limit his exposure to smoke from the fire.

Official identification and cause of death are pending with the St. Helena Parish Coroner's Office, however, the victim is believed to be the 74-year-old sole resident of the rental home.

Following an assessment of the scene and collecting witness statements, SFM deputies have been able to narrow down the area of origin to a living room area. At this time, deputies are unable to rule out the possibility of an electrical-related cause.

Sadly, and once again, deputies were unable to confirm the presence of working smoke alarms in the home. The SFM stresses to all Louisiana residents that smoke alarms have proven to be the difference between life and death in a fire emergency, no matter the type of home.

If you need assistance obtaining smoke alarms for your home, Operations Save-A-Life can help. To learn more about Operation Save-A-Life, visit our website at [lasfm.org](http://lasfm.org).

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