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# Mansfield Man Dies in House Fire

**Mansfield, LA** – An investigation into a deadly fire that claimed the life of a 49-year-old Mansfield man continues as State Fire Marshal investigators examine the circumstances surrounding the fire.

Investigators responded after fire crews were called to a residential structure fire early Monday morning at 1611 Shallow Horne Road in Mansfield. After extinguishing the fire, firefighters located the lifeless body of Timothy Z. Lee in a bedroom of the home.

After examining the victim's body, investigators released the body to the De Soto Parish Coroner for autopsy.

While there has been no official determination as to the cause of the fire, investigators established that the fire originated in a second bedroom of the structure and spread through the home causing extensive damage, including the collapse of major structural components.

Investigators found no evidence of working smoke alarms in the home at the time of the fire.

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