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Bogalusa Man Dies in Late Night House Fire

WASHINGTON PARISH- State Fire Marshal deputies continue to investigate the circumstances surrounding a house fire involving one death in Bogalusa.

Just before 10 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29, Bogalusa Fire Department responded to a fire call in the 600 block of Avenue H. Firefighters eventually located the body of a man in one of the home's bathrooms.

While official identification is still pending with the Washington Parish Coroner's Office, the victim is believed to be the 58-year-old homeowner and sole occupant of the structure at the time of the fire.

Investigators have determined the fire began in the home's kitchen, however, an exact cause is still under investigation. Deputies do not consider this fire to be suspicious and, at this time, are not ruling out potential electrical factors.

Investigators were not able to locate smoke alarms in this home. The SFM 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 residents 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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