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## Woman Dies in Bethany Mobile Home Fire

**CADDO PARISH-** State Fire Marshal (SFM) deputies continue their investigation into a mobile home fire that claimed the life of a female resident.

Just before 6:00 p.m. on June 19, Caddo Fire District #4 responded to a call for a mobile home fire located in the 11000 block of Bethany Stateline Road in Bethany. Firefighters later located the body of a woman in the home's bathroom.

While official identification and cause of death are pending with the Caddo Parish Coroner's Office, the victim is believed to be the homeowner who would have been 86 years old this week.

Following an assessment of the scene, as well as collecting witness statements and evidence, deputies have determined the fire began on the eastern side of the structure. At this time, the cause of the fire remains undetermined with the inability to rule out a potential electrical malfunction and/or possible unattended cooking appliance.

Deputies have not been able to locate or confirm the presence of working smoke alarms. The SFM would like to stress the importance of having working smoke alarms in every Louisiana home as they give building occupants critical seconds to escape a fire emergency unharmed.

The SFM's Operation Save-A-Life works with local fire departments to install free smoke alarms in homes that need them most. To register for a free smoke alarm, visit lasfm.org.

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