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State Fire Marshal Investigates Fatal House Fire in St. Martinville

ST. MARTIN PARISH (September 29, 2025) – State Fire Marshal (SFM) deputies are investigating a house fire that tragically claimed the life of a 76-year-old woman in St. Martinville.

The St. Martinville Fire Department responded to the fire at approximately 8 p.m. on Saturday, September 27, 2025. The incident occurred in the 100 block of West Hamilton Street. At this time, SFM deputies are uncertain whether the residence was equipped with a working smoke alarm.

The investigation remains ongoing as deputies work to determine the origin and cause of the fire.

DPS Principal Assistant, Chief Bryan J Adams urges all Louisiana residents to protect their homes with functioning smoke alarms. "Smoke alarms save lives," said Chief Adams. "If you don't have one or need assistance with installation, our Operation Save-A-Life program offers free smoke alarms and installation services."

For more information, visit lasfm.org or contact your local fire department to request a free smoke alarm and installation.

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