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House Fire Claims the Life of an Allen Parish Woman

ALLEN PARISH (AUGUST 28, 2026) – A 63-year-old Kinder woman died in a fire Thursday morning.

Allen Parish Fire District 4 responded to a residential fire in the 1500 block of Lurton Avenue in Kinder around 7:41 a.m. August 27, 2026.

State Fire Marshal investigators determined the fire originated in the woman's bedroom and that the home did not have a working smoke alarm. The exact cause of the fire remains under investigation.

"The tragic loss of life in this fire is a heartbreaking reminder of how important working smoke alarms are," said State Fire Marshal, Chief Chad P. Sonnier. "Smoke alarms provide critical early warning that can make the difference between escaping safely and becoming trapped. We encourage every family to test their smoke alarms each month, replace them when they are 10 years old, and make sure everyone in the home knows what to do if a fire occurs."

Through the SFM's Operation Save-A-Life program, residents are eligible to receive free smoke alarms along with professional installation to ensure they are working correctly.

For more information about fire safety or to request a free smoke alarm installation, residents are encouraged to contact their local fire department or visit lasfm.org.

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