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Unsafe Heating Practices Cause of Singer Camper Fire

BEAUREGARD PARISH- The State Fire Marshal's Office (SFM) has concluded its investigation into a camper fire that claimed the life of a Singer woman.

Around Noon on Wednesday, January 22, Beauregard Parish Fire District #1 responded to a report of a camper fire located in the 100 block of Charlie Davis Road in Singer. Unfortunately, the lone resident did not survive.

While official identification and cause of death are pending with the coroner's office, the victim is believed to be a 60-year-old female resident.

At this time, deputies have determined unsafe heating practices, including a wood-burning stove and chimenea in use inside of the camper, caused this fire.

This is the 15th fire fatality across the state in 2025. Last year, by this time in the month of January, there was only 1. Due to the bitter cold temperatures continuing to affect Louisiana, State Fire Marshal Chief Bryan J Adams wants to remind all Louisianans about safe home heating tips.

If using a space heater for warmth, ensure it is plugged directly into a wall outlet as opposed to an extension cord or power strip and make sure it's placed 3-5 feet away from objects that can easily catch fire like blankets and furniture. Do not use ovens or stoves to heat your home and make sure any open flames, like fireplaces and candles, are never left unattended.

In addition, deputies confirmed the camper did not have working smoke alarms.

Chief Adams wants to remind Louisiana residents that smoke alarms are a critical, life-saving device for every family to have, no matter what type of structure you stay in. If you need assistance obtaining smoke alarms for your home, Operation Save-A-Life can help especially following the large influx of alarms to the program as part of a historic donation from Lowe's and First Alert.

To learn more about Operation Save-A-Life, or to register for a free smoke alarm installation, visit our website at lasfm.org or contact your local fire department to request a free smoke alarm installation.

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