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## Sicily Island Man Dies in Overnight House Fire

**CATALHOULA PARISH-** State Fire Marshal deputies are investigating an overnight North Louisiana house fire that claimed the life of a Sicily Island man.

Around 11:45 p.m. on Sunday, April 27, 2025, the Sicily Island Volunteer Fire Department responded to a house fire in the 400 block of Peck Avenue in Sicily Island. A 63-year-old man died in the blaze. The fire destroyed the house.

Fire investigators are still trying to determine the cause of the fire. Due to the extent of the damage, it's unclear whether the home had working smoke alarms.

"Smoke alarms are proven to save lives and are the best protection when it comes to fires," said Chief Ed Branch. "We need every family in this state to invest in their safety by getting working smoke alarms for their homes today."

If you need assistance obtaining smoke alarms for your home, Operation Save-A-Life can help. To learn more about Operation Save-A-Life, or to register for a free smoke alarm installation, visit our website at <u>lasfm.org</u> or contact your local fire department to request a free smoke alarm installation.

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