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State Fire Marshal Offers Reminder about Smoke Alarms Following Fatal Fire in Oak Grove

WEST CARROLL PARISH (August 24, 2024)- State Fire Marshal Chief Bryan J. Adams is reminding all Louisiana families about the importance of smoke alarms following a fatal fire in Oak Grove.

Around 11:45 a.m. on Tuesday, August 20, the Fiske Union Fire Department responded to a call for a house fire located in the 13000 block of Highway 585 in Oak Grove. It was learned that relatives discovered the fire and pulled the sole occupant from the home. However, unfortunately, she did not survive.

While official identification and cause of death are pending with the Coroner's Office, the victim is believed to be the 56-year-old female homeowner.

State Fire Marshal (SFM) deputies have determined this fire was caused by an electrical malfunction inside of a portable air conditioning unit.

In addition, deputies were unable to confirm the presence of working smoke alarms in the home.

Our Operation Save-A-Life program can help families in need access these devices for FREE. 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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