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State Fire Marshal Investigates Fatal House Fire in Lake Charles

CALCASIEU PARISH (December 11, 2025) – The Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal (SFM) is investigating a residential fire in Lake Charles that resulted in the death of a 90-year-old woman earlier this week.

Around 2 p.m. on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, the Lake Charles Fire Department responded to a home in the 600 block of East Friesen Road after receiving reports of a fire. Firefighters arrived to find the structure on fire.

SFM investigators determined the fire originated in the kitchen and was a result of a cooking accident. They also reported that the home lacked a working smoke alarm.

The SFM is using this tragedy to again urge Louisiana residents to make sure they have functioning smoke alarms in their homes.

“Fire deaths are always tragic, and many can be prevented,” said DPS Principal Assistant, Chief Bryan J. Adams. “Working smoke alarms give families the critical early warning needed to escape. Our Operation Save-A-Life program provides free smoke alarms and installation to help ensure every household has this essential protection.”

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

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