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### Apartment Fire Claims the Life of a Houma Man

**TERREBONNE PARISH (May 4, 2026)** – The Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal (SFM) is investigating a residential fire that resulted in the death of a Houma resident.

Fire crews from the Houma Fire Department were called to an apartment fire at approximately 2 a.m. on Friday, May 1, 2026, in the 7500 block of West Park Avenue. A 64-year-old man was pulled from the residence, but despite rescue efforts, he later succumbed to his injuries.

Initial findings from SFM investigators suggest the fire began in a hallway between the bedroom and living room. The exact cause has not yet been determined and remains under investigation. Authorities noted that the apartment did have a working smoke alarm.

“This tragic incident highlights how quickly a fire can turn deadly, even when there is an early warning,” said DPS Principal Assistant, Chief Bryan J Adams. “Smoke alarms can provide those crucial extra moments needed to get out safely. We encourage everyone to make sure alarms are installed and functioning on every level of the home and in sleeping areas.”

Officials continue to stress that properly installed and maintained smoke alarms greatly improve survival chances during a fire and can be life-saving.

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, contact your local fire department or visit [lasfm.org](http://lasfm.org).

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