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### State Fire Marshal Investigating West Baton Rouge Parish Fatal Fire

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH (January 25, 2026)** – The Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal (SFM) is investigating a residential fire that claimed the lives of two people.

The West Baton Rouge Fire Department was dispatched at 5:17 a.m. on Saturday, January 24, 2026, to a structure fire in the 12000 block of Maple Street. Tragically, two occupants died in the fire, including a 72-year-old woman and a 48-year-old man.

While the SFM investigation remains ongoing, investigators have not yet been able to rule out the possibility of electrical-related contributing factors.

Investigators have determined the home did not have a working smoke alarm. "Smoke alarms provide early warning and save lives," said DPS Principal Assistant, Chief Bryan J. Adams. "It's not the flames that kill, it's the smoke."

Residents are urged to check their smoke alarms regularly. Those in need of a free smoke alarm and installation can get one through the SFM's Operation Save-A-Life program. For more information on fire safety or to request a free smoke alarm and installation, visit [lasfm.org](http://lasfm.org) or contact your local fire department.

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