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Fatal West Monroe Fire Cause Still Under Investigation

OUACHITA PARISH- The State Fire Marshal's Office continues its investigation into a mobile home fire that claimed the life of a West Monroe woman.

At 11:20 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, the Ouachita Parish Fire Department responded to a report of a mobile home fire in the 800 block of Dan Leonard Road in West Monroe.

Unfortunately, a 43-year-old woman died in the fire. Other occupants of the mobile home escaped and survived.

At this time, deputies have determined the fire began in the main bedroom where the victim was found. However, the cause is still under investigation. One of the possibilities still being considered is unsafe smoking practices.

State Fire Marshal Chief Ed Branch wants to remind all Louisianans about several of our safety tips.

When smoking, please do so outdoors and never when tired or impaired. In addition, make sure all smoking materials are completely extinguished in appropriate containers.

Lastly, deputies say there were no working smoke alarms in the mobile home.

Chief Branch wants to remind Louisiana residents that smoke alarms are a critical, life-saving device for every family to have, no matter what type of structure you stay in. If you need assistance obtaining smoke alarms for your home, Operation Save-A-Life can help especially following the large influx of alarms to the program as part of a historic donation from Lowe's and First Alert.

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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