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Residential Fire Claims the Life of a Pointe Coupee Parish Man

Pointe Coupee Parish (September 28, 2026) – A 36-year-old Jarreau man died following a residential fire Sunday afternoon.

Pointe Coupee Fire District 3 responded to the fire in the 5600 block of Woodview Lane in Jarreau around 3 p.m. on September 27, 2026. Unfortunately, the fire claimed the life of a Pointe Coupee Parish man.

Pointe Coupee Fire District 3 requested the investigative services of the State Fire Marshal's Office (SFM). The origin and cause of the fire remain under investigation. SFM investigators determined that the home did not have a working smoke alarm.

"This is a heartbreaking tragedy, and we extend our deepest sympathies to this man's family and everyone who knew and loved him," said State Fire Marshal Chief Chad P. Sonnier. "Although we cannot change what happened, we can use this tragedy as a reminder of the importance of having working smoke alarms in every home. A functioning smoke alarm can alert people to a fire in its earliest moments and provide critical time to escape before conditions become life-threatening."

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 properly.

For more information about fire safety or to request a free smoke alarm installation, residents are encouraged to contact their local fire department or visit lasfm.org.

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