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## Multiple Fatal Fires Claim the Lives of Three People

**BATON ROUGE, LA (November 17, 2026) –** In less than 24 hours this past weekend, three people lost their lives in separate residential fires across south Louisiana.

**Incident Summaries:**

**LAFAYETTE PARISH –** A 53-year-old man lost his life Saturday, Nov. 14, in a residential fire in the 100 block of Warren Street in Lafayette. The Lafayette Fire Department responded around 11:30 p.m. and is investigating the fire's origin and cause.

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH –** On Sunday, Nov. 15, around 1:30 a.m., St. Tammany Fire District 12 responded to a residential fire in the 73000 block of Authement Drive in Covington. An 80-year-old woman died as a result of the fire. State Fire Marshal investigators are working to determine what caused the blaze.

**ASCENSION PARISH –** A residential fire in the 41000 block of Witek Drive in Gonzales claimed the life of a 65-year-old woman Sunday, Nov. 15. The Gonzales City Fire Department was dispatched to the scene around 8:13 p.m. The State Fire Marshal's Office is investigating the origin and cause of the fire.

“Our thoughts and deepest condolences are with the families, friends and loved ones affected by these heartbreaking fires over the weekend,” said Louisiana State Fire Marshal Chief Chad P. Sonnier. “Every life lost to fire is a profound tragedy and a sobering reminder of how quickly lives can change.”

All three fires remain under investigation. No additional details are available at this time.

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