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One Dead, One Injured in Killian Fire

LIVINGSTON PARISH (September 25, 2024)- State Fire Marshal Chief Bryan J. Adams is reminding Louisiana families about the importance of following generator safety tips, at all times, following a fatal fire in Killian.

Around Noon on Tuesday, September 24, Livingston Fire District #2 responded to a call for a fire located in the 32000 block of Lower Rome Road. When firefighters arrived, they found one man injured and, unfortunately, one man who could not be saved.

While the official identification and cause of death is pending with the Coroner's Office, the victim is believed to be the 62-year-old homeowner.

State Fire Marshal (SFM) deputies have determined the fire started under a carport attached to a mobile home. While the cause is still under investigation, evidence gathered at the scene, as well as witness statements, indicate a portable generator may be involved in the ignition of the fire. While the generator was active at the time of the fire, it was not being used as a power source.

The SFM wants to remind the public that using a portable generator, at any time of the year, can be dangerous in multiple ways. That's why we recommend placing the generator at least 20 feet away from a home, in a well-ventilated area. It is also recommended to turn the generator off and let it cool for 20 minutes before refueling. Lastly, have a working carbon monoxide alarm to alert you and your family to a potential poisoning from a generator's fumes.

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