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Fatal Haughton Fire Cause Still Under Investigation

BOSSIER PARISH- The State Fire Marshal's Office (SFM) continues its investigation into a mobile home fire that claimed the life of a Haughton man.

Just after 1:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 28, Bossier Fire District #1 responded to a report of a mobile home fire in the 100 block of Jodie Drive in Haughton.

Unfortunately, the 64-year-old male homeowner did not survive. Official identification is pending with the parish Coroner's Office.

At this time, deputies have determined the fire began in the living room where the victim was found. However, the cause is still under investigation. Some of the possibilities still being considered include unsafe smoking practices, unsafe heating practices, and an electrical malfunction.

This is the 16th fire fatality across the state in 2025. Last year, by the end of January, there were 4.

State Fire Marshal Chief Bryan J Adams wants to remind all Louisianans about several of our safety tips.

If using a space heater for warmth, ensure it is plugged directly into a wall outlet as opposed to an extension cord or power strip and make sure it's placed 3-5 feet away from objects that can easily catch fire like blankets and furniture. Do not use ovens or stoves to heat your home and make sure any open flames, like fireplaces and candles, are never left unattended.

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 could not locate working smoke alarms in the home.

Chief Adams 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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