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One Dead, One Injured in New Iberia House Fire

IBERIA PARISH (September 6, 2024)- State Fire Marshal Chief Bryan J. Adams is reminding all Louisiana families about the importance of smoke alarms following a fatal fire in New Iberia.

Just after 5 a.m. on Tuesday, September 3, the New Iberia Fire Department responded to a call for a house fire located in the 200 block of San Jose Street. When firefighters arrived, they found two people who had been able to escape, one of them injured, reporting a third person still inside. Firefighters were able to locate the man and pull him from the fire, but life-saving efforts were unsuccessful.

While the official identification and cause of death is pending with the Coroner's Office, the victim is believed to be the 56-year-old homeowner.

State Fire Marshal (SFM) deputies have determined the fire was caused by an electrical malfunction in the home's hallway near the living room.

In addition, deputies were unable to confirm the presence of working smoke alarms in the home.

Our Operation Save-A-Life program can help families in need access these devices for FREE. 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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