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Residential Fire Claims the Life of a Terrebonne Parish Woman

TERREBONNE PARISH (September 7, 2026) – A 32-year-old Houma woman died following a residential fire Saturday morning.

The Houma Fire Department responded to the fire in the 2200 block of Effie Street in Houma around 5:25 a.m. on September 5, 2026. Firefighters rescued the victim from the home and performed lifesaving measures. Unfortunately, she died from her injuries.

State Fire Marshal investigators determined the fire originated in the kitchen. The home did not have a working smoke alarm. The exact cause of the fire remains under investigation.

“This is a devastating loss, and our hearts go out to this woman’s family and loved ones as they grieve,” said State Fire Marshal Chief Chad P. Sonnier. “While nothing can undo this tragedy, we hope it reminds everyone that working smoke alarms are essential in every home. They provide an early warning when a fire starts and can give occupants the precious time they need to get out safely.”

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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