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State Fire Marshal Stresses Smoking Safety After Fatal Fire in Jackson

EAST FELICIANA PARISH- State Fire Marshal Chief Bryan J. Adams is stressing the importance of smoking safety following a fatal fire in Jackson.

Around 9:30 p.m. on Friday, February 9, the Jackson Fire Department responded to a call for a house fire located in the 4100 block of Cooper Lane. Firefighters arrived to find four people outside of the home reporting an additional occupant still inside. Unfortunately, firefighters did locate a deceased victim in a bedroom.

Official identification and cause of death are pending with the parish Coroner's Office, however, the victim is believed to be a 47-year-old male resident of the home.

After an initial investigation, deputies determined the fire began in the bedroom where the victim was found. The surviving occupants reported learning about the fire by seeing smoke coming from under the door. At this time, the cause of this fire remains undetermined with the inability to rule out the possibility of improperly discarded smoking materials.

"Heating and smoking-related causes continue to dominate the reasons why we are losing lives in home fires in 2024," said State Fire Marshal Chief Bryan J Adams, "This is sad and it is unnecessary. We need people to invest in making the place they feel most safe more fire safe."

The SFM's top safe smoking practices include always smoking outdoors and fully extinguishing and discarding smoking materials in appropriate containers.

Lastly, deputies were unable to locate working smoke alarms in this home. Chief Adams wants to remind all Louisiana residents that smoke alarms have proven to be the difference between life and death in a fire emergency. If you need assistance obtaining smoke alarms for your home, Operation Save-A-Life can help. To learn more about Operation Save-A-Life, or to register for a free smoke alarm, visit our website at lasfm.org or contact your local fire department to request a free smoke alarm installation.

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