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Geismar Man Dies in Mobile Home Fire

ASCENSION PARISH- State Fire Marshal Chief Bryan J. Adams is reminding Louisiana families about home heating safety following a fatal fire in Geismar.

Around 10:30 a.m. on Friday, October 25, the Geismar Fire Department responded to a call for a mobile home fire located in the 1200 block of Hwy 73. When firefighters arrived, they found a male victim near the back door of the home. Unfortunately, he did not survive.

While the official identification and cause of death are pending with the Coroner's Office, the victim is believed to be the 79-year-old homeowner.

State Fire Marshal (SFM) deputies have determined the fire started in a bedroom. While the exact cause remains undetermined at this time, deputies cannot rule out potential unsafe heating practices or improperly discarded smoking materials as possible contributing factors.

Regarding home heating safety, if using a space heater, keep the devices 3-5 feet away from flammable items like blankets and comforters. In addition, it is recommended to plug space heaters directly into wall outlets as opposed to extension cords and power strips that can overheat and spark a fire.

And it is always recommended to smoke outdoors. All smoking materials, including lighters, should be kept out of the reach of children and fully extinguished in appropriate containers.

In addition, this home did not have working smoke alarms. Chief Adams wants to remind 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 installation, visit our website at lasfm.org or contact your local fire department to request a free smoke alarm installation.

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