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Rapides Parish Fire Claims One Life and Another in Critical Condition

Baton Rouge LA, State Fire Marshal H. “Butch” Browning released information today in reference to a late night fire occurred that on December 7, at 10:07pm at home located at 6312 Masonic Drive, Alexandria LA. The fire claimed the life of one person and leaves another in critical condition.

The Rapides Parish Fire District #2 and the Rapides Parish Sheriff responded to call for help of two people trapped in this residential fire. A Sheriff’s Deputy arrived first and was able to pull an elderly woman from the burning home. She was transported to St. Francis Cabrini Hospital suffering from burns and smoke inhalation, where she remains in critical condition. Firefighters entering the building and found one bedroom to be totally involved in flames where they extinguished the fire and found the body of a 58 year old man who was pronounced dead at the scene. It is believed that the two people involved are related possibly the mother and her son.

The State Fire Marshal is investigating this fire and there is no preliminary cause at this time. All indications are that the fire is accidental in nature. Further information is anticipated once the Rapides Parish Coroner completes examinations of the body of the man. There were no working smoke alarms in the home.

Fire Marshal Browning expressed his office’s sadness has to this tragic loss of life and potential loss of this woman who is in critical condition. He stated, “Again we see the effects of people not having the early warning of a Smoke Alarm, I can’t express enough that you must go home today and assure you have one in your home, your family’s life depends on it”.

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