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Crowley Man Dies in Home Fire

Baton Rouge LA: State Fire Marshal H. "Butch" Browning announced today that a Crowley man died in his home as the result of a fire.

The Crowley Fire Department was dispatched at 2:59am to 1815 James Street to a report that the residence at this location was on fire. The first arriving fire engine reported flames visible on the front porch of the home. Firefighters entered the burning building and found the body of Bryan Alcock (Dob. 3-29-1966). He was pronounced dead at the scene by the Acadia Parish Coroner; an autopsy will be performed to determine the cause of death. The home did have two working smoke alarms and firefighters reported hearing the smoke alarms alerting upon their arrival at the home.

The State Fire Marshal's Office, Crowley Police Department and Crowley Fire Department are jointly working to investigate the cause of this fire. The fire significantly damaged the living room and front bedroom before being extinguished. Investigators have made a preliminary determination that indicates this fire was caused by an electrical failure. Additional testing and inspection will be necessary before any further conclusions can be determined, including why Mr. Alcock did not react to the smoke alarm notification of the fire.

Fire Marshal Browning expressed his office's sadness for the death of Mr. Alcock. He stated, "We will work hard over the next week with our local partners to ensure we find all the answers. This family deserves to know exactly what occurred to their love one."

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