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## **Elderly Man Dies in Tangipahoa Parish Fire**

**Husser, LA-** The State Fire Marshal's Office released information today in reference to an early morning fire that has claimed the life of one person.

The Husser Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched at 6:30 am this morning to 24465 Singing Waterfall Road to a report by a passerby that an entire structure was burned to the ground. When firefighters arrived they discovered that a single family residence had burned over night and nearly all the structural components had been destroyed. The home is located in a rural area that is not readily traveled. It is believed that the fire actually started after midnight. After searching in the debris, firefighters located the body of one person in the charred remains of the building.

State Fire Marshal Deputies were dispatched to investigate this tragic loss to life and to determine the cause of the fire. Preliminary findings indicate that space heaters were being used to heat the home and could have contributed to the cause of this fire. Additional inspections will be conducted in the days to come. The name of the man who died in this fire is being withheld pending notification of the family; there were no working smoke alarms in the home.

Fire Marshal Browning stated, "We are in cold conditions in Louisiana and you must take steps now to ensure, that if you use space heater you do so in a safe manner. Also check that you have working smoke alarms in your home".

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