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Man Dies in Baker-Area House Fire

EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH- State Fire Marshal (SFM) deputies, in collaboration with the Baton Rouge Fire Department, are investigating a house fire that involved one death.

Just after 8 a.m. on Thursday, March 12, the Central Fire Department responded to a call for a house fire located in the 15000 block of Brown Road in the unincorporated area between Baker and Central.

Firefighters later located the body of who is believed to be the 86-year-old male homeowner in the living room area. Official identification and cause of death are pending an autopsy by the East Baton Rouge Parish Coroner's Office.

Investigators learned the male homeowner called 911 to report discovering his vehicles on fire under his carport. During the 911 call, the man stopped responding to dispatchers after he was believed to have reentered the home, where his body was later discovered.

After an assessment of the scene, investigators believe the fire originated in the area of the carport and/or workshop attached to the rear of the home alongside the carport. The cause remains undetermined and the investigation is ongoing.

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