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Lake Charles Man Dies In House Fire

CALCASIEU PARISH- The State Fire Marshal's Office (SFM) is continuing its investigation into the circumstances surrounding a house fire in Lake Charles that claimed the life of a male resident.

Around 3 a.m. on Monday, April 19, the Lake Charles Fire Department responded to a report of a house fire located in the 5500 block of Goos Ferry Road along the Calcasieu River.

Firefighters arrived to find the raised structure collapsed to the ground. They later located a male victim on the remains of a mattress.

Official identification and cause of death are pending with the Calcasieu Parish Coroner's Office, however, the victim is believed to be the 61-year-old owner of the home.

An assessment of the scene and witness statements have deputies focusing on the home's porch as a potential area of origin. Due to the extent of the damage, deputies have been unable to rule out several potential causes of this fire.

At this time, deputies have been unable to confirm the presence of a working smoke alarm. Smoke alarms are proven to give families critical seconds to escape safely from a fire emergency.

If you need assistance obtaining smoke alarms for your home, Operations Save-A-Life can help. The program partners with local fire departments to install smoke alarms for free. To learn more about Operation Save-A-Life, visit our website at lasfm.org.

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