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Moss Bluff Woman Dies in Mobile Home Fire

CALCASIEU PARISH- State Fire Marshal (SFM) deputies continue investigating a deadly mobile home fire in Moss Bluff that occurred over the weekend.

Around 4 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 1, the Moss Bluff Fire Department responded to a report of a mobile home fire located in the 1200 block of N. Perkins Ferry Road. Unfortunately, firefighters located a female victim, along with three pet dogs, near the back door of the home.

Official identification and cause of death are pending with the Calcasieu Parish Coroner's Office, however, the victim is believed to be a 58-year-old resident.

After an assessment of the scene and collecting witness statements, SFM deputies determined the fire began in a bedroom on the opposite side of the home from where the victim was located.

While the exact cause is still undetermined, other residents of the home, who were not present when the fire started, reported to deputies that they had been experiencing electrical issues in the home recently.

In addition, deputies were unable to confirm the presence of working smoke alarms in the home. The SFM wants to stress to all Louisiana residents that smoke alarms have proven to be the difference between life and death in a fire emergency. If you need assistance obtaining smoke alarms for your home, Operations Save-A-Life can help. To learn more about Operation Save-A-Life, visit our website at lasfm.org.

When it comes to electrical safety, the SFM recommends avoiding the continued use of appliances or areas of a home with concerning electrical activities until a licensed electrician can review and repair any issues found.

And finally, the SFM wants to remind Louisianans that when you're faced with a fire emergency, the next step should be to get out and stay out. All families should have a planned and practice home escape route that includes knowing two ways out of every room in your home. That plan should also include a common meeting place outside, a safe distance from the home, where everyone can report to confirm they are safe and to call 911.

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