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Woman Dies in Houma Mobile Home Fire

TERREBONNE PARISH- State Fire Marshal (SFM) deputies have concluded an investigation into a mobile home fire that claimed the life of a disabled Houma woman.

Around 11:15 p.m. on March 12, the Houma Fire Department responded to a call for a residential fire located in the 100 block of Darcey Trailer Court. Firefighters arrived to find three occupants outside of the home alerting them that one occupant was still inside. The body of a female occupant was later found in a bedroom.

The Terrebonne Parish Coroner's Office has confirmed the victim as 39-year-old Lisa Ann Dobson, a bedridden resident of the home.

After an assessment of the scene, deputies determined the fire originated on a mattress where two of the occupants were sleeping. Evidence, supported by witness statements, indicated one of the occupants fell asleep while smoking and a cigarette was the cause of the fire. The case has been classified as accidental.

The SFM wants to remind Louisiana residents that it is always best to smoke outdoors. Ensure all smoking materials are properly extinguished in the appropriate manner and keep all spark-producing objects, like lighters, out of the reach of children. Also, refrain from smoking when tired or under the influence of alcohol or medications that make you drowsy.

In addition, there were no working smoke alarms located in the home. The SFM's Operation Save-A-Life program partners with local fire departments and districts to provide FREE smoke alarm installations, at any time of the year, for families in need of assistance accessing the critical emergency-alert equipment. To register for a free smoke alarm, or learn more about Operation Save-A-Life, visit lasfm.org.

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