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### Man Dies in Opelousas House Fire

**ST. LANDRY PARISH-** State Fire Marshal (SFM) deputies continue investigating the circumstances surrounding a mobile home fire in Opelousas that claimed the life of a male resident.

The Opelousas Fire Department responded to a residential fire in the 200 block of Elementary Lane around 12:45 a.m. on January 13.

As they were putting out the fire, firefighters located the body of a male occupant and a pet dog in a bedroom.

While official identification and cause of death are pending an autopsy, the victim is believed to be the 42-year-old resident of the home.

After an assessment of the scene, deputies have determined the fire began in the living room, however, there are still several potential factors investigators have not been able to rule out as it relates to determining the official cause.

Investigators were unable to locate working smoke alarms in this home.

The SFM would like to stress the importance of having working smoke alarms. 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](http://lasfm.org).

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