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State Fire Marshal Encourages Neighborhood Vigilance Following Pineville Fatal Fire

RAPIDES PARISH- State Fire Marshal (SFM) deputies continue investigating a house fire in Pineville that involved one death.

Just after 12:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 30, the Holiday Village Fire Department responded to a call for a house fire located in the 300 block of Williams Lake Road in Pineville. Unfortunately, firefighters located the body of a man in the garage/carport area of the abandoned home.

Identification and official cause of death are pending with the Coroner's Office, but the victim is confirmed to not be the home's owner.

The extent of the damage has deputies still working to determine where in the home this fire started as well as its cause. The home was reported to have been abandoned for several years, so deputies have been able to rule out possible electrical-related contributing factors.

Following this unfortunate loss of life, State Fire Marshal Chief Bryan J Adams is encouraging homeowners to be extra vigilant in their neighborhoods.

"A best practice is to keep an eye out for unusual activities and to report them to authorities as soon as they're noticed," said Chief Adams. "In addition, homeowners can take simple, consistent steps to keep their properties secure and maintained to discourage unusual activity from occurring around their homes."

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