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## State Fire Marshal Pushes For More Smoke Alarm Use Following Fatal Fire in Vidalia

**CONCORDIA PARISH (June 28, 2024)**- State Fire Marshal Chief Bryan J. Adams is reminding all Louisiana families about the proven life-saving capabilities of smoke alarms following a fatal fire in Vidalia.

Around 3 a.m. on Wednesday, June 26, Concordia Parish Fire District #2 responded to a call for a house fire located in the 100 block of Lynnhaven Road in Vidalia. Unfortunately, firefighters located the body of the sole occupant in the kitchen.

While official identification and cause of death are pending with the Coroner's Office, the victim is believed to be the 61-year-old male homeowner.

Through the initial investigation, State Fire Marshal (SFM) deputies determined the fire began in the living room area of the home. At this time, the exact cause of the fire remains undetermined.

Lastly, deputies were unable to confirm the presence of working smoke alarms in the home.

"So many fire emergency outcomes have the potential to be very different if smoke alarms were present and working," said Adams, "They give families critical extra seconds to react, gather together safely, and escape."

Our Operation Save-A-Life program can help families in need access these devices for FREE. To learn more about Operation Save-A-Life, or to register for a free smoke alarm installation, visit our website at [lasfm.org](http://lasfm.org) or contact your local fire department to request a free smoke alarm installation.

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