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STATE FIRE MARSHAL INVESTIGATING IDAHO AVENUE FIRE

Kenner, LA. – The Kenner Fire Department received the call at 10:12 p.m. from a concerned resident who said flames could be seen coming out of a house. KFD was dispatched at 10:13 p.m. to 3209 Idaho Avenue. Upon arrival two minutes later, the first firefighters found heavy smoke and the second floor fully engulfed in flames. Kenner firefighters immediately began to extinguish the blaze.

A family member evacuated the house, reporting to fire and police officials that his brother was trapped inside. A KFD Search and Rescue Team entered the home and found a victim upstairs surrounded by the fire. KFD extricated the man from the second floor. EMS transported the victim to Ochsner Kenner, where he was pronounced dead.

Seven fire trucks were on scene, including three ladder trucks. With the assistance from crews of our Kenner Volunteer Fire Department, the Jefferson Parish East Bank Consolidated Fire Department and the Third District Volunteer Fire Department, the fire was under control at 11:16 p.m.

A State Fire Marshal representative was on scene at 12:32 a.m. to investigate the cause of the fire. The investigation continues this morning.

The Kenner Fire Department had personnel on scene until 3:13 a.m. making sure there were no hot spots that could reignite and that the area was secure due to total structure loss.

According to Acting Fire Chief Joseph Sunseri, the victim's family was in the home when the fire started, and reported the victim was boiling water when fire reached them upstairs.

"Don't think that just because you are boiling water that you can leave it unattended," said Acting Fire Chief Sunseri. "The problem isn't the food; it is the unattended stove. Everyone needs to be very careful – an unattended stove is a real danger."

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