



# CITY OF KENNER

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### WOMAN DIES IN NORTH KENNER HOUSE FIRE

A 43-year-old woman died in a house fire on East Loyola Drive Friday morning in north Kenner, Fire Chief John Hellmers said.

Firefighters received the first call at 8:07 a.m., and the first unit was on the scene, just four minutes later. The fire was out at 9:08 a.m., Hellmers said.

The name is being withheld until all relatives can be notified, Hellmers said.

Hellmers said the call came from the house next door, and the first truck heading to the scene reported that the fire was visible from West Esplanade Avenue.

“The guys made an aggressive attack and went in simultaneously attacking the fire and searching for occupants,” Hellmers said. Firefighters discovered the body on the floor in a rear bedroom.

“The only thing obvious right now is that the fire first started in the front room where heavy char was observed,” Hellmers said. “We have no reason to suspect foul play at this point.”

Sadly, Hellmers pointed out that the fire could have been avoided because there were no smoke alarms in the one-story brick veneer home.

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