

# ST. TAMMANY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT # 1

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Date of Incident: December 21, 2013

## Mobile Home Fire Claims the Life of an Elderly Man

Slidell, LA. St. Tammany Fire District #1 responded to the report of a residential structure fire at 37432 E. Hillcrest Dr. in Slidell with a possible occupant trapped inside. Firefighters arrived on the scene less than four minutes to find heavy flames and smoke coming from a mobile home. Firefighters were alerted by an occupant that a roommate was trapped inside. Firefighters made an immediate rescue attempt, however the victim had already perished. Firefighters were able to extinguish the fire in eight minutes and bring the situation under control.

A neighbor saw smoke coming from a bedroom window and called the other occupant, who was outside at the time and called 911 from a cell phone. The 720 square foot mobile home suffered heavy fire damage to one bedroom. The remainder of the home suffered heavy smoke and heat damage.

St. Tammany Fire District #1 investigators were assisted by a State Fire Marshal investigator in determining the cause of the fire. The fire is believed to have started from a cigarette.

1<sup>st</sup> Alarm: 16:27:58  
On Scene: 16:31:06  
Under Control: 16:39:20  
Units: 12  
Firefighters: 22  
Fatalities: 1  
Cause: Cigarette

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