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## BERRIEN COUNTY FIRE KILLS TWO MOTOR HOME RESIDENTS

**ATLANTA** – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King announced today that two Berrien County residents passed away in a fire on Sunday, December 20. The fire destroyed a motor home around 7:30 a.m. at 218 Melody Lane in Enigma before killing John Kyle Phillips, 23, and Jeane Griner, 32.

"Berrien County police and fire officials were the first to arrive at the scene," said Commissioner King. "Both victims were found in a rear bedroom, and our investigator discovered there was not a smoke alarm present. Deadly fires like these are preventable, and we encourage all Georgians to consider purchasing a smoke alarm."

Commissioner King's State Fire Investigations Unit believes that an overloaded electrical receptacle in the kitchen area may have been the cause of this fire. State and local officials are continuing this investigation and ask for prayers for the family of Mr. Phillips and Ms. Griner.

The deaths of these two Berrien County residents mark the 93<sup>rd</sup> and 94<sup>th</sup> fire fatalities in Georgia this year.



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