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ONE KILLED IN EATONTON FIRE

ATLANTA – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King announced today that Roy Embry, 74, was killed in a Putnam County fire. The accidental fire occurred on Old Phoenix Road in Eatonton around 7:02 a.m. on Wednesday, April 13 causing severe damage to the 80-square-foot building.

“The building was a distillery, and investigators believe an explosion occurred due to a propane gas leak,” said Commissioner King. “Our office assisted the Putnam County Sheriff’s Office and Fire Department with this tragic investigation.”

This marks the 31st death from a Georgia fire in 2022. The deceased was turned over to the Putnam County Coroner and was transported to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation’s crime lab in Atlanta for autopsy.



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