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PARROTT MAN DIES IN ACCIDENTAL CAMPER FIRE

ATLANTA – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King announced today that Phillip Eckert, 53, died in a camper fire off of Highway 520 near the line between Terrell and Webster counties. The fire was reported to local authorities around 10:30 p.m. on Monday, December 14.

“This 14-year-old, 196-square-foot camper was engulfed in flames when the fire department arrived at the scene,” said Commissioner King. “Mr. Eckert’s body was taken to the GBI Crime Lab for an autopsy. Especially as we head into the holiday season, my team offers our condolences to Mr. Eckert’s loved ones.”

The Webster County Coroner’s Office, the Webster County Fire Department, and the Webster County Sheriff’s Office are working with Commissioner King’s State Fire Investigations Unit on this case. At this time, authorities do not believe this act was criminal in nature.

This marks the 92nd fire fatality in Georgia for 2020.



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