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WOMAN KILLED IN WHITFIELD COUNTY FIRE

ATLANTA – The Office of Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King announced today that a Whitfield County woman died in a fire on Sunday, September 20. The fire started in a front bedroom and completely destroyed a residence at 1173 Cavender Road in Dalton.

Around 9:30 p.m. on Sunday night, local authorities were contacted about the fire on Cavender Road, and they asked for the assistance of Commissioner King’s State Fire Investigations Unit within 30 minutes.

“The Whitfield County Fire Department discovered the body of the deceased which has been sent to the GBI crime lab for identification and autopsy,” said Commissioner King. “We are not releasing the identity of the deceased at this time, but this fatality marks the 60th fire fatality in Georgia this year.”

Prior to the fire, the home on Cavender Road was around 1,000 square feet and about 60 years old. The cause of the fire is undetermined.

State investigators, the Whitfield County Fire Department, the Whitfield County Sheriff’s Department, and the Whitfield County Coroner’s Office are working together on this case.



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