



## COLLETON COUNTY FIRE-RESCUE

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### **Fatal Fire in Colleton County**

**COLLETON COUNTY, S.C.**— At 4:34 AM this morning, Colleton County Fire-Rescue was dispatched to a reported house fire in the 100 block of Ann Court in Walterboro. Engine 26 arrived less than 10 minutes later to find a single story, wood frame residence that was well involved in fire. A partial structural collapse occurred as firefighters were stretching hose lines. Neighbors reported that the residence was normally occupied and that the occupant was unaccounted for once the fire was discovered. The fire was quickly brought under control. Tragically, a deceased victim was found during suppression efforts. The Colleton County Coroner's office was notified and will be handling victim identification. It took fire crews approximately 15 minutes to bring the fire under control and the residence suffered substantial damage. South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) was requested to assist with the investigation and responded. This is standard procedure for a fire fatality in Colleton County. Colleton County Fire-Rescue, Colleton County Sheriff's Office, Colleton County Coroner's Office, South Carolina Law Enforcement Division and the South Carolina Fire Marshal's Office will continue the investigation.

More information will be released by the Colleton County Coroner's office and the Colleton County Sheriff's Office as it becomes available. This is the first fire fatality in Colleton County in 2021.