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Double Fatal Fire in Eastern Walterboro area of Colleton County

COLLETON COUNTY, S.C.— At 7:58 AM this morning, Colleton County Fire-Rescue was dispatched to a reported house fire in the 200 block of Edgewood Street in the unincorporated area of Walterboro. Engine 1 and Engine 19 arrived less than six minutes later to find a single-wide mobile home with heavy smoke showing. Neighbors reported that the residence was normally occupied by two individuals and that they were unaccounted for once the fire was discovered. Crews forced entry into the residence and found heavy fire conditions. The fire was quickly brought under control. Tragically, two deceased victims were found during suppression efforts. The Colleton County Coroner's office was notified and will be handling victim identification. The fire cause appears to be electrical in origin. It took fire crews approximately 10 minutes to bring the fire under control and the residence suffered substantial damage. Two canines also died in the fire and were buried on scene by firefighters. Colleton County Fire-Rescue, Colleton County Sheriff's Office, Colleton County Coroner's Office, 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. These are the second and third fire fatalities in Colleton County in 2020.