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Troup County Fire Department Responds to Fatal House Fire

Troup County, Ga. December 31, 2022 – At approximately 12:06am on Saturday, December 31, 2022, the Troup County Fire Department responded to a 911 call regarding a residential building fire at 83 Old Kimbrough Road in LaGrange, GA 30240.

Responding units arrived to a home with some roof collapse that was still well involved with the fire. This prompted firefighters to initiate an exterior fire attack using hand lines with water and firefighting foam in an attempt to suppress the main body of the fire.

After knocking down the flames, responders tragically discovered two adult females deceased inside the home: Elizabeth “Beth” McDonald, 80, and her daughter Elizabeth “Libby” McDonald, 58.

Among responding units were Engines 1, 4, and 10; Tanker 1; and Truck 1. One volunteer firefighter also provided on-scene assistance as well as Troup County Fire Chief Michael Strickland and Fire Marshal Kevin Norred.

The Troup County Fire Marshal and State Fire Marshal’s Office determined the fire to be accidental in nature, having started in a wash room off the back porch from heat lamps. Troup County Coroner Erin Hackley determined each woman’s time of death to be approximately 2:32am this morning and confirmed that they will undergo autopsies at the Georgia Bureau of Investigation’s (GBI) office in Decatur, GA.

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