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FATALITY HOUSE FIRE

At 05:42 this morning the fire department was called to the 300 Block of Prince Albert for a reported house fire. Police officers arrived on scene and had heavy smoke showing from a duplex residence. Officers forced open the front door and immediately found a white male unresponsive. He was pulled from the house by the officers. Emergency Medical Service arrived on scene and immediately pronounced the victim deceased. The victim was identified as Robert Stewart Emory 67 years of age. No one else lived with the victim. The fire was under control about 15 minutes after arriving on scene. The victim's residence suffered major damage to the front room and heat and smoke damage throughout. The adjacent duplex suffered only minor smoke damage. No one was home in the adjacent duplex. The investigation discovered a working smoke detector. The fire is believed to be accidental caused by careless smoking. Responding with to assist was Chesterfield Engine 12 and Truck 12.