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HOUSE FIRE KILLS WALTON COUNTY MAN

Atlanta, GA – An investigator with the Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner's office has ruled an overnight mobile home fire that killed of a Walton County man and injured two others accidental.

The fire, which occurred today around 2:32 a.m., at 2220 Willow Springs Church Road, Social Circle, Ga., killed Adam Rogers, 58. He was airlifted to the Grady Burn Center in Atlanta where he later died. Two other people in the home, Rogers' wife Brenda Rogers and his daughter, Carley Rogers, sustained minor burns while rescuing him from the blaze.

"My investigator determined that the cause of the fire was the result of unattended stovetop cooking," Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner Ralph Hudgens said. "The blaze destroyed the late model mobile home, and several dogs perished in the fire."

The investigation revealed that Rogers was awake by the smell of smoke and alert the other occupants and they all exited the home. Rogers then reentered the house to rescue several pet dogs. When he didn't reemerge, the other occupants went back inside the house retrieving Rogers from the smoke and flames.

Commissioner Hudgens' Fire Investigation Unit was assisting by the Walton County Fire and Rescue.

In 2018, fire has claimed the lives of 63 Georgians.