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Victims of July 2, 2011, Fatal Fire in Edgewater Identified

Millersville, Maryland.... Around 1:35 p.m. on Saturday, July 2, 2011 Anne Arundel County Firefighters were dispatched to a reported dwelling fire in the 1300 block of Shore Drive in the Edgewater area of Anne Arundel County.

The first unit to arrive on the scene reported heavy smoke coming from a one story, single family dwelling. Crews were also advised that there may be occupants trapped in the dwelling. A second alarm was immediately requested and interior fire attack, as well as, search/rescue operations were initiated by the first arriving crews.

During the search of the dwelling, two occupants of the home were subsequently located. The first person, **Ms. Rosella K. Nolte, an 84 year old female** suffered life threatening injuries as a result of the incident. She was rescued from the dwelling by fire crews and treated by Fire Department Paramedics at the scene. Ms. Nolte was ultimately transported to Hopkins Bayview Hospital in Baltimore Priority 1 via Maryland State Police Helicopter. A second person was also located by crews on the interior of the dwelling (an adult of unknown age/sex) and was determined to be deceased. **This individual has been identified through dental records by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner as 56 year old Linda D. Nolte.** In addition, a neighbor, Mr. Jodee Carvalho was treated at the scene for possible smoke inhalation and transported to Anne Arundel Medical Center in Annapolis via Ambulance for evaluation.

In all, it took more than 60 firefighters from Anne Arundel County, Annapolis City, and the Naval Academy Fire Departments more than 30 minutes to bring the two alarm incident under control. No firefighters were injured fighting the blaze. **The fire which originated on the sofa; where Ms. Nolte was seated has been determined to be accidental in nature. The exact cause of the fire was determined to be attributed to careless smoking. Damages from the fire were estimated to be approximately \$110,000.**

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