



Dallas Fire-Rescue News Release



RELEASE DATE		TIME	PUBLIC INFORMATION CONTACTS		
February 5, 2005		08:00 a.m.	Capt. Jesse Garcia Jdgarc@mail.ci.dallas.tx.us Ph# 214-670-7949 Fax# 214-670-0669 Pager 214-670-4115 Pin # 9885		
INCIDENT DATE		INCIDENT TIME			
February 5, 2005		04:00 a.m.			
INCIDENT LOCATION		OCCUPANCY TYPE	STRUCTURAL LOSS	CONTENTS LOSS	
9535 Larchcrest		Residential	\$30,000	\$10,000	
TOTAL FIREFIGHTERS	FIREFIGHTER INJURIES	CIVILIAN INJURIES	CIVILIAN FATALITIES	TOTAL HEAVY FIRE APPARATUS	
20	0	1	1	5	
TOTAL RESCUE AMBULANCES					
2	0	0	0	0	
ALARMS		INCIDENT CAUSE			
1 st Alarm: 04:15 a.m.; Out Taps: 04:50 a.m.		Careless Smoking			
INCIDENT DESCRIPTION					
<p>Lake Highlands Resident Dies in Early Morning Fire</p> <p>An early morning fire took the life of a 51 year-old man in the Lake Highlands area of Northeast Dallas. First arriving crews encountered heavy fire and immediately launched a search and rescue operation. Unfortunately, the fire had already claimed the life of victim. Firefighters found the lifeless body of the man inside one of the bedrooms located on the second floor of the home. The man's mother and brother, who slept downstairs, were able to escape unharmed. However, the 82 year-old female became ill and was eventually transported to a local hospital.</p> <p>Although smoke detectors were located throughout the house, Fire Investigators stated that they could not find one that was working. They will resume their investigation later today.</p> <p>02/11/2005 Update – Fire Investigators have determined that the victim's mattress and bedding ignited after he fell asleep with a lit cigarette. The victim is the 6th fire fatality of 2005.</p>					