



Newton County Sheriff's Office

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Date: October 30, 2025

Ref: Fatal Structure Fire in Southeastern Newton County

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On October 29, 2025 at approximately 1:50PM, the Newton County Central Dispatch Center received a call of a structure fire at 28252 Highway HH in Newton County. Deputies along with the Midway Fire Department, Stella Fire Department, Wheaton Fire Department and Newton County Ambulance responded to the scene.

Firefighters found the residence to be fully engulfed whenever they arrived on scene. Firefighters worked on the fire for most of the afternoon and into the evening. Once the fire had been brought under control, a search of the residence was conducted by Firefighters and the Missouri State Fire Marshall's Office. A deceased female was located inside of the residence. Detectives with the Sheriff's Office responded to the scene to conduct a death investigation.

The Newton County Sheriff's Office and the Missouri State Fire Marshall's Office are conducting a joint investigation into the possible cause of the fire. An autopsy has been scheduled for tomorrow, October 31, 2025. The name of the victim is not being released at this time, pending notification of next of kin. At this time, it does not appear that this structure fire is related to the structure fire that occurred at 17723 Highway O.

If anyone has any information about the fire, we ask that you contact Detective Dale Brashers with the Newton County Sheriff's Office or you can contact the State Fire Marshall's Office.

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