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**HUDGENS INVESTIGATING FATAL FIRE
IN WHITFIELD COUNTY**

Atlanta -- Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner Ralph Hudgens and the Whitfield County Fire Department are investigating a Sunday afternoon house fire in Dalton that left a person dead.

Killed by the fire was a 44-year-old woman. The victim was rescued from the blaze by firefighters, CPR was performed, and she was transported to a local hospital in Dalton. The house, located at 601 Hill Road, was destroyed. Hudgens said the fire call came in yesterday around 5:40 p.m.

An initial investigation revealed the fire originated in the attic area of the home, but the exact cause of the fire remains under investigation. Fire investigators found no evidence of a working smoke alarm inside of the home.

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