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HUDGENS: FATAL BURKE COUNTY FIRE RULED ACCIDENTAL

Atlanta -- Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner Ralph Hudgens said today that a Wednesday night fatal house fire in Burke County has been ruled accidental.

Killed in the fire was Felton Hughes, 59-years-old. The manufactured home located at 3211 Highway 56 North, Waynesboro, Ga., was destroyed. Hudgens said the fire call came in around 11:15 p.m.

The investigation revealed that the fire originated in the kitchen area and was the result of unattended cooking. No evidence of a working smoke detector was found in the home.

Commissioner Hudgens said Arson Investigators from his department worked with the Burke County Emergency Management Agency and Burke County Sheriff's Department.

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