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## **OXENDINE: SPALDING FATAL FIRE WAS ACCIDENTAL**

**Atlanta** – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John W. Oxendine said an investigation by his office revealed that a fire that killed two children in Spalding County this morning started at a heating/air conditioning window unit near the kitchen of the single-wide mobile home.

“We found nothing suspicious about the origin of this tragic fire,” Oxendine said.

The fire call came in at 7:55 a.m. this morning. Two girls, ages 2 and 5, died in the fire. Their mother was able to escape with minor injuries.

“Because of the level of destruction, we can’t pinpoint exactly why this fire started,” Oxendine said. “But with the cold weather we’ve been experiencing, it’s not unusual to have heater-related home fires. Please be careful with space heaters and with the main heating element in your home.”

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