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## **HUDGENS: FATAL FIRE IN QUITMAN COUNTY UNDER INVESTIGATION**

**Atlanta** -- Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner Ralph Hudgens said investigators with his office are on the scene of a house fire in Quitman County that killed two adults early this morning.

Killed in the fire were Johnny Gibbs, 51, and Carletha Peterson, 62. Hudgens said the cause of the fire at 16 Thomas Street, Georgetown, Ga., does not appear suspicious.

"With this tragedy in Georgetown, we've had 22 fire deaths so far this year," Hudgens said. "I urge Georgian to use extreme caution while cooking and heating their homes."

Commissioner Hudgens reminds Georgians to make sure they have working smoke alarms on each level of their home. Fire deaths typically rise as the weather gets colder.

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