

Maryland State Fire Marshal

Media Advisory

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WESTMINSTER FATAL FIRE INVESTIGATION

CARROLL COUNTY, MD (January 8, 2013) – Deputy State Fire Marshals, Maryland State Police and the Westminster Police Department are conducting an investigation into the fatal fire involving a homeless female located on the rear entrance dock of the Westminster Rescue Mission at 30 West Main Street in Westminster.

At approximately 1:49 a.m. the Westminster Fire Department was summoned to the one alarm fire at the rear of the structure and quickly located the remains of a body and clothing effects burning on the rear dock of the building. Although the fire was quickly extinguished, the victim was determined to be deceased on the scene. The cause for the fire remains under investigation at this time. Damage to the structure is considered to be minimal. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner will determine identity and cause of death.

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The Office of the State Fire Marshal is an agency of the Department of State Police dedicated to helping protect citizens from fire and explosion through a comprehensive program of education, inspection, investigation and fire protection engineering. For more information on fire safety call 1-800-525-3124, log onto our website at: www.mdsp.org/firemarshal and/or <http://facebook.com/MarylandStateFireMarshal>.

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