



For Immediate Release

Fire Fatality

Bartow County Fire & Emergency Services Responded to a Structure Fire with a Fatality Involved on Wednesday Afternoon.

White, Ga. August 11, 2021 Bartow County Fire & Emergency Services responded to a 2 alarm structure fire at 22 High Pointe Drive NE with a possible entrapment around 12:45pm. Upon arrival of BCFES Engine 5, the split-level house was heavily involved with fire. Crews initiated an aggressive attack and search but were unable to reach the victim due to the upstairs being fully involved with fire. A deceased victim was located upstairs in a bedroom as the fire was brought under control. Removal of the victim was complicated by weakened floors. A second alarm was requested for additional manpower due to high humidity and extremely hot weather conditions. Once the victim was removed, overhaul operations were stalled by severe storms in the area with frequent lightning strikes.

The victim was released to the Bartow County Coroner's Office for identification. The fire investigation was also stalled due to severe weather and will continue today by the BCFES Fire Marshal's Office. The house was a total loss. One minor burn injury was sustained by a firefighter who was treated on scene.