



NEWS RELEASE

Loveland Police Department

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Loveland Police Investigating Structure Fire

LOVELAND, Colorado- On Saturday, December 23, 2023, at 3:22 am, the Loveland Police Department Dispatch Center received a 911 call reporting a structure fire in the 3100 block of Butternut Drive. Resources from Loveland Fire Rescue Authority, Thompson Valley EMS, Berthoud Fire Department, and Loveland Police Department responded to the scene.

A preliminary investigation determined there were three occupants inside the residence at the time the fire started. Unfortunately one occupant was found deceased, one occupant was transported to a Denver hospital for severe burns, and one occupant was treated for smoke inhalation on scene.

Arson Investigators from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Loveland Fire Rescue Authority, and the Larimer County Sheriff's Office are on scene and assisting the Loveland Police Department to determine the cause and origin of the fire. Residents in the area can expect law enforcement and fire presence throughout the day and into the evening. The Larimer County Coroner's Office will determine cause of death and identify the deceased at a later date. Based on the preliminary status of the investigation updates will be provided as the investigation continues.

Anyone with any information or leads regarding this investigation should call the Loveland Police Department tip line at (970)-962-2032 or Larimer County Crime Stoppers at (970)-221-6868.

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