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## CALDWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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The Caldwell Fire Department, along with the Wilder Rural Fire Protection District, responded to a fire in Greenleaf on Tucker Road on Friday at 11 p.m. The home was fully engulfed when crews arrived. Only one person was home at that time of the fire, a 64-year-old woman, and sadly she passed away.

The coroner will release the cause of death.

Lack of operational smoke detectors throughout the home was a direct result in this fire becoming a fatality.

Smoke alarms that are properly installed and maintained play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries. Fire spreads fast, working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

- Roughly three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with either no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.
- More than one-third of home fire deaths result from fires in which no smoke alarms are present.
- The risk of dying in a home fire is cut in half in homes with working smoke alarms.