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# Media Release

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## House Fire Claims Life of Lapeer Man

Lapeer, Michigan

At 11:59 AM on February 27, 2024, City of Lapeer Fire and Rescue responded to a residential structure fire in the 200-block of Turrill Ave in the City of Lapeer. Initial reports from Lapeer County Central Dispatch indicated that the 9-1-1 caller was reporting smoke coming from the doorway.

Responding to the incident was City of Lapeer Fire and Rescue along with automatic aid from Elba Township Fire and Rescue. City of Lapeer police officers, arriving first, noticed vehicles in the driveway and were informed by a neighbor that the occupant of the home typically worked the night shift and slept during the day. Upon receiving this information, a second alarm was activated, bringing additional resources from the Metamora Township Fire Department.

Crews from City of Lapeer Fire and Rescue arrived at 12:03 PM. Smoke was observed coming from the home. Personnel quickly began search and rescue efforts, locating and removing a male subject from the building. Despite life-saving measures, the victim, identified as 50-year-old Richard Conger II of Lapeer, succumbed to his injuries. Mr. Conger was the sole occupant of the owner-occupied home. There were no other injuries reported, and the fire was contained to the single-family dwelling.

The origin and cause of the fire remains under investigation.

The City of Lapeer extends its sincere condolences to Mr. Conger's family during this difficult time. Thank you to the assisting fire departments and public safety agencies for their invaluable support throughout this tragic incident.

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