



Press Release

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FATAL FIRE – ROSSENDALE, ILKESTON

An elderly gentleman has tragically died following an accidental fire at a bungalow in Ilkeston.

Crews were called at 07:49 hours on Tuesday 8 December 2020, to attend a serious fire at a property on Rossendale. Firefighters from Ilkeston, Heanor and Nottinghamshire's Eastwood station attended the fire and rescued an 89 year old gentleman.

Firefighters who had entered the property wearing breathing apparatus, carried out first aid on the gentleman before handing him into the care of East Midlands Ambulance Service who took him to hospital where he later passed away.

Group Manager Adam Bleakman said: "Earlier this morning Firefighters rescued an elderly gentleman from a fire in a bungalow on Rossendale in Ilkeston. Tragically, despite the efforts of Firefighters and East Midlands Ambulance Service we have been informed that the gentleman sadly passed away later this morning.

"The thoughts of everyone at Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service are with the family and friends of the deceased at this distressing time."

A fire investigation into the cause of the fire has determined that the most likely cause of the fire was accidental due to an electrical appliance.

Over the coming days a team of Firefighters and Community Safety Officers will be in the local area talking to residents, providing reassurance and fire safety advice.

Officers from Derbyshire Constabulary and Derbyshire Fire & Rescue will now be preparing reports for the coroner.

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