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### **Three Victims Found in Fatal House Fire**

(Lincolnton) On Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at approximately 2:46 am, Lincoln County E911 Communications was alerted to a residential fire at 1661 Cloudburst Circle, Lincolnton. North 321 Fire Department responded and found heavy fire involvement throughout the house. The caller communicated there were people inside the home. Maiden Fire Department, Pumpkin Center Fire Department and Lincolnton Fire Department assisted in controlling the fire within 20 minutes. Firefighters found three victims in the home, two adults and one child. One firefighter sustained minor injuries while battling the fire. The injury was a result of a structural collapse while attempting rescue of the victims. He was treated and has been released.

The investigation into the origin and cause of the fire is pending. The Lincoln County Fire Marshal's Office, Lincoln County Emergency Medical Services, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation, and North Carolina ATF are assisting in the investigation.