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PRESS RELEASE

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Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2023

On Saturday, October 14, 2023, at approximately 9:14 PM, LaGrange, South Oldham, and Ballardsville Fire Departments along with Oldham County EMS responded to the 4000 block of Delaware Drive in Echo Valley Subdivision on a report of a residential structure fire. The initial call to Oldham County Central Dispatch was reported by a neighbor.

The initial arriving units reported a working fire in a single-story residence with moderate fire visible on the southeast side of the residence with heavy smoke conditions throughout the structure. Firefighters initiated an aggressive fire attack to quickly knock down the fire on the exterior of the structure and then rapidly transitioned and performed a primary search of the residence. Unfortunately, during this search, a body was located inside the residence. The 62-year-old female victim was assessed by firefighters and Oldham County EMS with resuscitation measures initiated. The individual was pronounced deceased on the scene by the Oldham County Coroner's Office. Firefighters also found a deceased dog in the residence while performing a secondary search. Additionally, the sole other occupant of the residence was not home at the time the fire was reported.

The fire was deemed under control at approximately 10:13 PM. All units cleared from the scene at approximately 1:41 AM on Sunday, October 15th.

Preliminary investigation by the Oldham County Fire Marshals Office indicates that the origin of the fire may have started on the exterior of the residence in the area of the southeast or what is known as the Bravo/Charlie side of the structure. The official cause and origin of the fire is currently undetermined and is currently under joint investigation by the Oldham County Fire Marshal's Office and the Oldham County Police Department.

The LaGrange Fire & Rescue Department was assisted by South Oldham Fire Department, Ballardsville Fire Department, Pewee Valley Fire Department, Oldham County EMS, Oldham County Fire Marshal's Office, and Oldham County Police Department.