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TWO CHILDREN DIE IN WALKER COUNTY HOUSE FIRE

Atlanta – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner Ralph Hudgens said an early morning house fire in Walker County that resulted in the death of a two children appears accidental.

The fire, which was reported around 5:55 a.m. claimed the lives of Nataleigh Long, 6 and Jocelin Long, 8-months-old. The home located at 161 Caribou Lane, in Chickamauga, Georgia, was heavily damaged.

“The preliminary investigation revealed that the fire originated on a couch in the living room area of the home and was the result of an unattended candle,” Commissioner Hudgens said. “Investigators also found no evidence of a working smoke alarm inside the home.”

Two adults and three additional children were able to escape the blaze with minor smoke inhalation. They were transported to a hospital, treated and released.

Hudgens said a fire investigator from his office was assisted in the investigation by the Walker County Sheriff’s Office and the Walker County Fire Department.

These fatalities brings Georgia's residential fire death total to 92 for 2016.