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RE: Fatal structure fire

Sheriff David Gould reports that The Cayuga County Sheriff's Office is investigating a fatal house fire which was reported at 6:27am this morning at **8 First Hill St. in the Village of Port Byron**. The fire was reported by a neighbor who routinely visits the victim's residence for the purpose of delivering his newspaper and mail. The neighbor discovered the residence full of smoke and called 911. The neighbor was unable to enter the residence due to the smoke condition.

The Port Byron Fire Department responded to the scene and extinguished what has been described as a smoldering fire inside the residence and removed the victim who was pronounced dead at the scene by the Cayuga County Coroner's Office.

The victim has been identified as 68 year old Gerard A. Inman of that address.

Currently assisting the Sheriff's Office at the scene are the Cayuga County Fire Investigation Team, New York State Bureau of Fire, Cayuga County Fire Coordinators and the Port Byron Village Police Department.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

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