

### Three killed in house fire

Cause of fire under investigation

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**EARLY MORNING BLAZE** – A Decatur firefighter approaches a house fire at Meadowlake Village in Decatur Thursday morning. Three people inside the single-wide mobile home were killed. Another three occupants escaped, with two transported to Wise Health System in Decatur, and later to Parkland Hospital in Dallas. *Messenger* photo by Micah McCartney

Three people perished in a house fire in Decatur early Thursday morning.

Three other residents in the home survived the fire that destroyed a single-wide mobile home at 2:36 a.m. in Meadowlake Village, behind Decatur Self Storage. A female adult and child suffered burns and were transported from Wise Health System in Decatur to Parkland Hospital in Dallas.

Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Jan Morrow pronounced an adult and two children dead at the scene. The three deceased individuals were transported to the Dallas County Medical Examiner's office for autopsies. Names have not been released pending notification of family.

Decatur Police officers were the first on the scene.

"The call first came in as a structure fire," said Decatur Fire Chief Nate Mara. "The first arriving police officers said it was fully engulfed on the front side with occupants still entrapped. At the time, they thought only one person was inside.



**PREPARING FOR BATTLE** – Decatur firefighters gear up to fight a fire that consumed a single-wide mobile home and two vehicles early Thursday morning. *Messenger* photo by Micah McCartney

“There was a little bit of a language barrier. Once we were able to get that unclogged, we were finally able to figure out we were still looking for an adult male and two children.”

The adult female and two children escaped from the house under their own power.

Decatur, Paradise and Alvord firefighters fought the blaze, which also destroyed two vehicles. The Decatur Police Department, Wise County Sheriff’s Office and Wise County EMS responded to the scene.

According to Mara, the cause of the fire has yet to be determined. The Tarrant County Arson Task Force is assisting in the investigation.

Initial scanner traffic regarding the blaze indicated two vehicles parked in front of the residence caught on fire and then ignited the home.

Decatur ISD emails sent Thursday confirmed the surviving children are students at Rann Elementary School and McCarroll Middle School.