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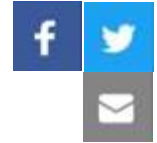
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## **Donnelly fire investigation ongoing**

**BOISE ID** – The Idaho State Fire Marshal’s Office is assisting with the investigation of a fire that took place in Donnelly at 10:00 p.m. Friday, June 30. Multiple calls were received by the Valley County Sheriff’s Office, and the Donnelly Fire Department was dispatched.

The fire department arrived at the scene within ten minutes of notification and found the residence totally involved in fire. Neighbors assisted a male occupant in the attempt to rescue four remaining victims, but were unsuccessful due to the intense smoke and heat.

“This is a very difficult investigation given the circumstances,” said Knute Sandahl, Idaho State Fire Marshal. “Our hearts go out to the families of the victims and the community.”

Four victims have been recovered and are pending positive identification by the Valley County Coroner’s Office. The focus of the investigation is centered on the propane-fueled fireplace. A definitive cause of this fire could take several weeks as evidence is still being gathered. Foul play is not suspected.

### **About the Department of Insurance**

The Idaho Department of Insurance has been regulating the business of insurance in Idaho since 1901. The mission of the Department is to equitably, effectively and efficiently administer the Idaho Insurance Code and the International Fire Code. For more information, visit [www.doi.idaho.gov](http://www.doi.idaho.gov).

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