

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Overnight Fire Leaves One Dead

New Braunfels, Texas – The New Braunfels Fire Department responded to the report of a house fire at 920 W. Mill Street. Firefighters arrived to find a small shed located behind the main house fully involved with fire extending to a neighboring two car garage.

Fire crews extinguished the fire in the neighboring garage before attacking and extinguishing the fully involved shed. During overhaul operations, firefighters discovered the body of a man almost completely buried in fire debris. The man was identified as 53 year old Ronald Smith of New Braunfels.

The fire was reported at 9:06 p.m. on Monday, January 11th and was brought under control in approximately 30 minutes. Nine units and eighteen personnel responded to this incident with the last units remaining on scene until 5:03 a.m. The fire caused an estimated \$15,000.00 in damages to the involved buildings.

The initial investigation indicates the fire was accidental and may have resulted from the misuse of an open-flame fire bowl.