

Office of the State Fire Marshal - Delaware

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The Delaware Office of the State Fire Marshal is investigating this afternoon's fire in **Little Creek, Delaware** that heavily damaged a house. Five occupants were critically injured. Two of those occupants succumbed to their injuries.

The blaze, reported shortly after 12:00 pm occurred in the 300 block of Main Street. The Little Creek Volunteer Fire Company arrived on the scene with flames shooting from the two-story home and several occupants trapped inside. Firefighters performed multiple rescues. Five victims were transported to Bayhealth Hospital - Kent Campus in Dover, Delaware. All sustained smoke inhalation and burns. A nine-year-old female and 42-year-old female died at the hospital. Three other victims remain in critical condition. Two of those victims are expected to be transferred to the Crozer-Chester Medical Center in Upland, Pennsylvania.

State fire investigators, along with the Delaware State Police and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives are working on the investigation into this fire. The investigation is ongoing and active at this time.

Heavy fire damage was estimated at \$100,000. This fire remains under investigation.