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**PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 15, 2022**

<u>Nature of Release:</u> Residential Structure Fire	<u>Date and Time of Incident:</u> August 15, 2022 Approximately 4:39 AM
<u>Incident Location:</u>	162 Ferens Lane Hempfield Township
<u>Person(s) Involved:</u> Decedent: Thomas H. Smith, 71 y/o male Address: Same as Incident Location	
<u>Date and Time of Death:</u> August 15, 2022 at 8:18 AM	
<u>Incident Details:</u> Cause of Death: Pending Manner of Death: Pending	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Westmoreland County Coroner, Timothy Carson, has released the following information on a residential structure fire.▪ Witnesses contacted 911, reporting smoke and flames coming from the residence.▪ Firefighters extinguished the fire and located the decedent inside.▪ Deputy Coroner Russell A. Morgan pronounced the decedent dead at the scene.▪ An autopsy was performed by Dr. Cyril H. Wecht and Pathology Associates on August 15, 2022.▪ Cause and manner of death will be pending autopsy and toxicology results.▪ Toxicology results will not be available for several weeks.▪ A funeral home has not been chosen at this time.▪ Pennsylvania State Police are also investigating.	
<u>No further information is available at this time</u>	