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Overnight fire claims life of Middletown resident

A late night fire Monday claimed the life of a Middletown man, Middletown Borough police say.

The fire broke out around 11:30 Monday night in an apartment in a building in the 200 block of South Lawrence Street. A resident of the apartment and his dog were killed. The victim's cat was revived at the scene by Middletown Volunteer Fire Department personnel using equipment designed for treating animals.

Other units in the building suffered smoke damage. Two residents of other apartments were displaced and are being assisted by the Pennsylvania Red Cross.

At this time, police say the cause of the fire does not appear suspicious, but an investigation by Dauphin County and the Pennsylvania State Police Fire Marshal's office is continuing. The victim's identity is not being released because it has not been confirmed at this time. The Dauphin County Coroner's office will attempt to identify the victim.

The cat is being cared for by the Rossmoyne Animal Emergency Trauma Center, which will attempt to find family members to care for it. If no family is located, the cat will be put up for adoption.

No further details are available at this time.