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Residential House Fire Results in the Fatality of a City Resident

On March 13, 2021 at approximately 6:00pm, New Brunswick firefighters responded to a residential fire at 263 Delevan Street. A resident of that address, identified as Thomas Sims (61 year old male) was found deceased by firefighters in the basement. The preliminary investigation suggests that Mr. Sims death was a result of the fire. The cause of the fire was investigated by the New Brunswick Police and Fire Departments along with investigators from the Middlesex County Prosecutor's and Fire Marshall's Office. At this time, the cause of the fire appears to be accidental and no foul play is suspected.

Firefighters reported intense flames as they extinguished the fire resulting in the evacuation of an adjacent property. Mutual aid was provided by firefighters from East Brunswick, East Franklin, Edison, Milltown, North Brunswick and Piscataway fire departments. Anyone with information is asked to contact the New Brunswick Fire Department at (732) 745-5254 or the New Brunswick Police Department at (732) 745-5217.

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