

Harlan man dies in trailer fire

HARLAN -- A 40-year-old Harlan man was killed Monday, May 15, in an early morning fire at his residence in north Harlan.

James Andrews was pronounced dead at the scene, a trailer located at 506 Cyclone Ave. Services are pending at Pauley Funeral Home, Harlan.

Harlan Police received a call at approximately 2:30 a.m. Monday

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morning, May 15, after a passing motorist noticed the fire at the trailer.

"A passerby drove by and thought she saw a candle burning in the window and called us," said Harlan Police Chief Lee Gordon.

Police Sergeant Rod McMurphy responded to the scene and upon arrival found the trailer engulfed in flames with smoke billowing from the windows. He immediately call the fire department.

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HARLAN -- This trailer was the scene of a fatal fire early Monday morning, May 15 in Harlan. (Photo by Bob Bjoin)

The fire was extinguished within 15 minutes, and upon entering the trailer the body was found, officials said. The cause of death at this point is undetermined, Gordon said. An autopsy has been ordered by the police department.

The Iowa State Fire Marshal's Office was called and an investigator arrived on the scene early Monday. The cause of the fire is being ruled accidental. It is still under investigation.

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JAMES ANDREWS, 40
HARLAN - Services are pending at Pauley Funeral Home, Harlan for James W. Andrews, 40, Harlan, who died Monday, May 15.