



North Dakota Office of the State Fire Marshal (ND)

INCIDENT REPORT

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Incident Type: Fire
Agency Incident ID:

NDSFM25-098

BATS ID: 1575526

Investigation Title: NEW ENGLAND STEIER FIRE



Incident Date/Time/Location

Status

Investigation Closed

Jurisdiction

Primary

Start Date/Time

10/21/2025 00:00 Tuesday

Address

5370 Highway 22

City/State/Zip

New England, ND 58647

County

Stark County

Investigator Information

Name

Kaylyn Lucas

Phone

701-227-3112

Email

klucas@nd.gov

Title

Deputy State Fire Marshal

Property Use or Target Information

Type

Residential

Subtype

Other

Status

Under Construction



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Scene Details

Miscellaneous Information

Latitude

46.633825

Longitude

-102.801159



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Person/Organization Information

Name

KATHREIN, JOE

Juvenile

No

Relationship(s)

Firefighter – Volunteer Dept, Witness

Notes

New England Rural
Fire Protection District
- Fire Chief



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Name

STEIER, KEN

Juvenile

No

Relationship(s)

Owner, Victim

Notes

Property owner of the cabin.



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Attachments

| Filename | Description | Date |
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| NDSFM25-098-1 NEW ENGLAND LNU FIRE.pdf | | 11/17/2025 |

No image specified



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Deputy State Fire Marshal - Lucas, Kaylyn

Date

Approving Official

Date



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 SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT NARRATIVE
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| Lead Fire/Explosion Origin and Cause Investigator: | | |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Name | Agency | Case Reference if Available |
| Joe Kathrein, Fire Chief | New England Fire Department | 2025-24 |

| Fatalities/Injuries: | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Name | Fatality/Injury: | Notes/Other Information: |
| | | No injuries or fatalities were reported to the North Dakota State Fire Marshal's Office for this fire. |

| Reason For Supplemental Report: |
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| <p>On October 21, 2025, I, Deputy State Fire Marshal (DSFM) Kaylyn Lucas, was contacted by Fire Chief Joe Kathrein of New England Fire Department. Fire Chief Joe Kathrein was alerted of a fire that had self-extinguished.</p> <p>The fire was at a cabin that was having work completed inside. Fire Chief Joe Kathrein was headed to the cabin to investigate.</p> <p>No response from the North Dakota State Fire Marshal's Office was requested.</p> |

| Remarks: |
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| <p>The fire occurred at 5370 Hwy 22 S, New England, ND.</p> <p>Fire Chief Joe Kathrein was told that the owner of the cabin was having work completed inside. The workers arrived in the morning and discovered the fire that had occurred. The workers alerted the owner, Ken Steier, who called Fire Chief Joe Kathrein, about the fire.</p> <p>The fire started in the crawl space of the cabin. A hole was burned completely through the floor. Fire Chief Joe Kathrein reported smoke and soot damage to the interior of the structure as well as melted plastic components. In the area of origin, a heater was hooked up and running to keep the water lines thawed. Only a few inches of clearance was located between the heater and the floor above. Fire Chief Joe Kathrein reported the majority of fire patterns and damage were located in the crawl space in the area around the heater.</p> |