



NEWS RELEASE

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Subject:	Investigation Closed on Allview Road Fire		
Releasing Officer:	Fire Chief Brian Miller; WPD Lt. Charles Chandler		
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(Westerville, Ohio) – No criminal charges will be filed from a fire on September 1, 2017 that resulted in the death of a Westerville teenager. The Westerville Division of Fire (WFD) investigation determined the cause of the fire was unattended cooking.

The Westerville Division of Police (WPD) investigated the death of Hannah Sarver, 17, the sole fatality from the fire. Her mother, age 47, and a female roommate, age 40, escaped the home with injuries. The roommate’s 20 year-old son, another occupant of the home, escaped unharmed.

WPD closed the case this week, noting the investigation revealed the cause of the fire did not meet standards for criminal charges.

WFD initiated a program (“*You Call, We’ll Install*”) this fall to help residents who do not have working smoke detectors. In partnership with the American Red Cross, WFD will install a new smoke detector in any Westerville or Blendon Township home to replace an inoperable or missing device – no questions asked. Call (614) 901-6600 to schedule an installation.

For more information on the Westerville Divisions of Police or Fire, please visit www.westerville.org/police or www.westerville.org/fire.

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