

Man Escapes Burning Mobile Home

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A Shatley Springs area man managed to escape his burning home early this morning after waking—choking—to the smoke filling his mobile home. Firemen say the elderly man slammed his bedroom door to stop the flames from entering his bedroom, then escaped out a bedroom window of his Old 16 North Residence. New River was dispatched at about 3am, with Jefferson and Lansing called in for mutual aid, but the fire had a head start on the firefighting effort and the mobile home was totaled. Firemen say they have not determined the cause of the fire, but said it was lucky the man woke instead of being overcome by the smoke and escaped unharmed.