



## *Georgetown City Fire Department*

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### NEWS RELEASE

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(Georgetown) – Fire fighters from the Georgetown City Fire Department pulled 74 year old Ben Gadson Jr. from his burning Prince street home this morning. Mr. Gadson was found during the initial stages of the fire on the floor near his bedroom.

“While en route to the scene, fire fighters were notified of the possibility Mr. Gadson was in the home,” according to Assistant Fire Chief Bill Johnson. “Two fire fighters entered the rear of the home to conduct a primary search. Within minutes the team radioed they were coming out with a victim. Once outside his condition was immediately assessed as he was turned over to Georgetown County EMS for transport to Georgetown Memorial.”

The cause of the fire is under investigation, although there is no indication that the fire was anything but accidental. Mr. Gadson lived in the home alone. Fire fighters were notified of the fire at 2:54 AM and brought it under control in about 15 minutes. Units remained on the scene for about two and a half hours.