



## Northwest Regional Police Department

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### Press Release

House Fire and death January 28, 2005

125 Aberdeen Road, Elizabethtown, residence of James and Susan Nissley

Deceased: James Nissley, DOB: 01/18/1961

The Northwest Regional Police Department was dispatched to the above address at 6:03 A.M. for a house fire involving a person on fire. Upon arrival, Officers Frank Ember, Jr. and Michael Shetter found the victim, James L. Nissley, badly burned on the ground in his front yard. Nissley was pronounced dead at the scene by deputy coroner Craig Hohman from the Lancaster County Coroner's Office.

It appears Nissley was attempting to light a wood stove in the basement of his stone and frame farmhouse when there was a flashback of fire from the stove. Nissley's cloths caught on fire. His family was home and they rendered aid to him immediately. His burns were too severe for him to be saved despite his family's efforts.

His family was able to extinguish a small fire in the basement. The Elizabethtown Fire Company responded to the scene. The fire is being investigated by State Police Fire Marshals Brain Herr and Adam Kosheba, the Elizabethtown Fire Company, and the Northwest Regional Police.

Charles M. Kraus, Chief

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