

Press Release
900 White Street Deaths and Evacuation
Aug. 30, 2022

On August 30, 2022, the Bolivar County Sheriff's Office responded to 900 White Street Apt. 9A in reference to a call of a deceased person and another person that was in need of medical attention.

Deputies arrived on scene and assisted family members in getting the person in need of medical attention to the Bolivar Medical Center, where they were later pronounced deceased. Deputies also located another female inside the residence that appeared to be deceased.

Because of the strong odor of gas inside the apartment, the Bolivar County District One Fire Department responded to the scene and turned off the gas to building 9 and evacuated the building.

After reaching out to Atmos Entergy in reference to the gas concern, Atmos Energy suggested the entire apartment complex be evacuated as a safety precaution. The Bolivar County Sheriff's Office then requested and received assistance from the Cleveland Police Department, Delta K9 and Bolivar County EOC going door-to-door and removing all of residents from the apartment complex. A temporary shelter was immediately established at The United Family Life Center gymnasium which is directly across the road from 900 White Street.

The Red Cross was contacted and came in to establish another shelter at Morrison Chapel Church for those displaced as a result of the evacuations. Anyone who still needs shelter assistance is asked to contact the Red Cross at Morrison Chapel Church, located on Morrison Chapel Road. The gas has been shut off at the apartment complex and will remain off until all issues have been resolved. At this time, it is unclear how long the residents will be displaced.

The incident is still under investigation by the Bolivar County Sheriff's Office.